

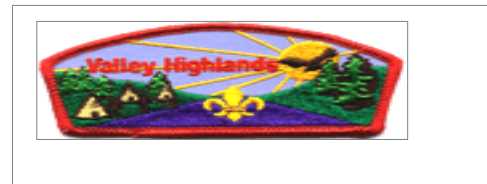


Area Forum

January 19, 2012

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: Michelle Niefer, AC; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth; Stan Lasenba, Camp Warden; Brian Billings, Area Scouters/Popcorn; Roger Nuttall, Recognition; Ray Burrill, 1st Beckwith; Torsten Dekart, Gr. Comm. Drummond; Jean Lasenba, Treasurer; Chris Tyler, Service Team; and Alex Beelich, DAC Program.

Regrets: Andreas Beelich, AC Youth; Allen Sinfield, Gr. Comm. Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, Gr. Comm Carleton Place.

Call to order: O'Canada - all
Scouter's 5 – Supplied by Beckwith

Acceptance of minutes:

- ⤴ Correction made in date of: **Beaver Buggy / Kub Kars / 18 Wheelers** – the date is **April 24, 2012**
- ⤴ **Motion to accept minutes as corrected;** Larry Palmer, seconded by Chris Tyler. Vote; Unanimous.

Business arising from the minutes:

Reports:

Area Commissioner - Michelle Niefer - mniefer@sympatico.ca

COUNCIL REPORT:

Property – 'Compliance Requirements (National policy)

Council renegotiates their Insurance Policy in March. For this, Marilyn Johnston, Camp Director needs to have all equipment updated.

Canoes/boats/kayaks – are all considered in Activity Level Red (Camping with use of these items).

Therefore, she needs to know what boating apparatus each group have.

Bring-A-Friend (Bring a buddy). National has it from October 1 – February 29th; for this year, Council will have it from October 1 – March 31st. However, the Scout bucks (\$5) you get from National expires February 29th and can only be used in the Scout shop. Council has other prizes, which include a pin, crest, flashlight.

February 14th Parliament – They are having a day whereby they have invited Scouting to attend. They would like a few youth (2-3+) for the daytime period (Scouts, Venturers, Rovers) and then in the evening about 60+ youth (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers). If you wish to attend, contact Barry Hardaker at Scout Headquarters (bhardaker@scouts.ca). They will choose from those who respond to go.

Registration – Prospective: there are many youth in the system that are registered as Prospective. Please have your registrar go in and check to make sure they put them in as **additional and not 'add'**. For **Adults** – Each group registrar please go in and check to see why their leaders are 'prospective' – this could be due to outstanding PRCs, reference checks, etc. It will be listed on the individuals form in the MMS system.

MyScouts.ca - The MMS system will be shut down on February 21st. There will be a three week period before the new system is up – this is to ensure that everything has crossed over.
Group Registrars – will receive training on the new system for registration.

Parents – will register with National and pay at that point. National in turn will send notification and money to Council; Council in turn will deposit the Group portion into their Group Account (the reason for the void cheque). A list will be generated for the group on individuals who register with Scouts Canada. Council will provide training for this new program at Headquarters (7-9). **Areas** are encouraged to set up a training night in their area. They can also set up “Web” training.

AODA – training. Of 1419 Scouters, only 813 (53.7%) are trained. They do have about another 250+ in the office to input manually into the system. This can be done on Survey Monkey or E-Learning. Gr. Comm are encouraged to do this in their group meeting. When done, a handwritten signature must be obtained from each individual and submit to Headquarters. There is a form provided.

Program: CJ13 (Sylvan Lake – near Red Deer). July 6 – July 13- If any groups plan to go to this Jamboree, John Dougherty (DCC Program – Council) is trying to coordinate flights/train/shipping of equipment/ etc for those that are interested.

- **Venturer Camp** in July – Apple Hill – there is still space if anyone is interested.
- National Program in under review
- Website – Under Program – “Things to Do”
- Diamond Jubilee 2012 – Program ideas
- 2013 – Council Borer – Want to help plan? Set-up? Contact John Dougherty.
- New section added to Venturer Program – Search and Rescue with (SAR Global). This is in addition to Police Ventures and Med-Vent.
- Feb 20th – Family Day – Open House-Open Theater. Cafe Restaurant down on Canal. Last year 1200 passed through. Interested, contact John Dougherty. More info on web site.
- January 22nd – Ottawa 67's/Food Drive. If interested, there are still a few tickets left.

Good Turn Week – April 14 – 22nd. Group information will be sent out to Gr. Commissioner (by national). Bracelets will be sent to Gr. Comm.

CJ 2013– Looking for a Sub-Camp Chief for Ontario. If interested, contact Headquarters. They will also be looking for Quartermaster and Program Chief.

Recognition – Update given on new Program (Roger will give report).

Area Commissioner:

AODA training – This needs to be completed now. Gr. Commissioners – you can do this at your Group Committee meetings. If you do, get a sheet to have everyone record their signatures as having done. It can also be done on ‘Survey Monkey’ or ‘E-Learning’. This is mandated by the Province of Ontario.

