



NOTES
OF A MEETING OF
ODAWA AREA COUNCIL
HELD AT ROCKLAND UNITED CHURCH
AT 7:30 P.M. 23 FEBRUARY 2010

1. In attendance:

Jim Peverley AC	Sherri Eustace 4 th Orleans/ADAC Beavers
Fred Hyde ADAC Scouts	Jeff Moore 1 st Rockland
John Ladds DAC Gp Sp	Jacinthe Waldron 1 st Greenwood
John Dougherty DAC Program	Tanya-Rae Smith 3 rd Orleans
David Brown 1 st Orleans	Heather Lee CFE

Regrets: Eva Bandla, Dawn Kerr, Tim McPherson, Alan Clapp
2. Events Past/Old Business
 - Beaverie/Cuboree: The Beaverie / Cuboree was a great success with about 250 participants. Beavers, Cubs, leaders and parents have all commented on the excellent program. Thanks to Sherri and her team.
 - BP Week: Groups have had a very busy BP week program with recognition of volunteers through the Odawa Award and other national awards featuring prominently.
3. Coming Events/New Business
 - Scout-Guide Challenge: Coming up on 27 February. So far there are more guides registered than Scouts but there is still time to correct that
 - Odawa Scouters' Night/ March Area Council: The Area Council Meeting scheduled for 23 March will be replaced by an all Scouters meeting to be held in the theatre at the old city hall at Place Centrum in Orleans. Group commissioners are asked to encourage all available leaders to attend. There will be some awards presentations, an address from the Council Commissioner – Mike Jowett, and some other interesting presentations.
 - Scout Trees/Sears: Any groups who wish to participate in the Sears /Scoutrees fundraiser during April should contact Dawn Kerr. Information has gone out to groups separately
4. Council Items
 - Budget: AST will develop the area budget for Area Council approval in March. The discussion raised last month regarding using area funding to offset costs of Part 1 training was discussed at the February AST meeting and the recommendation made that the amount be reserved for a significant item, possibly for Apple Hill, rather than using it piecemeal. There was concurrence from Area Council on this approach. A budget format has been developed by Voyageur Council that is to be used by all areas to allow for better tracking in the office. The format is to be distributed to areas by the Council Treasurer.



- 2010/11 Registration Fee: There will be no increase in Voyageur Council and National registration fees for 2010/2011. The combined amount will be \$130 again this year with an early registration fee of \$115.
- Retention Bonus: At the February Voyageur Council CMAC there was discussion on the utility of continuing with the retention bonus paid to groups who achieve 70% retention. Generally three options are possible:
 - Eliminate the retention bonus as it is no longer contributing to the growth of Scouting numbers in Voyageur Council;
 - Amend the retention bonus so that it is paid to groups that maintain 70% retention only if they also achieve 100% of their previous years membership numbers;
 - Maintain the status quo.

There was a great deal of discussion on the issue with a strong feeling that payment of the retention bonus allows groups to use the funds on programming to the overall betterment of Scouting.

It was noted that 6 groups in Odawa received the retention bonus this year and with a requirement to also achieve 100% membership 3 would have received it.

Area Commissioner will take Area Council views into consideration when the issue comes up for a vote at March CMAC.

- Good Turn Wrist Bands: Wrist bands for the Good Turn Campaign were distributed to groups in attendance with one for every registered member in the group. Distribution will be arranged for groups not in attendance.

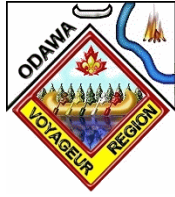
5. CFE Report

Heather spoke about Scouting in Schools and Scouts About as options for the area. One initiative for Scouts About at a school in Odawa Area had been pursued but there was insufficient response from parents to justify advancing the initiative.

Heather mentioned that the Disney Volunteer program applied to Scouting volunteers and described the program which offers free Disney passes to community volunteers. The current model requires that Area Commissioners enter the Area Scouting program as an activity on the Disney website and volunteers fill any volunteer requirements in exchange for free Disney passes (up to 6 per family). Heather will investigate whether Group Commissioners can enter their group activities or whether it is necessary that all entries go through an area account. Jim will create an area entry on the Disney Website.

DAC Reports

- DAC Program: John reviewed upcoming activities including the Beaver White Tail Camp (17-18 Apr) and the Senior Cub Camp (23 – 25 Apr) as well as the Scout Guide Challenge (27 Feb) Odawa Area is looking for a replacement for John who is moving to Deputy Council



Commissioner for Program.

- DAC Group Support: John has attended group committee meetings for 8th Orleans and 14th Gloucester in the past month.
- DAC Training: Dawn was not at the meeting but passed on a reminder that a Pack Woodbadge would be run at the 10th Line police station on 8-9 May and that the course leader is Alex Gazeleh.
- DAC Honours and Awards: nil
- DAC Youth: nil
- Treasurer: nil
- ADAC Troop: Fred reviewed activities and indicated that he had the opportunity to present a number of sub-zero awards to Odawa Scouts
- ADAC Colony: Sherri indicated that with Feb almost over she will be starting a visitation program for colonies.

6. Group Commissioner Reports

There was some discussion about the email that came out from Voyageur Council requesting that specific outstanding cheques be cashed to avoid stale dating. Of the list sent only one had been delivered to the appropriate person and many were uncertain of the reason for the payments. Information passed back to DCC Youth Finance indicating that the problem may not be on the Group end.

7. Next Meeting – 23 March 2010 at Old Cumberland City Hall Place Centrum Orleans at 7:30 p.m. All Odawa leaders are encouraged to attend.