



Area Forum

February 16, 2012

Westminster Presbyterian,
Church



Smiths Falls

Present: Diane Nuttall, Andreas Beelich, Kevin Tetreault (1st Drummond), Sharon DeKart (1st Drummond), Johanne DeKart (1st Drummond), Chris Tyler, Ray Burrill (1st Beckwith), Roger Nuttall, Alex Beelich, Larry Palmer (4th Perth), Stan Lasenba, Jean Lasenba, Joan Smith (2nd Smiths Falls), Elizabeth Docker (Carleton Place), Kelly Banks, Michelle Niefer, Glenn Richards (1st Elmsley), Kathy McKee

Regrets: Brian Billings

Call to order: at 7:03

O'Canada by all
Scouter's Story by Stan Lasenba

Reading of minutes: Moved by Alex Beelich, Second by Stan Lasenba, Abstain: 3

Business arising from the minutes:

Reports:

Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner: mniefer@sympatico.ca

- Scouts Canada has issued another letter to Scouters and families. If anyone does not have an e-mail, please feel free to share this letter with them. Our Chief Commissioner had an interview with CBC, which is being aired this Friday night. If you have any questions or issues, contact **John Petitti at Scout Headquarters (National office) directly, either by e-mail: jpetitti@scouts.ca or phone: 613-224-5134 x 271.**
- We have several Scouters that PRC have run out or just about to. Check your registration form to validate when you need your next one done. Do not leave it until the last minute.
- Congratulations to Sherry Hunt and her team in Drummond for running a fun day for the Beaver burr. It was cold, but the youth had lots of fun. Thanks to all for giving a helping hand.
- Area web site and Calendar. All effort must be made to keep this up. We are looking for someone that is computer savvy to do this.
- Webinar' training: Do we want to book a room and everyone do at same time? It will be difficult to get a place where access would be available to all in attendance. It might be easier for each scouter to do it on their own computer?
- **Prospectives: BP & P (Section 4000)** a new leader that is not fully screened, including PRC, should not be working with youth in uniform. They are still considered a parent helper. As well, they are not covered under Scouts Canada's Insurance if they are injured. Group Commissioners, please look into this and get those PRCs done now.

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

Everything you need to Know about Bring-A-Friend (BAF)!

What is a Bring-a-Friend Event? One of our most proven successful ways to have more youth and adults explore the benefits of Scouting is to host a Bring-a-Friend Event. The objective of a Bring-a-Friend Event is to grow membership by using existing Scouting members as ambassadors.

A Bring-a-Friend Event is exactly what the name eludes to - a special event to which Scouting youth invite one or more friends. The event is designed to highlight activities and experiences unique to Scouting. For Scouting youth, it's an opportunity to "show off" how cool Scouting can be. For their "friends", it is an opportunity to try Scouting. For the group, it provides an opportunity to increase the number of youth in their sections and to connect with more parents and potential leaders.

When is BAF? Bring-a-Friend events can be held all year-round. However, there are times of the year that running a Bring-a-Friend event makes more sense.

1) In the Fall (i.e., October) it is a great way to bring in a few more youth after the bulk of your registration and leadership is registered.

2) In the Winter (i.e., January/February) when the half-year fee takes effect - take advantage of the lowered registration fee to attract more youth!

3) In the Spring (i.e., May) when Early Registration is available - sign a friend up for the following Fall!

How do I run a Bring-a-Friend Event? It is very simple to run a BAF event and with a little planning can be a very successful recruitment tool. Everything you need to know to run a BAF Event can be found on the Jump-start to Growth webpage: www.scouts.ca/js2g. As well, all Groups received BAF postcards (see above) in their Recruitment Toolkits this past Fall: www.scouts.ca/rtk.

Bring-a-Friend Incentive Programs*:

There are three incentive programs to encourage Groups, Sections and Members to Bring Friends! Details of how to apply for all of these Incentive programs are attached and can be found here: <http://www2.scouts.ca/dnn/voy/Growth/Friendfest/tabid/2094/Default.aspx>

1) National Bring-a-Friend Incentives – (effective *October 1st 2011 – February 29th 2012*):

- Each time a Scout brings a friend to a group meeting, the Scout will receive a \$5 Scout Shop gift certificate.

- If the friend registers as a new member, he or she will also receive a \$5 Scout Shop gift certificate, while the Scout who brought the friend receives an additional \$5 gift certificate.

2) Council Bring-a-Friend Incentives – (effective *all year-round*):

- Every youth/adult that brings a friend (regardless of whether they join or not) will receive a Bring a Friend Crest – contact your Area Commissioner for these crests.

- Every youth/adult that brings a friend AND that friend joins gets a Bring-a-Buddy pin AND a Scouts Canada flashlight.

3) Winter Bring-a-Friend Incentive Program (formerly known as Friendfest)

(effective *January 1st until March 31st 2012*):

- The Group that recruits the most new friends between February 1st and March 31st (this will be calculated on a per capita basis, taking into consideration what sections ran BAF nights) and at least 1 new volunteer will win \$500 Scoutbucks to be used on whatever they wish (i.e., camp, equipment, registration).

- Hold a Bring-a-Friend event in any section and your Section will automatically be rewarded with \$25 in Scoutbucks!

Finally – if you need assistance with setting up and running your BAF event – your Field Executives are here to help! See left hand column on the first page for your CFE's contact information.

Have fun and remember - It Starts with Scouts!

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- Three groups need to send in their VOID cheques to Scouts Canada through Lynn Levitan.



Voyageur Council

Field Services Report



Voyageur

Prospective Tracking



Voyageur Council -

Membership Report B

Council report: Michelle Niefer

COUNCIL REPORT: Feb 15th.

- Council Scout Camp – “Operation survival” – Apple Hill camp; June 1-3rd, 2012.
 - Check Web site for more information. Will prove to be very challenging.
 - Looking for Venturers/Rovers for Offers of Service.
 - WB 1 Troop will be done at the same time and location for Scouters.
- Budget for the Councils are currently being worked on. We should know by March what the registration fee will be for 2012, but currently it looks favourable to leaving it as is.
- Group Registrars – Download a list of your groups (all sections) and cross-reference to make sure are all there. There is a discrepancy in paperwork. Double check for update on signatures; interview process complete and PRCs.
- Bring-A-Friend: In future, flyers will go into the Spring Kit for groups to roll out when the time comes. The time will line up with National's time-frame, however, prizes, etc will remain the same at the Council level, as well as prizes of \$25 and \$500 going to the group that runs either a Bring-A-Friend event and/or bring in new leaders – you will receive a ballot which will be put into a box and then one pulled out for a winner.
- Child Safety guidelines: New criteria will be issues shortly, which will include looking at our screening process more closely for new leaders. We already have in place the PRCs and two deep leadership. If you suspect a leader has not been fully screened, this should be carried out by the Group Commissioner immediately.
- Trainer's Scouter Conference: April 14th. More information to follow.
- Webinar's: Council staff will be trained Feb 22/23 with training manuals/power point presentations available on the 24th.
- Area training: March 1-12th. Go on line to register.
- MyScouts.ca: They have a section on Questions & Answers. This site will be used for registration for parents to pay, which in turn the money is put into your group bank account.
- Insurance Policy: As of March 1st, they will have finalized their insurance policy. At that time the groups will get a certificate for 2012-13 for those whose halls/malls, etc request a copy.
- E-Recycling, will be happening again this Spring. More details to follow.

- **MMS DATA:** Just a couple of days left to correct anything in the system before it is shut down. It will be 2-3 weeks before it will be up and running again in the AMS System.

Secretary report: Kathy McKee

I would like everyone to send their reports to me at least 5 days before meetings so that they can be incorporated into the minutes as quickly as possible after a meeting. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated.

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

Three payments to be issued:
 Chris Tyler - \$282.23
 Sharon DeKart \$214.14
 Sherry Hunt for the Beaver BRRR - \$88.15

Moved by: Diane Nuttall, Second by: Elizabeth Docker

i: Training – Michelle Niefer - mniefer@sympatico.ca

- We still have some Scouters that do not have WB 1 in their respective sections. There is only one course remaining on the calendar for this is you wish to do it in person (most beneficial). **Remember to contact Scout Headquarters to register. OR**
- WB I can be done as e-learning. Go onto Scouts Canada website, click on training; e-learning and follow the prompts. This is for ALL new leaders and leaders who have moved to a new section.

 Categories: Training Courses

Event Start	Event End	Title
3/12/2012 8:30 AM	3/13/2012 5:30 PM	Standard First Aid with Level B CPR Course #954
6/8/2012 8:00 PM	6/9/2012 8:00 PM	Wood Badge 1 C/P/T
06/01/2012	06/03/2012	Wood badge 1 – Troop; Apple Hill Camp Reserve

- First Aid is being offered on April 15th/16th in Smiths Falls. There is limited space, so sign up now at Scout Headquarters. Cost is \$50.00.
- OADA Training is a must. Group Commissioner’s – I have sent this Training package out earlier so that you can do it with your group during one of your meetings.
- OADA can also be done on line through E-Learning or Mymonkey. Please do that ASAP.

ii: Program - Alex Beelich - alex.beelich@nlfinancial.ca

Valley Highlands February 15, 2012

January 28th saw 28 cubs and their leaders from various Pack converge on Camp Whispering Pines for a day of winter activities: Snow shoeing, shelter building, sledding, fire making and of course making new friends around the camp fire while enjoying a meal of Stone Soup. The weather was perfect for all our activities.

On the same weekend the Scouts from various Troops spent the weekend camping at Whispering Pines. A total of 45 scouts plus their leaders were in attendance. Their challenges included making water by melting snow, snow sculptures and of course the obvious constructing a winter camp and spending the night.

Our third winter activity occurred just last weekend, February 11th at Drummond Central Public School. Two dozen Beavers spent the day outside racing toboggans, shooting giant sling shots at moving targets and searching for items in a scavenger hunt. Inside activities included games, songs, a couple of take home crafts and a well deserved lunch. Thanks to the Drummond Colony for organizing this fun for all event.

Next week is Founder’s Week and various Groups have banquets and other activities planned to commemorate BP Week.

March 24th has been reserved as Race Day in Smiths Falls. As in past years the Smiths Falls County Fair Mall will be home to the Beaver Buggy, Cub Kar and Scout Truck rally. Please ensure you visit the Scout Store to purchase your race kits before they are all gone.

Algonquin 2012 is ramping up. A number of Scouts and leaders have already registered and we will be contacting all registrants and inviting everyone to an information evening.

Scout Trees will be upon us quickly so please ensure everyone picks up their sponsor kits. 2012 is the 20th anniversary for planting at the Drummond Site.

Nitevent is scheduled for early May, 2012, details will be sent out shortly.

Planning for spring time the Medieval Way, Valley Highland's camping experience for all sections, is underway. Details will be forwarded to all groups during the month of March.

Hint: [Medieval](#)

iii : **Youth - Andreas Beelich** - dreas94@hotmail.com

Forms need to go out for the Algonquin Camp. Attendance at the May 25 to 27th camp is the prerequisite for the Algonquin Camp. Cost of the camp is \$200.00 for a week. On June 9th the Chief Scout Ceremony will take place. Andreas will be working with Sharon DeKart to prepare her for taking over for the Youth when it comes time for Andreas to step down.

iv: **Recognition – Roger Nuttall** - rsnuttall@storm.ca

I have been working on "Outstanding Service to Scouting Nominations Catch - Up" instigated by Voyageur Council. This is a system which shortens the process somewhat, but still requires considerable time to fill in all the forms for over 30 Leaders.

An award was presented to Roger Nuttall for exemplary long service to Scouting.

v **Registrar:** - Jacynth Stalker - mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca jacystal@hotmail.ca

No report

vi: **Technology / Fundraising**

No report

vii **Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba** - lasenba@sympatico.ca

Nothing to report.

viii: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings** - brian_billings@carleton.ca

As far as Scouttrees, I have been communicating with D/NE Reeve CHURCHILL and plans are well in the works for our plant day on May 5th. Also, this may not be the last year for planting at D/NE – they may have more property for us to plant - will know more next week. Badges and kits are ordered. Will advise and deliver to all groups when received.

ix: **Popcorn – Brian Billings** - - brian_billings@carleton.ca

Sent an e-mail from Doug Cody for distribution to all Area Groups if they are interested in more popcorn. Popcorn Final Sale Opportunity. See attached.

x: **Quartermaster – Diana Nuttall** dcn@storm.ca

Lists need to be provided to Diane of what area equipment is out and where it is. There is a trailer with 2 stoves to be checked for spring camps. Please find attached the form for recording the equipment for your group and/or section. Once you have made your list please forward a copy to Diane so Area can keep a copy if you ever need to have verification of your equipment.



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List.docx

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte: Carol Coutu - carolcoutu@295.ca

There will be a Pancake Breakfast and Scouting Display at the Almonte Civitan Hall on February 19th from 8:00 am to noon. Cost is \$7.00 for 11 years and up, \$5.00 from 10 years and under. Under 2 years are free.

1st Beckwith: Allen Sinfield - a1sin@hotmail.com

- Scouts attended the Winter Camp at Whispering Pines, and had a great time.
- Held an all sections meeting/activity night Feb 2 at the school.
- Beavers focused on Valentines crafts.
- Cubs focused on skills and carving soap (without Knives!)
- Cubs and Scouts planning a day hike into Winter Camp site to dismantle (Scouts may stay overnight again) early March.
- All sections will be attending a skating and activities evening at one of the Scouter's.
- All sections will be attending the Area Scouting Vehicle Races.
- Scouts are planning a hike/mapping activity in Beckwith's Park Forest.

Carleton Place: Elizabeth Docker – elizabethdocker@sympatico.ca

Elizabeth will be awarding Simon Jones and Cyndy Courtland their 15 year pin. Venturer and 1 Rover went to the Adirondacks on a hiking trip. Elizabeth asked about equipment insurance. It should be added to your household insurance and Scouts will pay for it.

1st Drummond: Torstein Dekart – tdekart@on.aibn.com

BEAVERS – Exploring the outdoors in winter
Rockets building & flying
Built Cardboard box cars
Drive-in Movie night
Beaver Brrrr

CUBS - Aboriginal Games
Movie Night with the Beavers
Build Cub Cars
Winter fun night
Cub winter challenge

SCOUTS – Snow carving
Woggle making
Knife permits
Winter camp
Helped at Beaver Burr

GROUP - Continuous Bottle Drive

1st Elmsley: Glenn Richards – grrichards@xplornet.com

Glenn reported that they have had a skating night and a tobogganing night. Both were well attended and everyone was very well fed.

1st Merrickville: Hope Gray – hope@kevinrobertgray.com

Our BP Founders Day Banquet is on Feb. 22, 12 at the Merrickville Community Centre. We will have a slide show of our activities and entertainment by all sections.

4th Perth: Arnel Pattemore – arnel@bell.net

Past Accomplishments: All Sections meet regularly and our leaders have been pursuing training. Larry offered the handicapped training although the weather did play havoc with that. The Scouts were not able to attend the winter camp due to work complications for our leaders but will try to have their own camp shortly. The Beavers enjoyed the Beaver Brrr and we have been promoting Friendfest with some new members. We also had a skating party at Glen Tay School.

Future Plans: We have a busy schedule ahead with several out of meeting hall events. During Scout/Guide Week we will do a group sleepover and also will participate in the BBBS Bowl for Kids. On Saturday we will have the race events and a gathering for parents. Injuries to leaders have presented some problems but we continue to offer a good program for our youth.

Concerns: We have no particular problems at this time and appreciate the support of the Area.

2nd Smiths Falls: Joan Smith – joansmith_13@cogeco.ca

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
 - a. we took a bus load to Winterlude February 12th for the day
 - b. cubs attended cub winter challenge
 - c. scouts attended winter camp
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
 - a. flying the Scout flag at the town hall during Scout Guide week

- b. banquet on February 22
- c. church parade February 26th
- d. Hosting a free Spaghetti community dinner on February 26th
- 3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)
 - Enjoying the outdoors
 - Giving back to the community
- 4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
 - News broadcast reflecting on Smiths Falls Scouting back 30 years ago

Old Business: A discussion was held about moving the meeting around so that it gives everyone a chance at a closer meeting. It was suggested to have a Kick-off in August and invite the Group Leaders and possibly discuss it at that time.

New Business:

1. Request for addendum to Agenda Area meeting 16th February 2012.

2nd Westport Scout Group.

Permission is hereby requested to formally close the 2nd Westport Scout Group

We have not been operating for two full years due to lack of adult leaders and there is little if any hope of reopening in the foreseeable future.

Should the group reopen in the years ahead it would be under the auspices of the Township of Rideau Lakes and meet at Portland Community Center. It would be named Rideau Lakes Scout Group and cover the entire township.

Permission is also requested to close the bank account at RBC Portland Branch. Which has a diminishing account of \$25.00.

It is recommended that the group equipment be absorbed into the Area pool.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Tyler, Group Commissioner.

- Michelle will send a letter to the bank.
2. Badges
 - Crests will be designed for different events. The next events are Cub Cars/18 Wheelers and Spring camp.
 3. If anyone can help out organizing old documents and give a couple of hours, please call Jeff Benson at 613-225-2770. Northern Ontario will be joining us at the Admin. Centre and it needs to get organized.
 4. Stan suggested finding some contacts in the food business for a new grill.

Adjournment at 9:01

Moved by Andreas Beelich.

Next meeting
March 15, 2012

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____
Date

Minutes Signed by: _____
Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner

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