



Area Forum

March 15, 2012

Westminster Presbyterian,
Church

Smiths Falls



Present: Jean Lasenba, Chris Tyler, Torsten Dekart (1st Drummond), Stan Lasenba, Amanda Smith (1st Merrickville), Keith Skelhorne (1st Merrickville), Johanne Dekart (1st Drummond), Roger Nuttall, Angelique Jahn (1st Elmsley), Glenn Richards (1st Elmsley), Alex Beelich, Kelly Banks, Carol Coutu (2nd Almonte), Keith Thomson (4th Perth), Elizabeth Docker (Carleton Place), Allen Sinfield (1st Beckwith), Brian Billings, Michelle Niefer, Kathy McKee

Regrets: Andreas Beelich, Hope Gray, Diane Nuttall

Call to order: at

O'Canada by all

Words of Thought by Torsten Dekart, 1st Drummond

Additions to the Agenda: Bio Blitz, Spring Hike added to New Business

Acceptance of the minutes of February 16, 2012: Moved by Chris Tyler, Second by Roger Nuttall, Abstain: 1, Carried

Business arising from the minutes: See Area Commissioner's Report.

Reports:

Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner: mniefer@sympatico.ca

AC Report:

- **PRCs** continue to be an issue. Group commissioners – get out there and find out what the hold up is. Have your Scouter contact the police and find out where it is in the system. 6 months is too long to be waiting!!!
- **Expiring PRCs** – Individual Scouters should go into the system and check their record for expiry date. Start the process 6-8 weeks prior to it expiring.
- **Prospective list** - Check your new leaders or see me. Why are they still there? PRC not done? Interview/reference check not done?? Please look into ASAP.
- **E-Learning / WB 1** – If you are a new leader and/or new to your section, please complete this ASAP.
- **My Scouts.ca** – is now up and running. You will be notified when you can go on to check your records. Let's be diligent in keeping these up to date. If you find a discrepancy, contact Scout Headquarters.
- **Good turn week** – April 14 – 22nd. Orange bracelets have been handed out to your Group Commissioners. These in turn will be given out to each section. Encourage all, including leaders, to do a good turn and when done, pass the bracelet onto that person, and encourage them to do the same.
- **AODA training** – Please go on line and complete this. Your Group Commissioner also has the program to present this to you. **Let's see if we can get this done by January 31, 2012!!** No this is not a print error.

- ⤴ **Recruitment Tool Kits** – Tool kits for Spring registration will be sent out to Group Commissioners. Recruitment Advertising will start April 2nd – May 7th.
- ⤴ **Child & Youth Safety** – '**Due Diligence**' on all our parts is essential. More information will be out on any new measures. Currently all must complete the PRC process, which is the first step in Youth safety.
 - **Discussion re:** Screening and how to protect the children and leaders. If leaders are uncomfortable – talk about it. We have a different set of rules than in the past in order to do our best to ensure youth safety.
- * **Merrickville Group Commissioner** – Hope Gray will be stepping down in June. I'm pleased to report that **Keith Skelhorne** will be replacing her for the upcoming year.

Council Meeting Report:

CHILD & YOUTH SAFETY: A meeting was held on March 7th at Headquarters regarding our current methods of implementing different aspects of Youth Safety. Barry Hardaker, CEO and Mike Jowett, Council Commissioner will be travelling to Toronto (March 24/25) to participate with other Council Commissioners on this subject. Up-dating procedures and other issues that need to be in place will be discussed then.

Random Checks: As part of the Service Team's mandate, we are to visit groups periodically and see how things are functioning. At this time we will also be checking on Safety aspect, 2-deep leadership; ratio; as well as program. A report is filed at Headquarters afterwards.

PRC issues – This is an ongoing - Scouters will have to be more diligent in making sure they have an up-to-date PRC and make arrangements to get a new one prior to the other expiring. It is not up to your Group Commissioner to do this for you. Once everyone has signed into **myscouts.ca**, we are hoping this will be automatically generated to remind you. If your PRC expires, the system will automatically put you as "inactive" and you will be asked to remove your uniform. You may still participate in the program as long as two other Scouters with PRCs are in the same room. However, you must get the PRC asap.

Myscouts.ca – is now up and running, HOWEVER, there are some glitches, as with all new programs. If you do not get through when you first log in, please be patient, as the system is trying to deal with everyone. If you have difficulties, **do use the 'Help'** segment, and they will respond as soon as they can.

**** Spring registration:** Myscouts.ca is now set for Spring registration. If your group has not signed up for this to happen, you will have to let your parents know. This will make things easier for Group Registrars, as parents pay upon registration, thus the group will not have to deal with that portion. Each group need to let Headquarters know their fee, which will be put into the system. When the parent registers, the funds then will be sent to National, Council and your portion put directly into the Group Account.

Training calendar – is now up and running. They have four registered courses on there, including WB II. You register by signing into **myscouts.ca**, click on training and register.

- **Trainer, Service Scouter Conference** – **April 14th** to be held at Hillcrest School on Smyth Rd. Information send out under separate cover to those that are in this category.

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

Webinar Training: Groups need to set their fee in the system so they can be up and running for registration.

Secretary report: Kathy McKee

Nothing to report.

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

Nothing to report.

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

DAC Training:

- ⤴ **WB II** - Will be held over three weekends – March 31/Apr 1 at Headquarters; Apr 28/29 – Ottawa/Orleans and June 15-17 - Whispering Pines
- ⤴ **TD I:** (Trainer Development) – March 23-25th; must hold a current WB I in your section.

^ **E-Leaning** – there are several who still do not have their WB I in their current Position.

Note: Follow the steps on the training website to register.

The below is for new members to Scouting.

Acronyms: FYI on frequently used terms

AC = Area Commissioner

CMAC = Council Management Advisory Committee in which the Area Commissioners are part of.

DAC = Deputy Area Commissioner, which are several including DAC Program; DAC Training; DAC Recognition;

PRC = Police Record Check

E-Learning = online training for Wood Badge I for Colony, Pack, Troop and Venturers

ADA =Accessibility for Ontarian's with Disability Act.

BP & P – Bylaws, Policies & Procedures for Scouts Canada

Gr. Comm – Group Commissioner

BL – Beaver leader

ABL -Assistant Beaver leader

CL – Cub Leader

ACL – **Assistant** Cub Leader

TL – Troop leader

ATL – Assistant troop leader

VA – Venturer Adviser

AVA – Assistant Venturer Adviser

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

Alex presented Glenn with a badge 'It's only an hour a week' for all the time he has put in to working with his group.

Upcoming events

March 24th – Beaver Buggies, Cub Cars, Scout Trucks- Race Day

Location- Smiths Falls- County Fair Mall – south end Near Food Basics

Cost - \$5.00 per racer

Awards, badges and refreshments provided to all.

Information package previously sent out by email to all members of Valley Highlands

Scout Trees- May 5th, our 20th anniversary helping to save the planet one tree at a time

Nitevent – Camp Whispering Pines- details to follow-

Spring Camp – May 25th to 26th – Medieval theme- All section camp.

Initial invitation to Groups distributed at Group meeting on March 15th, 2012

Hint: costumes, jousting and period activities

Algonquin 2012- July 1st to 7th – Planning is underway.

If you are interested in attending please contact Scouter Chris Tyler for registration kits.

General information meeting to be scheduled in April. Details will follow.

Any Youth or leaders who have a suggestion for camps or other activities please contact a member of your Service Team:

Michelle Niefer- Area Commissioner

Roger Nuttall- DAC Recognition
Chris Tyler – Service Scouter
Ken Richardson –Service Scouter
Stan Lasenba – Camp Warden/Service Scouter
Alex Beelich - DAC Programme

Scouting is a Youth organization for the benefit or our Youth

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

Michelle presented Johanne with the Area necker since she will be taking over from Andreas. Group representatives are needed for the Youth.

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

I prepared and sent in to Council a second lot of 16 nominations for Outstanding Service to Scouting awards.

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

We will be sharing Christina Peptin from Carleton Place.

vi: **Technology / Fundraising**

Michelle mentioned that we need someone to maintain the website.

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

Stan asks that no one drive into the camp right now. Please walk into it. The road is really soft.

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

I am working on a PPT presentation for Kub Cars on the 24th if that is still an option....will play up our involvement with DNE for the past 20 years and will be a nice lead up to the plant. Scoutrees crests and kits are ordered.

Alex - Are we still issuing the Area Scoutrees crest this year as well? If so, what is the deadline to order more (if required). I have 0 left from last year.

I have had a lot of discussion with DNE about our 20th year at plant site and am looking to have all activities take place at site this year. BBQ will be all compliments of council this year with Reeve and Councillors providing and cooking all the hotdogs and hamburgers for the youth and leaders/parents. Will also provide drinks and cake for us. I just need to line up the Area Tent (Stan can I arrange for same on May 5th at the plant site in case it rains and to provide some shelter from the sun?) and borrow BBQ from 2nd Almonte. D/NE will provide a porta-potty for the day. D/NE Council is still providing \$700 for partial cost recovery of seedlings as well. I still need to check with Albany International and Lanark Cedar for their contributions this year. That being said, I have the invoice for our seedlings and would like to make a motion to pay same to RVCA.

Motion to issue payment of \$3000.00 for white pine seedlings to RVCA by Brian Billings, Seconded by Alex Beelich, Carried.

I will be continuing to work with media and hope to have some community involvement at our plant site this year - any ideas are welcomed. Jeff WARD OMNR has already identified many retired Forestry staff from OMNR that we are looking to invite out for the event. I would also like permission/funding to purchase plaque for presentation to D/NE at the plant site on May 5th, 2012 in appreciation for the partnership with old Mississippi District and VHA Scouts Canada for the past 20years (since 1992).

Motion to have plaque purchased for presentation to D/NE by Jean Lasenba, Seconded by Alex Beelich, Carried.

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

Nothing to report.

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

No report

GROUP REPORTS:

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

Scouts

Working on 18 wheelers in the shop, did computer work for badges, woggles and landers, campfire, Pancake Breakfast, antlers donated and backpack from safari club.

9-12am April 28th scout tree

18 wheelers on March 24

Planting 5th of May.

Dorchester International Brotherhood Camp (DIBC) on Mothers Day. Three will be going. Saturday is the camp. Niagara Falls on Sunday. Return home on Monday.

Beavers

Fun Raiser, Pancake Breakfast

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Fire hall, general meeting is game and craft, sleep over at Civitan, Home Depot visit

Linda will not return next year.

2 New kids registered last week @ 90\$

Beaver buggies, 24th March Smith Falls

Camp?

Group

June 1 - 3 troop camp at Apple Hill

May 25th -27th area camp at Whispering Pines - Beavers Cubs

9-12am April 28th scout tree Almonte fundraising

Good turn week! Pass out bracelet. April 24-22

Quarter master

At Kirby's last weekend and attaining old items and will continue to compile list of items.

Treasurer

All in good accounts, will complete all requests for reports

*Crest costs from jean to be priced by Carol

Dwight will be registrar for next year – training will be received to understand process.

Gord Mouteney potential leader for cubs for 2012/2013.

E-training needs to be completed asap for wood badge training. AODA training. To be completed

Pre -Algonquin Canoe camp. Training at Whispering Pines date to be determined.

Looking into a place for Cub Cars for 2013 at Almonte Civitan?

1st Beckwith: Allen Sinfield – al1sin@hotmail.com

No report

Carleton Place: Elizabeth Docker – elizabethdocker@sympatico.ca

No report

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

Torstein brought in a bin of waggles made by the youth.

1st Elmsley: Glenn Richards – beauregard@cogeco.ca

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

February 6th: Beavers had a "Friends of the forest" night, including craft and game.

Cubs and scouts had a Badgework and Stamp Collecting regular hall meeting.

Group Committee meeting held at 8:00 pm – Chris Tyler in attendance.

February 11th: 1 beaver attended the Beaver Burr @ Drummond Center School.

February 13th: Beavers, cubs and scouts had a skating night @ Group Commissioners house.
Campfire and BBQ – Beaver buggies – Kub Kars – 18 Wheelers handed out.

February 20th: No Meeting – Family day

February 26th: Church Parade @ Bethel United Church – 12 youth in attendance.

February 27th: Family Banquet @ Port Elmsley Hall

March 5th: Group Committee meeting

March 9th: Group Swim @ Kanata Wave Pool – 33 traveled by bus.

March 10th: Ham & Bean Supper Fundraiser – Sleepover at Port Elmsley Hall – 19 youth.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

March 24th: Beaver buggies – Kub Kars – 18 Wheelers at County Fair Mall in Smiths Falls.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

Fundraising – completion of WB – one member outstanding. Inventory to Quartermaster is forthcoming.

4. ISSUES:

5. COMMENTS: 1st Elmsley is planning to attend future area programs and events including Algonquin end of year trip.

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

Nothing to report.

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

All Sections have been busy with a Skating Party and Tobogganing in addition to regular meetings. They have also learned about Maple Syrup, attended the Beaver Brrr and Cub Winter Rally. Unfortunately Scouts were not able to attend the Area camp but have done their own winter camp. Our Venturer has been helping with Scouts and is being coached on personal activities. Our Bring a Friend night resulted in two new Beavers joining. Because of the weather we had to cancel our sleepover and also participation in the Bowl for Kids.

The weeks ahead look to be very busy. There will be a visit to a Veterinary Clinic, special speakers, Easter Egg making and a visit to the Canada Agricultural Museum. Many of these will involve all three Sections and they are also preparing for the Area race events on March 24th. We are as well planning a return visit by Ray's Reptiles likely for early May. On May 12th we will have a BBQ at the Independent Grocers in Perth and on April 28th plan to take part in Maplefest in downtown Perth. We also have some work to do in the hall in preparation for renovations at the church.

Recently a Group Committee Minute Book was found in the church and records activities from 1951 to 1965. Some of the history will be shared with our parents. As we remember the past we look forward to the future.

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

No report.

Old Business:

If any group would like to host a meeting, they can do so by making the request at a meeting.

New Business:

Roger mentioned that on July 17 & 18 a 24 hour survey of an area of plants and things will be taking place with Bio Blitz. He would like to do the camp. Stan stated they will need 'hold harmless' insurance to use the camp.

Roger also mentioned that Otty Lake (Association?) would like to do a spring hike at the camp ground. They will need 'hold harmless' insurance as well.

Adjournment at 9:05. Moved by Elizabeth Docker, seconded by Stan Lasenba

Next meeting
April 19, 2012

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

Minutes Signed by: _____
Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner