



MINUTES

Area Service Team Meeting, Rockland February 6, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Nathalie Dussault	Area Commissioner	Jeff Desson	DAC Youth
Eva Bandla	Area Treasurer	Jamie Schaffler	DAC Youth
John Dougherty	DAC Program	Kelly Banks	Field Exec
John Ladds	DAC Group Support Urban	Tanya-Rae Smith	3 rd Orleans
Dawn Kerr	DAC Training	Sondra Lamothe	1 st Vankleek Hill
Patrick Wall	DAC Honours & Awards/Web	Jeffrey Moore	1 st Rockland
Bill Cain	Pack Area Coordinator	Dave Brown	1 st Orleans
Fred Hyde	Troop Area Coordinator	Christine Rozon	1 st Vars-Navan
Joanne Rice	Colony Area Coordinator		

Word from the AC

- Nathalie called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.
- Scouts Canada – Voyageur Council Annual Report handed out.

1- WHOLE conference

- April 19, 2008. Pamphlet was handed out. For more information, visit the Voyageur Council website.
- At the next AST, a rep will come to answer questions about the WHOLE conference
- GCs are to encourage their Beaver leaders to attend

2- Ongoing (AC) (20 minutes)

- a) Council Voting Procedures
 - Odawa has 2 candidates as nominees to represent the Council at the next national AGM (Fred Hyde and Phil Gazaleh)
 - Voting reps will receive instructions on Feb.15 by email for voting between Feb.15-25.
- b) Registrations status
 - An Area membership spreadsheet was handed out detailing each group's numbers, growth and retention.
 - PRCs are to be photocopied, signed by Nathalie and the original can then be returned to the leader
- c) Child Tax Benefit receipt process
 - Groups need to issue these receipts by February 29
 - These receipts are for membership fees paid in September, for residential camps of one week such as CJ or OPE
 - For youth under the age of 16
 - Receipt forms and tracking sheet available on Voyageur Council website

3- Recognition (AC) (5 minutes)

d) CCM - have been received by Nathalie. To be presented during BP week.

Awards & Recognition – Silver Acorn and other applications

- Silver Acorn – Voyageur Council is the host this year and the ceremony will be held in the spring. The Council Commissioner has asked that we submit several applications.
- Other applications
 - i. Area received several applications for awards/recognition in December but would like to see some from every group. 5 applications have been submitted to HQ
 - ii. Patrick can help people write the applications.
 - iii. Nathalie asks to see all applications before submission, so that she can add an Area perspective.
 - iv. Groups who have not submitted applications will be approached by Patrick Wall.
 - v. Remember to order long service awards
- Council Commissioner Awards – 2005-06 applications are being accepted. Send them in now.
- Order of the Caribou
 - i. Congratulations to Alex Gazaleh, Kelley Grant, John Dougherty and Christine Rozon.
 - ii. There was a major delay in communication to the recipients and the groups involved for this award. Nathalie to follow-up.

4- Growth and retention (15 minute)

- a) Reasons for lack of retention should be addressed by groups. At the next AST, Nathalie will bring February membership numbers to compare 2007 to 2008.
- b) Kelly will send out instructions to download Data Beacon reports. It was suggested that people use Firefox Mozilla (free download) for Data Beacon.

Reports

- Treasurer's report - levy, advertising and other
 - a. 1 group is outstanding on the levy
 - b. 5 groups have not submitted their financial reports
 - c. 4 groups still owe for the Area advertising

Special Events: (25 minutes)

- Scouters Club - Fred Hyde (5 min)
 - i. Report handed out.
 - ii. Truck Rodeo and Kub Kars – Museum wants to charge \$850 this year. We need a new venue. Orleans Rec Centre was suggested. The organisers are on it.
 - iii. Apple Hill –Potential for Odawa Area donation. The camp committee is working on a list of needs such as solar powered alarm system, storage shed for new tractor...
 - iv. Sub-zero winter camp – Only 1st Rockland showed up. Fred confirms that Troops are being active at other winter camps.

- Old Wolves – Bill Cain (5 min)
 - i. Talked about upcoming events at the last meeting
 - ii. Fall Cuboree – looking for an organizer. The camp program is written. “Make Tracks”
 - iii. Mad trapper Run – 20 scouts, 90 Cubs attended. Lots of fun had by all.
 - iv. Next Relax Inn – “Polynesian Hawaiian” theme. To be held in November 2008. Info to be sent out in May, June and August. Location TBD
 - v. Winter Cuboree – great success

- Sharing Sessions – Joanne Rice (3 min)
 - i. Report handed out. See Appendix A
 - ii. Council Beaveree: To be held near Kingston. **Helpers are needed for the committee.**
 - iii. White Tail Camp: Drouin farm has a separate kitchen which will make it easier to keep youth out. Access to the big dome is granted in case of inclement weather. **Contact Joanne Rice, if you are interested in booking the facility.**
 - iv. Joanne wants to buy a large amount of crests for the Whitetail Camp that can be used for several years. **Feedback is requested.**

- DAC Group support (5 minutes)
 - i. Overall, meetings with group committees have been very productive, but informal.
 - ii. **Send John meeting date**, time and place of your group committee meetings and he’ll try to schedule it in.

- DAC Program (5 minutes)
 - i. June Camp meeting – March 10. Planning is well underway. Early registration Sunday, May 4. Final registration May 18.
 - ii. If you are looking for a speaker, John recommends John Abrams, Voyageur. See John for details.
 - iii. Rovers are giving an Outdoor Skills Awareness Workshop at OPE for Senior Scouts and Venturers. \$25 Registration Form handed out. Registration deadline March 14.
 - iv. White Water Canoeing – Information handed out. WW1 – May 23-25, WW2 – May30 – June 1, WW3 – May 23-25. Info Jim Smith 613 823-1333 wsmith@magma.ca
 - v. VAF is looking for someone to talk about mountain biking
 - vi. **OPE Flags** – the Canada and Scout flags have been missing since Medic Alert. If you find them, let John know.

- DAC Training (AC – 2 minutes)
 - i. WB1 Senior sections planned for the spring. Aimed at Rover youth and adults.
 - ii. WBII Senior sections in the Fall – there is a lot of interest.
 - iii. **WB1 – Feb.23 and Mar.1 from 9am-5pm in Orleans.**
 - iv. Check out the other courses available on the Council website such as Pioneering course, Winter Skills course, FTWHO II, First Aid, Project Wild at OPE
 - v. Jungle Book Workshop – good feedback
 - vi. Friends of the Forest – didn’t run, no trainers
 - vii. Groups to talk to their leaders about what training needs are for next year. Dawn would like feedback on format for WBI. 5 evenings over 5 weeks, or 2 days on 1 weekend or 2 Saturdays.
 - viii. Is there interest in a OPE family WB week

- DACs Youth (3 minutes)
 - i. Jeff and Jamie plan on visiting more Troops and Companies. **Groups to contact them for scheduling.**
 - ii. They have information on the Youth Fund and scholarships
 - iii. ROVENT planning meeting scheduled for Feb.14.
 - iv. **RSVP Camp - May 2-4 at OPE. Great linking activity for Scouts and Venturers.**
 - v. Youth awards – form on the Voyageur website, doesn't matter how old youth is.
- Growth- Kelly Banks (5 minutes)
 - a. Friendfest is upon us. Handout given out by Kelly.
 - b. Field Services Report handed out.
 - c. Voyageur Council photo contest online. Submit photos anytime. Draw every month.
 - d. Membership cards handed out
 - e. School flyers still available. Talk to Kelly.
 - f. Roll-over for non-renewed members should have happened Feb.5.
- Website
 - i. Patrick is updating as much as he can
 - ii. Send minutes from Scouter's Clubs
 - iii. Past events are on the main page. Please send pictures to be posted.

4- Roundtable (15 minutes)

- 1st Orleans-
 1. Feb.20, the local youth who climbed Mt.Everest in 2006 will be speaking to the group.
 2. Rovers are going to Timbuktu or Peru for their Duke of Edinburgh gold award. Dave Eagles will be going with them. 3 weeks.
 3. GPS unit for camping. Transmits GPS coordinates, predetermined messages and emergency messages.

5- Next meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2008. 7:30pm. Rockland United Church.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Appendix A

Odawa Sharing Session Minutes January 18th, 2008

Present:

Joanne Rice	Odawa Sharing Coordinator, 14 th Gloucester GC		
Peter Smith	8 th Orleans	Jeanine Mader	1 st Orleans
Scott Joyce	1 st Orleans	Marc Rozon	1 st Rockland
Sherri Eustace	4 th Orleans (Col A)	Christine Rozon	1 st Rockland,
Rick Lepage	1 st Clarence		1 st Vars, Navan
Cindy Toll	1 st Orleans (Col A)	Mark DeSmedt	14 th Gloucester (Col E)

Regrets:

John Dougherty

1.

Winter Beaveree: is being held February 2nd at RJ Kennedy in conjunction with the Cuboree. White Tails may participate in the Pack program but must be registered through Cuboree registrar Claude Laprade.

Cub program does commence earlier than Beaver program so please have youth there on time.

Groups that have registered have received an information package. Up dated information to follow. Groups coming are reminded they do have things to bring PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE LIQUID GLUE FOR ONE OF THE CRAFTS ALONG WITH YOUR CRAFT BOX.

2.

Council Beaveree: is being held May 10-11th, location to be confirmed. John and Joanne have attended planning meetings. Volunteers are still needed for this event. The next planning meeting is February 7th at HQ, 7:00 pm.

3.

Cosmic Adventure: more information to follow. Date is March 28th, pending confirmation from Cosmic Adventure. Please note that this year all food orders will be made through individual groups or directly through parents (this portion of the event has always created problems and cash shortages; therefore it will be done on an individual basis).

4.

White Tail Camp: more information to follow. John and Joanne will be meeting with farm owners and checking out Drouin Farm in Cassleman Saturday, January 26th. Contact leader for this event: Joanne Rice.

5.

Area June Camp: planning is well under way. It is being held at Apple Hill. This year's theme is NATURE SCENE INVESTIGATION.

6.

Succession Planning: Joanne asked if anyone was interested in submitting their name for Area Commissioner to replace Nathalie Dussault in 18 months. Members were asked to think about who might make a good candidate for this position.

1 st Orleans, Col A	one leader moving up to Pack (Cindy Toll)
1 st Rockland	one leader moving up to Pack (Marc Rozon)
14 th Gloucester Col E	one leader leaving program, another leader pending

7.

Colony Level Training:

1st Clarence: all good

14th Gloucester:

A 2 require WB I

B 1 requires WB 1, still listed as perspective

E all good

1st Orleans Col A one leader still has some sections to complete

4th Orleans Col A three still require WB I

8th Orleans two leaders still require WB I

Round Table:

Sens Skills Games: February 10th, \$7 per person (group rate), contact person: Jim Armstrong at group sales: 613-599-0312