PRC’s – there are several leaders in the Area that their Police check is due/expiring. Please check your records and start the process now.

Prospective – there are still some Scouters that are prospective in the system. We need to clear this up prior to the MMS shutting down (Feb 21st) and the AMS being put in place. Group Commissioners, please check with me for Scouters in your group.

Outdoor Activity Guides: These documents are to be filled out by every Section that does activities away from their meeting place. Please ensure that these are being done and submit prior to your activity to your Group Commissioner for approval. These are to be collected once a year and stored at Scout Headquarters. We still have some groups that have not done this.

Calendar – Group Commissioners – Long range planning - If you could give Area Team a copy of your calendar of events for your sections as well as any events you participate in your local community, we can use these for the Area Calendar so as not to have any conflicting, enabling all groups/sections to participate in Area Events.

WB I / E-Learning: Our recent WB 1 scheduled for January 13-14th, advertised since May 2011 – we had no one register. We have 20+ Scouters in Valley Highlands that need this done for their Section, both new Scouters and Scouters that have moved to a new section. This was agreed upon by yourselves when you registered to be a Section Leader. You need to get this done now.

Council report: Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

^ Unable to attend

DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Andreas Beelich dreas94@hotmail.com

ii: Program - Alex Beelich alex.beelich@nlfinancial.ca
January 11th, Smiths Falls Troop hosted the annual winter camp prep night.

Workshops included food prep, winter camp cooking, shelter building, clothing, sleeping gear and how to properly pack a toboggan for your trip across a snow covered trail.

A strong showing totaling 59 Scouts from a majority of the Area's troops were in attendance along with their leaders/advisors.

January 28th and 29th will see our scouts camping at Camp Whispering Pines. A chance to practice their new and renewed skills along with participating in planned activities which will challenge everyone's winter survival skills.

January 28th will see our Cubs also invading Camp Whispering Pines for a day of winter challenges and fun.

February 11th has been set aside as Beaver BRRRR day in Drummond.

Games, crafts both indoor and out of doors along with a hearty meal has been planned. We are hoping for a strong turnout from each Colony in the Area.

Plans are underway at each Group celebrating Scout week and BP's birthday.

Please note: Almonte will be hosting their annual Scout/Guide Pancake breakfast fundraiser. Everyone is invited to attend.

For all interested in our annual Beaver Buggy, Kub Kar and Scout Truck race day, Head quarters currently has a large supply of buildable vehicles in stock. These items usually sell out quickly.

Algonquin Park 2012 is underway. Enrollment kits have been circulated to each Group Commissioner within the Area.

We are planning four (4) camping/canoeing programmes for this first week in July. 1st until the 7th.

Last year's attendees who are eligible will be invited back and provided with an information package directly from the registration committee.

Additional information with meeting dates and enrollment updates will be forwarded to all Groups for circulation to their senior going up (3rd year) Cubs and Scouts.

Congratulations are extended to Johanne Dekart who recently received the Order of the Caribou Award. Johanne is the youngest recipient to receive this award in Valley Highlands and possibly the Voyageur Council.

We encourage all youth and adults within Valley Highlands to forward any programming ideas or requests to the Service Team.

iii: Training – Michelle Niefer mniefer@sympatico.ca

WB I & AODA: Training need to be completed NOW. As no one was interested in attending the WB 1 in January, you now need to complete it on line. **E-Learning** – WB 1 can be done on line – if gives you a complete course, but not the needed interaction. AODA also can be done on line. When going on the Council Web site, click on training and then follow the prompts.

What do you want in Training??? Drop me a line if there is something of interest to you, i.e. Outdoor skills; Canoe skills; 1st Aid for your group; etc.

Council Training / Events Calendar

Event Start	Event End	Title
2/3/2012 9:00 AM	2/5/2012 5:00 PM	Winter Adventure
2/3/2012 7:00 PM	2/5/2012 12:00 PM	Loyalist Area Camp Klondike Chilly
2/3/2012 7:30 PM	2/4/2012 9:00 PM	Wood Badge Part 1, Colony, Pack, Troop course #949

2/10/2012 9:00 AM	2/12/2012 5:00 PM	Winter Adventure
2/17/2012 9:00 AM	2/19/2012 5:00 PM	Winter Adventure
2/17/2012 5:00 PM	2/20/2012 4:00 PM	Winterlude Lost Children's Services
2/24/2012 9:00 AM	2/26/2012 5:00 PM	Winter Adventure
2/25/2012 8:30 AM	2/25/2012 7:30 PM	Klondike Derby – Carleton Area
2/25/2012 9:00 AM	2/25/2012 3:00 PM	Loyalist Area Kub Kar/Scout Truck Rally
2/25/2012 9:00 AM	2/25/2012 2:00 PM	Odawa Area Scout Guide Challenge
3/4/2012 1:30 PM	3/4/2012 4:30 PM	Carleton Area Badge Trading
3/12/2012 8:30 AM	3/13/2012 5:30 PM	Standard First Aid with Level B CPR Course #954
4/27/2012 7:00 PM	4/29/2012 1:00 PM	Camp Opemikon Work Weekend
6/8/2012 8:00 PM	6/9/2012 8:00 PM	Wood Badge 1 C/P/T
6/30/2012 9:00 AM	7/7/2012 4:00 PM	AdVenture 2012
9/21/2012 7:00 PM	9/23/2012 11:00 AM	Eastern Ontario Gilwell Reunion

IV Honours & Awards – Roger Nuttall rsnuttall@storm.ca

- ⤴ Scouters – update your history and send to Roger Nuttall. We hope to have all the leaders in the Area have their history on file.
- ⤴ Area/Council hope to update everyone for year's of service, etc, before the MMS system changes.

v: Registrar – Check you status on line and make sure your PRC is up to date.

vi: Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba – lasenba@sympatico.ca

- ⤴ Very little to report. The road has been opened, but due to the amount of freezing rain and slush, it is not in very good conditional Black Trick spent over 4 hours trying to ensure we could access the camp, but states that the road should “only be used by 4-wheel drive trucks”. The hill is very icy and when groups start to enter for Winter damp,k they should take some sand with them.
- ⤴ There is a group of Girl Guides planning on a week camp in August.
- ⤴ Expenses: Blake Trick – snows removal \$100.00.

vii: Fundraising - Brian Billings – brian_billings@carleton.ca

Popcorn - All groups should have all paperwork, product, and prizing from the Fall Campaign.

- I have missed something let me know - this was my first year coordinating this campaign so I might have missed something and If so I want to address, ASAP.
- There is also some product still remaining at Council for those Groups who might want to sell more. Product is same price as Fall Campaign and there are no returns – so order what you can sell. Details are provided in the one-page poster that Michelle sent out earlier this week. If you need further information/assistance with your order, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Scoutrees o brian_billings@carleton.ca or at home (613)693-1685.

- Save the date: Saturday, May 5th, 2012 - this will be the 20th Year of our Partnership with the Municipality of Drummond/North Elmsley. I am still working out the celebration plans with the Reeve and Council. Details will be forthcoming – stay tuned.

- I need to order supplies before 01 February for Scoutrees (i.e.: # crests, # pledge kits, and # posters). Group Commissioners, please contact me with your expected number of participants so I can ensure that I have enough supplies on hand to reward youth planters!.
- Please keep in mind that Scoutrees is a great fundraising opportunity, while also being an environmental initiative! People feel good sponsoring this greening initiative and fundraiser!
- I am more than happy to attend Group Meetings and hope to also have the opportunity to speak at upcoming Area Events to promote Scoutrees as both an environmental initiative and easy fundraiser for your Group (you get to keep 80% of what is raised – only 20% is remitted to the World Brotherhood Fund).

Respectfully Submitted,

Popcorn/Scoutrees Coordinator – **Brian Billings**

viii : Quarter Master: Diana Nuttall: dcn@storm.ca

- ⤴ To be in compliance with Scouts Canada property, each group should compile a list of equipment and where it is stored.
- ⤴ If any of your equipment is stolen/damaged, with having your equipment on file, will make it easier for insurance purposes.

viii: Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

- ⤴ Motion to pay bills Larry Palmer, seconded by Roger Nuttall. Vote: Unanimous.
- ⤴ Blake Trick \$100; Get well basket \$50.; Alex Beelich – camp expenses \$100.00.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

- ⤴ no report submitted.
- ⤴ Flyer sent out previous re: Pancake Breakfast / fund-raiser and Scouting displace -|Feb 19th 8 am -12 N

1st Beckwith:

- All sections held a joint Xmas party in the Beckwith School gym, - final meeting of year.
- All sections have started up -picking up where program left off.
- Scouts attended the Winter Camp training night as well as a day hike into Whispering Pines to prep the Beckwith Site.
- Scouts will spend the next couple of meeting nights reviewing the training topics and assisting the new Scouts.

Upcoming:

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be attending their respective Area Winter activity.

Scouts are planning a snow-shoeing outing/hike into the Beckwith Park.

BP Celebrations - Thurs Feb 23, Beckwith School - all sections family evening.

Allen Sinfield, GC 1st Beckwith

Carleton Place: No report submitted

1st Drummond:

1st Elmsley: No report submitted

1st Merrickville: No report submitted

4th Perth:

The 4th Perth Group held their Christmas Party and Dinner on Monday, December 13th at Pizza Hut in Perth. Because of the support we receive from the community we are able to do this without additional cost to our Beavers and Scouts.

We welcome back Tom Young to help with the Beavers while Sandy Grella is away. Tom was with us for many years and is an experienced Beaver leader.

We will make one more attempt to recruit Cub age youth early in the New Year

We have a new cub and a new cub leader to register.

Our scheduled group committee meeting was unable to be held due to freezing rain and snow.

Arnel was in the Smiths Falls Hospital, not as his normal hospital activities as a volunteer but to receive help to overcome his injuries caused by a fall, he then was transferred to a nursing home where to my knowledge is where he is now.

We are planning an overnight sleepover for the group, Bowling for Big Brothers and Sisters, and a KubKar race in the hall.

Larry Palmer, Support for 4th Perth Group.

2nd Smiths Falls:

* no report available

New Business:

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner