

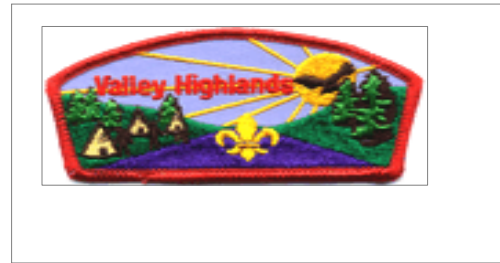


## Area Forum

April 19, 2012

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



**Present:** Michelle Niefer, AC; Andreas Beelich, AYC; Mike Jowett, CC, Jim Peverley, Voyageur Council; Jean Lasenba, Area Finance; Larry Palmer, Perth support; Chris Tyler, Area support; Stan Lasenba, Camp Warden; Joan Smith, GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls; Roger Nuttall, Area Recognition; John Stalker, Rovers; Alex Beelich, Area Program; Sharon Dekart, 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond; Glenn Richards, GC 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley; Angelique Jahn, 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley; Elizabeth Docker, GC Carleton Place, Brian Billings, Scout Trees coordinator; Allen Sinfield, GC Beckwith and Kelly Banks, CFE.

**Introduction of guests** – Mike Jowett, CC and Jim Peverely, Council

**Words of thought:** Provided by Glenn Richards, 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley

**Acceptance of minutes:** Minutes for March distributed to membership. Motion to accept as is: Stan Lasenba; seconded: Larry Palmer. Vote: 2 Abstain; 17 for acceptance. Carried.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING: April 18<sup>th</sup>**

- ⤴ Announcement was made of incoming Council Commissioner – Jim Peverely. He will take over at the end of this Scouting year.
- ⤴ National Leadership Summit – held in Toronto at the end of March – major issue looked at -“**Youth and Child Safety**” policy and procedure that is in place, as well as ‘**Duty of Care**’. From this Summit, the following has come about.
  - ⤴ **Any returning Scouter who does not have a PRC, WB I, OADA training and Youth Safety will not be re-registered until done.**
  - ⤴ This training can be done by: WB I in person session;
  - ⤴ E-Learning
  - ⤴ Possible DVD or power-point presentations.
  - ⤴ All sessions will require the individual to sign a sheet when completed, unless done by E-learning.
- ⤴ In future, any training taken (WB I) these two sessions – Youth & Child Safety and OADA will be included in Module I.
- ⤴ There will be a training package for youth (age appropriate) on **Youth Safety** come in September/October that will be presented to all youth. Likewise, there will be one available for parents, which can be done on “Parent night”.
- ⤴ BP & P will reflect any changes made. Once this is passed by the Board of Governors (May 5<sup>th</sup>), changes will be made effective from that date.
- ⤴ **PRCs** – ongoing discussion on how to handle this. Some are going through quickly, some not. Those that need finger-printing (birthdate matches with an offender), they do take longer to come back. Be pro-active and start your process prior to your PRC expiring. All Scouters must have the “Vulnerable Sector” clearance.
- ⤴ **Backcheck:** a screening process is once again being looked at to speed things up.
- ⤴ **Rover’s** too must be screened and have PRCs.
- ⤴ Screening process must be in place for **all** positions including Kim’s, Keo’s, SITs – This is to ensure that we the right youth in the right place.
- ⤴ **Spring Registration:** emphasis will be on Spring registration rather than Fall, especially so with adults, so the screening process could be completed prior to Fall meetings.
- ⤴ **Open Doors:** Open to the public for tours of buildings that are normally off-bounds. June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the Open Doors is once again running with Scouts Canada Museum being one of the features. If anyone wants to come and help for that day, the times are from 10-4 p.m. Contact Rod Wilson if interested.

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- ⤴ **CJ Contingent:** about 20-30 attended the meeting with about 150 youth registered to go from Voyageur Council. Pre CJ Camp will be May 2013.
- ⤴ **Calendar:** items are now being placed for 2013. Any program events, etc and minutes will be put on the Council website under Events if you wish to review
- ⤴ **SARvet:** Membership – any Venturers interested, contact Marc Couture. There is limited space for this group.
- ⤴ **Recycling:** May 26<sup>th</sup> – any electronic items can be taken to Headquarters on this day.
- ⤴

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

**Membership Report:** Reporting functions should be back up and running through myscouts.ca in the next few weeks and we can give you a better idea of where we are in terms of Growth and Retention.

**Spring Advertising Campaign 2012:** The Council will be placing ads in publication throughout the Council again this Spring. We will cover all communities in Voyageur Council through ads in the EMC, MetroLand papers and a few others. Keep your eyes out for them in early May.

**New Scouter Welcome Kits, Recruitment Toolkit and more!:** [Recruitment Toolkits \(RTK\)](#) will arrive early this year - directly to Group Commissioners homes in April. Along with the RTK will be the [New Scouter Welcome Kits](#) for the 2012-13 Scouting year so Groups are prepared to bring new Scouters on board in the Spring. However, Groups don't need to have the actual Recruitment Tool Kit in hand in order to get prepped for Spring Recruitment. Updated promotional resources have been posted in the [online recruitment web pages](#), with everything available for download. Please ensure that all your Groups have received their kits by the end of April – if they have not we will make arrangements to get them to them.

**Spring Registration Recruitment Campaigns:** With the focus 100% on Child and Youth Safety across the country (and the subsequent focus on Adult Screening, ratio's and the tightening up of who is allowed to act as a Scouter and be included as part of the leadership ratio) – it is time now to get Groups thinking about who they will have in place on their leadership teams for Fall 2012. Recruiting at this time of the year allows Groups the time they need to collect PRC's, call references and conduct interviews to be ready to go into the Fall with a solid leadership team base that can built from there. Your CFE's are available to help out in any way needed (i.e., recruitment, screening etc.).

**Spring Registration Reconciliation:** Just a quick reminder to Area's to schedule your Spring Registration package reconciliation with your Groups to ensure that all initial bulk packages are double checked before they go into the office to be processed. Your CFE's are available to help where needed with checking packages, assisting with Screening etc.

**School Flyer Campaign 2012-2013:** In May we will start collecting Group information for the School Door-Hanger campaign. We will provide the spreadsheets populated with last years information for you to confirm with your Groups. In the meantime – it is a good idea to have your Groups start thinking about where and when they will meet next year in anticipation of Spring Registration. The information we collect will be posted on the JOIN website as it was last year, as well as a copy of each Area's information will be provided to all Group Commissioners so that they may refer to it when handling inquiries in the Fall.

### **DAC Reports:**

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

- ⤴ Chris Maijka will be stepping down. Interview process started for a replacement.
- ⤴ Johanne DeKart will be working with Andreas.
- ⤴

**ii: Program - Alex Beelich** [alex.beelich@nlfincanial.ca](mailto:alex.beelich@nlfincanial.ca)

#### **Summary of Events:**

Again this year we were fortunate to have the County Fair Mall in Smiths Falls donate the facilities for our annual Beaver/Cub /Scout race day which was held on March 24<sup>th</sup>

In attendance – 30 Beavers, 55 Cubs and 38 Scouts plus their adult leaders and advisors.

Groups were represented from Almonte, Beckwith, Carleton Place, Drummond, Elmsley, Merrickville, Perth, and Smiths Falls.

Individual racing results:

### **Kub Kar** – rally results 2012

**Best Design** – 1<sup>st</sup> Amy Kehoe – Drummond

2<sup>nd</sup>- Wesley Burman 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls

3<sup>rd</sup> –Eric Beard Carleton Place

**Fastest Car** - 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Jones Carleton Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Daso Brown Carleton Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Chad Dempsey Carleton Place

### **Scout Trucks** -Rally results 2012

**Best Design** 1<sup>st</sup> Aitken Fletcher - Beckwith

2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Dekart - Drummond

3<sup>rd</sup> Carter Fisher Beckwith

**Fastest Truck** 1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Richards Elmsley

2<sup>nd</sup> Carter Fisher Beckwith

3<sup>rd</sup> Aitken Chandler Beckwith

Pack and Troop trophies will be awarded at the Area meeting in April.

Also, Johanne Dekart's story was published in the EMC last month. Johanne is the Scout from Drummond who was recently awarded The Order of the Caribou "recognizing her efforts on behalf of scouting.

### **Upcoming events:**

**Nitevent:** Valley Highland's annual nocturnal challenge- Will be held on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Camp Whispering Pines. Scouter Chris Tyler has circulated information related to this event. Reminders will follow. We hope that last year's winners will be on hand to defend the challenge.

**Scout Trees:** This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year we have been planting trees at Drummond site. Brian Billings the Scout Tree coordinator has lined up a number of events in conjunction with the planting. All recipients will also receive a permanent memento of their attendance in addition to the BBQ. Brian will provide additional details.

**Spring Camp:** To be held May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup> – Theme Medieval- This is an all sections camp, including period costumes, period crafts and skills. Cost will include lunch, supper and mug ups for all sections over the weekend. Craft supplies and equipment will be supplied. Each group and section will be responsible for breakfast and enthusiasm.

To commemorate the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Valley Highland's year end camp, a dated event specific badge is being designed.

For the past few years we have been awarding a Troop "**Be Prepared Camp**" Trophy. This year the trophy will be presented as a Group Award. In addition to the established criteria for Troop, Scouts/Cubs/Beavers will be earning points based upon their participation in section specific events. To ensure fairness, points will be awarded based upon the % of overall section membership attending the year end camp. The hope is to link sections in a common goal and encourage their returning next year, continuing in the scouting way.

An update with camp information will be circulated following the Area meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Chief Scout Award:** Will be held in Kingston in June 2012. We anticipate 3 or 4 recipients this year.

**Algonquin 2012:** Planning is well underway. We will have 3 events occurring under this year's umbrella programme.

- Base Camp for our newest members challenging Algonquin.
- Overnights will test the waters and portages from Cedar Lake to Cauchon and back again.
- Trippers will complete an 86 km trip, including a number of challenging portages which everyone is sure to remember.

**Scouting, a youth organization for the benefit of our youth.**

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

- ⤴ All Scouters are encouraged to do WB I in their section – this can be done by E-Learning.
- ⤴ If you have not done AODA training within your group, please complete that by E-Learning as well.
- ⤴ WB II Beavers (Colony) – over three weekends. May 12 & 13; June 2 & 3 – both at Headquarters on Baseline Rd and June 15-17<sup>th</sup> at Whispering Pines.
- ⤴ What kind of training do you want to see delivered in our Area for 2013?? Drop me a line and let me know and we will try and get it for you.

**IV Recognition – Roger Nuttal** [rsnuttall@storm.ca](mailto:rsnuttall@storm.ca)

I am working on Warrants of Appointment for those Leaders who have not received one yet. I hope to complete them and send them into Council with a week or two.

**v: Registrar – Christina Hepton**

- ⤴ Registration packages have been shipped to all groups. Be sure to have your paperwork checked by Christina and/or a member of the Area Team.

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

After a walk about me found the camp survived the winter in good shape. The inventory of items at the camp is almost complete except for trying to determine the replacement cost of items. Would anyone else who has items that should be included get the information to me and the location where the items are located. While doing the inventory I found that someone had left a quantity of hatchets at the camp there is no reason for such a large number of this item so the person who left please pick them up. Again a reminder the camp storage unit is not a place to just leave items. If you have items you think would be of value contact me or Michelle and we will decide if they are required.

**vii: Fundraising - Brian Billings –** [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)

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

Plans are well underway for a very exciting celebration and 20<sup>th</sup> year plant at D/NE Landfill Property on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All groups have been sent a copy of the Scoutrees PPT presentation and I am hopeful that we will have a good attendance/representation by all Area Groups at Scoutrees. All participants are asked to arrive at the plant site (corner of Code Road and D/NE Conc. 5B) at 0845h to get planting underway by 0900h. Please remind youth to dress appropriate to the weather, wear good boots/shoes and bring a round-mouthed shovel and 5-gallon pail with handle per planting team. We are planting 3000 PW seedlings and should be wrapped by 1030h/1100h at which point we will move to the area where the D/NE & Scouts Canada partnership sign is erected for presentations and lunch.

D/NE Reeve Aubrey CHURCHILL and his fellow Councilors will be on hand to view the planting activities and provide a BBQ lunch to all participants. Even a special cake is being provided. A special crest has been developed to mark

the occasion and will be presented to all planters and participants. Letters have been sent to all current/former sponsors and former Ministry of Natural Resources staff inviting them to attend the celebrations. To date, I have received a \$100 donation from Centennial Truss in Lanark for Scoutrees 2012.

Lake 88 is once again providing community services messages on their station about our Scoutrees initiative and the Scouting programs provided by VHA Scouts. Media releases have been sent out to all local media and I have asked for them to attend the site to cover our event and take some pictures.

I will be meeting with Jeff WARD, OMNR/CGLC and Dan COOPER, RVCA for a site coordination visit at the plant site tomorrow.

If you have any questions or require any further information prior to the plant date or on the day of the plant, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cellphone at (613)794-1975.

Brian E. L. Billings  
VHA Scoutrees Coordinator  
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**viii : Quarter Master: Diana Nuttall: [dcn@storm.ca](mailto:dcn@storm.ca)**

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

- ⤴ \$100. Algonquin refund (Andrew Vegnazzi)
- ⤴ \$ 615.85 Wheels rally crest
- ⤴ \$ 1295. Algonquin trip booking
- ⤴ \$ 447.49 Alex Beelich (Kub Kar Rally - in/out)

Motion made to accept the bills: Joan Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Docker. Vote: all in favour

### **GROUP REPORTS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte: No report submitted

1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith:

- ⤴ Beckwith Twp – planting trees in the Reaction Park.
- ⤴ Participate in Earth Day
- ⤴ Hiking trail 2 ½ km trail. Ribbon ceremony on Sunday at 12:30 – all participating

Carleton Place:

- ⤴ Held an all section rally with the youth. All did well and were able to work out kinks in their vehicles before the Area race.

**1<sup>st</sup> Drummond:**

BEAVERS – we have been doing out & about in the community with a visit to the local grocery store and home depot. We are planning a visit to the OPP and have an ambulance coming to one of our meetings to tell us about the work a paramedic does.

CUBS – we are working on completing our purple star. We made goodies for meals on wheels, visited a working dairy farm, held a food drive, worked on our world religion badge.

SCOUTS – we visited a working dairy farm, worked on first aid and emergency preparedness kits, had a games night and attended the Algonquin planning meeting

All sections were represented at Beaver Buggies, Kub Kars & Scout Trucks. We will be attending tree planting after which we will hold our annual rocket launch..

1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley:

- ⤴ Youth all went to the Rideau-Ferry County Home and visited with the seniors. Enjoyed by all

1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville: No report submitted

**4<sup>th</sup> Perth:**

Looking Back: We have had a quite successful year with some rebuilding and many activities. New leaders have brought new ideas and our experienced Scouters have continued to involve the youth in active program. We have also strengthened ties with the sponsor and the community. One highlight was to find a minute book from the 1950s with insight into earlier years of the group. We've been to a Veterinary Clinic and have painted Easter eggs.

Looking Ahead: Again we have a very busy spring coming up. Trips to a dairy farm, a day at the Agricultural Museum in Ottawa, a return visit by Ray's Reptiles and outdoor experiences are all on the agenda. Watch for us at

Perth Maplefest on April 28th and with a barbecue at Independent Grocers on May 12th. Our dedicated leaders are sure to be busy. We are already planning recruitment for next year built on a good program that we offer.

Arnel Pattemore, Group Commissioner

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls:**

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held \_2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. each month

- . EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
  - All sections attended races at the mall
  - Beavers and cubs held a weekend camp at Camp OPE March 9 to 11
  - Scouts have held a few outdoor camps
  - Cubs had an Amazing Race Easter Egg hunt through out the town
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
  - 9 Scouter's taking the first aid course April 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Scouts having a survival camp
  - Beavers planning Mothers day tea
  - Cubs planning bike safety night with the town police
  - Pitch In all sections doing an area
3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)
  - Planning for year end trip and family camp
  - Completing badge work
  - Putting the fun and out doors in our meetings

Joan Smith, Group Commissioner

## **Old Business:**

## **New Business:**

1. **Wheels rally – construction of vehicle.** Meeting set for April 26<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Biobliz at Whispering Pines - 1:00 PM July 17 until 1:00 PM July 18, 2012**

The Otty Lake Association is sponsoring a Biobliz at Whispering Pine Scout Camp and near by Rideau Conservation lands on July 17 and 18 from 1:00 PM to Tuesday to 1:00 PM Wednesday. Members of Scouting and their families are welcome to attend for all or any part. There is no cost to attend. If you are planning to stay overnight then come self-contained. Meals are not provided.

**What is a Bioblitz?** A Biobliz is where a group of experts lead groups of people through an area to determine what flora and fauna that live there. We have knowledgeable people lined up to lead walks to identify trees, shrubs, wild flowers and other plants, insects, animals, birds, reptiles etc.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend. My e-mail address is [rsnuttall@storm.ca](mailto:rsnuttall@storm.ca) and my phone # is 264-0687.

YIS

Roger Nuttall

DAC Recognition, Valley Highlands Area and

Member of the Planning Committee and Board of Directors for the Otty Lake Association

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

Minutes Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner