



## Area Forum

Nov. 17, 2011

Westminster Presbyterian,

Smiths Falls



**Present:** Michelle Niefer, AC; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Jean Lasenba, Treas.; Andreas Beelich, DAC Youth; Alex Beelich, DAC Programme; Roger Nuttall, DAC Recognition; John Stalker, Past AC; Kelly Banks, CFE; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Carol Couter, GC 2nd Almonte; Allen Sinfield, GC 1st Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, GC Carleton Place; Sharon Dekart, SC 1st Drummond; Glenn Richards, GC 1st Elmsley; Allison Horton, Treas. 1st Elmsley; Hope Gray, GC 1st Merrickville; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth; Joan Smith, GC 2nd Smiths Falls.

**Regrets:** Brian Billings

**Call to order:** O'Canada by all  
Scouter's 5 by Michelle

**Acceptance of minutes:** Amendment Program Report should read as follows

Oct 1st 2011 - Apple Day fund raising in the Area.

Oct 14 – 16 – JOTA combined with a Biking Challenge

A very successful week-end in spite of the weather – rain and wind, quite heavy at times.

Scouts and Pathfinders totalling 43 along with a number of adults in support were on hand for this adventure. A biking trek along with a bicycle maintenance/repairs was high on the list of challenges, followed closely by a 1st Aid situation requiring skill, observation and physical strength.

Ever cook a whole chicken over a open fire? Well our scouts have, and they did a great job. Also included in the menu were potatoes, carrots and a baked apple for dessert. Of course for the sweet tooth “Banana Boats” were included for taste testing.

Johanne Dekart, a Scout with 1st Drummond, was the author of this Biking Challenge.

Congratulations on a job extremely well done.

We are extending a challenge to another Scout/Troop/Group to take up the torch and design/create a weekend adventure. The Area Scouters are always available to assist. Please forward your ideas to your Group Commissioner and/or any member of the Area Service Team.

Our thanks are extended again to Georg Williams (retired cub leader) of Kingston who joined us for the weekend along with his HAM radio equipment. JOTA was a success. Our Scouts were able to converse with people all around the world. I guess the Sun Spots or flare ups were in perfect harmony with JOTA this year. George is also a World Class Town Crier who has attended a number of challenges. He place 8th in the World a few years ago.

Upcoming Oct 28th and 29th at Camp Whispering Pines – Fast/Flex a leadership workshop for our Cub Sixers and Seconders and Scout Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. A session for Kims and Keeos is also available.

Remebrance Day is Nov. 11th and a number of groups already have plans in place to coincide with this National Day of Remebrance.

Move to accept minutes as amended – Moved by Allen and Seconded by Hope Yeas-15 Nays-0 Abstentions -3. Carried

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Reports:**

**Area Report - Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner:** [mniefer@sympatico.ca](mailto:mniefer@sympatico.ca)

- ^ **Group Commissioners:** Please send in an up-to date list of your leaders as well as their e-mails, addresses, phone number, and what section they are in currently. Anyone that has left the group, please advise. This especially helps us with contacting Scouters pertaining to Area events.
- ^ **PRC's – All Scouters –** please check to ensure that your PRC is up-to date. If it has expired, please renew as your membership will not be renewed.
- ^ **Registrations –** please get this into the Area as soon as possible, so that we can sign off and get this into Headquarters. Let's see if we can make a new record and have it completed before the end of November.
- ^ **Members not registered, are not covered under Scout's Canada insurance in case of injury. This leaves the onus on Gr. Commissioner's to ensure that everyone is up to date. If paperwork does not get in, the section can be closed.**
- ^ **sections to see Financial statements:** There are some groups with outstanding financial statements. These were to have been handed in, in October. Please attend to this now.
- ^ **Signatures:** For all Bank Accounts, for Area, Groups – there should be a minimum of two of three signatures available for signing cheques. This ensures that if someone is unavailable to sign, that paperwork, etc is not being held up.
- ^ **Service Team:** We have a group of experienced Leaders that will be going in to visit how things are going. If a Scouter has any questions, then would be a great time to ask.

^ **Group Commissioners:** I will be contact you w attend one of your Group Committee meetings.  
**Council Management Advisory Committee meeting notes. John Stalker [j\\_stalker@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca)**

**Oct 19, 2011**

- ^ **New Council Badge – Design nearing final approval, but with 2-3 year supply in stock of the old ones, the new ones will not be ordered until stock is substantially gone.**
  - ^ **A Annual General Meeting – St Basil's church Nov 5, 10 AM**
  - ^ **AAMS/MMS cleanup by mid Nov for early Dec launch.**
  - ^ **Valley Highlands at 44.4% of last year's numbers**
  - ^ **Program: Rovent successful with 420+ attending**
  - ^ **67's game Jan 22; Sen's game Nov 5**
  - ^ **May 18-21 Northern Jamboree Nipissing, ages 10-18, Myths and Legends**
  - ^ **Brotherhood camp, 1300+participants in 89 units**
  - ^ **Nov 16, Area financial statements coming out. Questions to Jeff/Barry.**
- Two financial proposals:**
- ^ **Closed groups funds are held in trust for 3 years in case of re- opening, then rolled into operational funds. New proposal to roll it into a “Growth” fund.**
  - ^ **For Area funds held in trust by Council, instead of withdrawals anytime, there would now be only 2 opportunities for deposits or withdrawals, in Dec and June. This is required to simplify the process .**
- ^ **CBC 5<sup>th</sup> Estate report on Pedophilia and Scouting, entitled “Scout's Honor”.Distribution of information to all Scouters. Any press inquiries to John Petitti at National.**

**November 16, 2011**

- ^ **Area Financial statements passed out – forwarded copy to Jean Lasenba**
- ^ **WB II – there are two coming up; Grace Jones is Course leader for one and John Stalker for the other. More information to follow.**
- ^ **New AODA program coming out (Access for Ontarians Disability Act). All members of Scouting are to be given this session. All WB 1 courses will now offer this as a 6th module.**
- ^ **All Group Commissioners will be getting an e-mail with the above information. All Area Commissioners were given this module at the CMAC meeting, so that we can begin giving this in our own areas.**

**Training: Michelle Niefer [mniefer@sympatico.ca](mailto:mniefer@sympatico.ca)**

- ^ **NEW training requirement: [AODA Customer Service Accessibility Policy](#)**
- ^ **As of January 1, 2012, new provincial legislation will come into effect, requiring not-for-profit organizations to meet a new Customer Service Accessibility Standard governing the provision of services to all Ontarian's, particularly those with disabilities. This legislation requires each organization to provide all staff and volunteers with training specific to this Customer Service Standard.**
- ^ **Scouters may also complete the training through Scouts Canada's E-Learning platform at: [www.scouts.ca/elearn](http://www.scouts.ca/elearn). This format takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and can be accessed at any time.**
- ^ **This 45 session will be presented at the next Area Meeting (December 15th). It will also be given at all future WB 1 courses. Group Commissioner's and Scouters can participate at Area and then in turn give it to their leaders in their Group.**
- ^ **Congratulations to Ashley Young, Troop – Perth; Christina Hepton, Colony Carleton place, Jackie Bencic, Colony Smiths Falls and Thomas Young, Pack Perth – they completed their WB 1 by E-learning.**
- ^ **WB 1 will be held in Valley Highlands January 13th and 14th for Colony, Pack and Troop. If not already taken, hold this date open.**
- ^ **If anyone has taken WB 1 by e-learning and have not been recognized, please let me know and I will look into it.**

**Council report:** Kelly Banks – Field Executive: [kbanks@scouts.ca](mailto:kbanks@scouts.ca)

**Secretary report:** Diana Nuttall – [dcn@storm.ca](mailto:dcn@storm.ca)

**DAC Reports:**

i : Financial: Jean Lasenba - [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

ii: Training – Michelle Niefer - [mniefer@sympatico.ca](mailto:mniefer@sympatico.ca)

iii: Program - Alex Beelich - [alex.beelich@nlfincianal.ca](mailto:alex.beelich@nlfincianal.ca)

iv : Youth - Andreas Beelich [dreas94@hotmail.com](mailto:dreas94@hotmail.com)

v: Recognition – Roger Nuttall [rsnuttall@storm.ca](mailto:rsnuttall@storm.ca)

**Scouts Canada are proposing some changes to the recognition procedures, hopefully to make it easier to prepare a write-up on someone. I expect it will be sometime in the spring that the new procedures will be put in place.**

vi Registrar: - Jacynth Stalker [jacystal@hotmail.ca](mailto:jacystal@hotmail.ca)

vii: Technology / Fundraising

viii Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba – [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

Camp looks good. Everything is shut down for the winter.

ix: Scout Trees - Brian Billings - [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)

ix: Popcorn – Brian Billings – - [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)

#### GROUP REPORTS:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte:** Carol Coutu – [carolcoutu@295.ca](mailto:carolcoutu@295.ca)

**1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith:** Allen Sinfield – [al1sin@hotmail.com](mailto:al1sin@hotmail.com)

Activities:

- Beckwith Scouts and leaders participated in the Township's Halloween event.

- Some Scouts, Cubs and leaders held a day outing to Whispering Pines.

- Scouts and leaders participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Township Cenitaph

Upcoming:

- Investiture of new kids

- CP Xmas Parade

- Scouts are planning GPS hike, and a day site prep for Camp Zero, at the Whispering Pines site.

**Carleton Place:** Elizabeth Docker – [Elizabeth.docker@sympatico.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.docker@sympatico.ca)

**1<sup>st</sup> Drummond:** Torstein Dekart – [tdekart@on.aibn.com](mailto:tdekart@on.aibn.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley:** Glenn Richards – [beauregard@cogeco.ca](mailto:beauregard@cogeco.ca)

On Jan. 22, 2012 our group will be attending a “ 67's Hockey Game.”

**1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville:** Hope Gray – [hope@kevinrobertgray.com](mailto:hope@kevinrobertgray.com) V

**All sections marched in the Remembrance day, then had hotdogs and hot chocolate at the Community Centre afterwards.**

**The Group received funds from the Lions Club of Merrickville to buy unfinished paddles for Troop, Pack and Colony to decorate and varnish.**

**Registration not complete as yet as our registrar has been suspended by Scouts Canada. Hope Gray is working on this.**

**Venturers volunteering at Christmas in Merrickville, minding fires for the roasting of marshmallows.**

**Two youth have been withdrawn from Scouting by their parents, and had registration money returned to them.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Perth:** Arnel Pattemore – [arnel@bell.net](mailto:arnel@bell.net)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls:** Joan Smith – [joansmith\\_13@cogeco.ca](mailto:joansmith_13@cogeco.ca)

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment

Next meeting Dec. 15, 2011 at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner