



Area Forum

June 21 2012

Westminster Presbyterian,
Church

Smiths Falls



Present: Diana Nuttall, Roger Nuttall, Stan Lasenba, Larry Palmer, Joan Smith, Alex Beelich, Chris Tyler, Ken Richardson, Jean Lasenba, Keith Skelhorne, Michelle Nash, Allen Sinfield, Kelly Banks, John Stalker, Johanne Dekart, Torsten Dekart, Kevin Tetreault, Carol Coutu, Glenn Richards, Elizabeth Docker, Michelle Niefer, Kathy McKee

Regrets:

Call to order: at
O'Canada by all
Words of Thought by Larry Palmer

Additions to the Agenda:

Acceptance of the minutes of May 17, 2012 : **Moved:** Alex Beelich, **Second:** Diane Nuttall, **Abstain:** 2

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

Reports:

Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner: mniefer@sympatico.ca

AC Report:

- ^ We have a new Council Youth Commissioner appointed – Ian Willenius.
- ^ Scout trees – Summary of Area report to sent onto Headquarters.
- ^ **Child & Youth Safety Program** – is now available. Made by World Scout Organization and a short portion done by Steve Kent, Chief commissioner.
 - ^ It will be available by E-Learning, but there are a few glitches in the system, which if found should be reported to the Helpline. If doing so, please include your Members #.
 - ^ There have been 5 CDs allotted per Area, and once we have these we will pass them around so Groups can have a chance to view this. Again, each person will sign and the list submitted to Headquarters and/or do by E-Learning.
- ^ **Recycling Program:** The Service Corp Group would like to take this on next year – Granted.
- ^ **School flyers** are available – (UCDSB) will not pass them out, however if you go into the school in your area, you may have better chance of having these passed out. They will be available in August.
- ^ Of the 1500 volunteers in Voyageur Council, 10% have been recognized.
- ^ Recognition – when awards are presented, please submit dates into Council, so that the systems can be updated.
- ^ **PRC's** also need to be completed along with your training and interview. Check with your group Registrar or Gr. Commissioner for your expiry date. **You can** also go on line and check your record on your current standing.
- ^ **Financial: Almonte4 & Perth:** We are still waiting for your 2010-2011 Financial Statements.

2011-2012 Financial statements are due into Area at the end of September.

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

Child & Youth Safety Program – Kelly has the 5 CD's spoken of in Michelle's report to be distributed. Copies can also be made.

Secretary report: Kathy McKee
Nothing to report.

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

Cheques totalling \$5657.04 to be issued.

Moved: Allen Sinfield **Carried**

Motion: For Jean to pay the bill for Quattroccii when the groceries for the Algonquin trip are purchased.

Moved: Ken Richardson **Second:** Roger Nuttall **Carried**

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

- ⤴ **Reminder** – If you are **moving to a new section and/or have not completed your WB 1 in your section**, please do so this Summer. E-Learning is a handy tool.
- ⤴ **OADA and Youth and Child Safety** also need to be completed. New regulations put in place, require you to have this completed prior to working with youth along with your PRC.

It was mentioned that everyone can pick a course on the Scouts Canada website. There is a Rescue Course at Whispering Pines this weekend.

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

Summary of events: May 25-27th annual spring all section camp was held at Camp Whispering Pines.

Participants from all groups were in attendance at this medieval themed weekend.

Activities included but not limited to, archery, crafts, canoeing on Otty Lake and jousting in canoes.

The main meal on Saturday evening was a Pig Roast with all the fixings.

Entertainment included songs, skits, cheers and some jokes. A great way to cap our Scouting year.

At this event we tried something different- all meals were supplied by a central kitchen located at the camp HQ. The obvious benefits were – better opportunity to mix with other groups, time saved by each camp over meal preparation, lower cost related to menu items and providing an opportunity for sections to link throughout the weekend.

Thanks are extended to Torsten and Sharon Dekart with the 1st Drummond for taking on and arranging this years' spring camp.

Comments on repeating this format in the future are welcomed.

Three scouts in valley Highlands received their Chief Scout Award in Kingston on June 16th. Congratulations are extended to Johanne Dekart, Robyn Birtch and Owen Eagle for achieving this milestone in Scouting.

Algonquin 2012 is less than 2 weeks away. On July 1st the bus will be loading and along with cars and trucks forming a convoy on their way to Brent Station and a week in the wilderness of Algonquin Park.

Itinerary has been circulated to all campers participating with the final payment to attend required by Thursday June 22nd at the Area meeting.

Lombardy Fair weekend needs your help. Again this year a food booth will operate at the Lombardy Fair. All profits are used to support Camp Whispering Pines, Valley Highland's semi wilderness Scout camp. Your assistance is needed to ensure this programme continues to benefit our youth in Scouting.

iii : **Youth – Johanne Dekart** -

Michelle presented Johanne Dekart with the plaque and Medal for Chief Scout

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

Keith Skelhorne presented with the Medal of Good Service.

John Stalker presented with the Medal of Merit.

Ken Richardson presented with the Medal of Merit.

I have been unable to get needed information from the new My Scout website that I need to complete the Warrants of Appointments I was working on.

v **Registrar: - Christine Hepton** - Chepton@yahoo.com

No report.

vi: **Technology / Fundraising**

No report.

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

The new lease which is the same as the last one at \$ 1500.00 per year has been signed by the corporate board. The camp has been well used the last month. RVCA inspected the camp and found all in good order, in fact Scott Goddard, a leader from Manotick was the one who did the inspection and he was very impressed by the camp. The last water test was good so that at the spring camp the water could be used. On Thursday June 21st the board of governors from RVCA stopped for a look at the camp. I was able to be there and explain what programs were available and what we have accomplished. They seemed to be impressed on how well it is maintained and also that the road is in great condition.

July looks to be a busy month which is good for our overall numbers.

Stan

Expenses

Gas \$17.57

Picnic tables must be returned to their original places after use at Whispering Pines.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Popcorn will be available for pre-ordering in August.

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

No report

GROUP REPORTS:

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

Scouts still going - bonfires

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

- Most of the Scouts attended the Spring Camp and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
- Cubs and Scouts held a joint hike around the Beckwith Trail.. Highly recommended for Cubs/Scouts. Also we are in the process of working with the township on establishing a fire pit for Scouting/Guiding groups, on one of the trail branches.
- We held our year end closing BBQ and Swim-up Ceremony. 2 youth moving to Cubs, 1 to Scouts and 4 potential Ventures.

In terms of restarting in Sept; we are set for Cubs, and a small Troop, and at this point Beavers is questionable.
Upcoming: Algonquin trip for 4 youth and 3 leaders.

Carleton Place: Elizabeth Docker - elizabethdocker@sympatico.ca

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 20 June 2012

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
 - a. Moving-up Ceremonies (May 28)
 - b. Closing Beaver Meeting: Reptile Rainforest Show (June 8)
 - c. Closing Campfire for Scouts (June 12)
 - d. Lambs Down Festival Display (June 16): We had a 60-second spot on JACK FM. We also held our Gummy Bear Draw and collected about 25 names of youth who are interested in Scouting for next year.
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
 - a. Closing Campfire for Cubs (June 26)
 - b. Algonquin Park (2 leaders & 4 youth)
 - c. AdVenture (1 leader & 5 youth)
 - d. CJ '13 Planning: Planning is in the works to fundraise to send at least 3 leaders and 6 Scouts to the jamboree next summer.
3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)
 - a. Early Registration
 - b. End-of-year Wrap-ups and Reports
 - c. Plans for next Year

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

BEAVERS - Boat Building
 Area Spring Camp
 Beach Party
 Boat Races & Year End Celebration

CUBS - PurpleStar Campfire
 Area Spring Camp
 Games Night
 Boat Races & Year End Celebration

SCOUTS - Meet @ Whispering Pines for Gate Building
 Area Spring Camp
 Assisted with Beach Party for Beavers
 BBQ @ YIG Store in Perth
 2 Scouts & 1 Leader completed Orca Level 3 Training
 Boat Races & Year End Celebration
 1 Scout received Chief Scout Award in Kingston

GROUP - Continuous Bottle Drive
 Getting Early Registration together

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

Group Committee meeting held June 18/2012

EVENTS TO DATE:

May 14 - Historic Site Visit: Last Duel Park then fishing activity at park docks - All sections in attendance
 May 21 - No meeting - Victoria Day
 May 28 - All section hike along Rideau trail
 June 4 - **Beavers** - Regular meeting - finished piggy bank paper mache craft
 Cubs & Scouts- Last Badgework & Stamp Collecting night
 June 11 - All section Scavenger hunt and swim night @ Rideau Ferry Yacht Club
 June 16 - All sections - Lusk cave (Lac Philippe) - 10 km hike - 19 Youth attended day trip

FUTURE EVENTS:

June 22 - 24 - All section end of year trip to Parc Omega - Montebello Quebec
 June 25 - Last regular meeting - All sections for happy un-birthday party - at Rideau Canal NHS Visitor Information Centre - Smiths Falls
 July 7 - 13 - 3 1st Elmsley youth attending the Algonquin Area trip

MAIN EFFORTS:

- Spring Registration
- Recruiting new leaders

- End of year trips
- End of year books
- Future fundraising

ISSUES: Need more signed PRC forms from Area

COMMENTS: Looking forward to next year and the recruitment of new leaders

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

No report.

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

4th Perth ended the year on a high note with a visit to the Perth Police and Fire Service, a year end party at the cottage home of one of our leaders, and a trip by the Scouts to a Trap Shoot facility. All in all we can look back on an active year, not without its challenges, but always on a positive note.

Now we look forward to the next year but first a chance to rest and spend more time with family. For September we will need to recruit more leaders and committee members and hope to increase our number of youth participants. There are a number of specific goals we will discuss at our next meeting, likely during August. Registration day has already been set for Saturday morning, September 8th.

We wish all of our friends in Scouting a truly wonderful summer.

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

No report.

Joan would like an accounting of where all the money goes that is collected for camps, etc.

Joan also suggested having separate camps rather than the Spring Camp. Discussion held.

Old Business:

Michelle distributed the calendar for the upcoming year. Changes were made and discussed. Michelle will send out the finalized version to everyone.

New Business:

Lombardy Fair Booth

More volunteers are needed to help out with the Lombardy Fair. Stan would like a list of the group leaders' phone numbers so that they can be contacted to help out.

Glenn Richards brought up the issue of youth supervision at Camp without their leaders. Discussion ensued. In future, any youth wanting to attend Camp without their leaders, may do so with the consent of the Scouters within that group. The group that is having the youth must guarantee proper supervision and ratio for them to join their group.

Outdoor Activity Guides need to be turned in with all the info re the program and anything else they had attached to the document.

A reminder that end of year Financial Reports must be sent in for 2010 - 2011 and 2011 - 2012.

Adjournment at 9:00. **Moved:** Ken Richardson Carried

Next meeting: **August 23, 2012**

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

Minutes Signed by: _____
Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner