



Odawa Area Council

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Minutes of Meeting – August 23rd, 2011



SERVICE TEAM

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Present</u>
Area Commissioner	Patrick Wall	ScouterPatrick@gmail.com	Yes
DAC Youth Commissioner	Eric Schmitt	ericsschmitt87@gmail.com	Yes
Area Secretary	Linda Laprade	OdawaSecretary@gmail.com	Yes
DAC Group Support	Bob Hickson	bob_hickson@rogers.com	Yes
Treasurer	Eva Bandla	ebandla@sympatico.ca	Yes
DAC Volunteer Development	Dawn Kerr	scouterdawn@gmail.com	Yes
DAC Recognition	Alan Clapp	clapp4times@rogers.com	Regrets
ADAC Colony	Sherri Eustace	bubbles@4thorleans.ca	Regrets
ADAC Pack	Jim Peverley	jpeverley0320@rogers.com	Yes
ADAC Troop	Fred Hyde	fchyd@magma.ca	Yes
Pack Service Scouter	Alex Gazaleh	scouteralex@gmail.com	Regrets
Venturer Area Forum/Joint Council	Eric Schmitt	ericsschmitt87@gmail.com	Yes
Voyageur Council Field Executive	Heather Lee	hlee@scouts.ca	Yes
Voyageur Council Field Executive	Kelly Banks	kbanks@scouts.ca	Regrets

ATTENDEES

Denise Nielsen	1 st Lancaster	Group Commissioner
Debra Warden	1 st Lancaster	Beavers
Mike McKinnon	Apple Hill	Warden
Paul Hauck	1 st Maxville	Scouts
Zoe Hauck	1 st Maxville	Youth Representative
Cindy Hauck	1 st Maxville	Representative
Ben Anderson	2 nd Hawkesbury LDS	Group Commissioner
Alain Lambert	1 st Vankleek Hill	
Sondra Lamothe	1 st Vankleek Hill	Group Commissioner
Charlene Martens	3 rd Orleans Group	Group Commissioner
Jacinthe Waldron	1 st Greenwood Group	Group Commissioner

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm

Service Team Reports:

Area Commissioner:

- Patrick introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the first Area meeting of the year which was then followed by a round table introduction.
- All Area Council meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month with the exception of September, the meeting will be held on September 20th and there will be no meeting in December.
- An agenda will be sent out to all Group Commissioners prior to the meeting and it will also be available on the Odawa website.

- Please visit the Area website and verify that your group information is accurate and up to date. If changes need to be made, please email them to Patrick.
- AMS launch has been delayed until December. MMS has been reactivated for fall registrations.
- The new uniforms are now available at the Scout Shop. The badges are changing, however they won't be available until early September. They are woven badges that are smaller and thinner that can be ironed on. Scout shop will also carry "Magic Glue" that can be used and the badges will withstand laundering and will only come off if dry cleaned. An image of the new shirt with the correct placement of badges can be downloaded from the Odawa website.
- The PRC process has been updated – Scouts Canada will now recognize valid PRC's for vulnerable sectors from other volunteer activities obtained within the last three years. A new request for PRC for vulnerable sectors must be processed as soon as they join however they may work with the youth while they are awaiting the results.
- The Odawa calendar is now on the website with data filled in. If you would like to have items added to the calendar, please contact Patrick.
- The Popcorn fundraising campaign packages were handed out. Area is in need of a Popcorn Co-ordinator ASAP. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Patrick.
- Minutes will be taken at each Area meeting. A draft will be sent to all Group Commissioners. At the following month's meeting, the minutes will be approved and an approved final copy will then be posted on the Odawa website.
- Patrick explained the new Group Monthly report to everyone. Once completed, please email to: Odawasecretary@gmail.com It will be attached to the minutes.
- Voyageur Council has entered into a partnership with RONA stores in Ottawa (1880 Innes Rd) and (585 Hunt Club West). RONA has provided discount cards that permit the customer to receive a 5% discount on a regular priced purchase. Once done shopping, proceed to the Commercial Sales Counter and present the card. This is indicated on the back of the card. RONA will be tracking sales and a percentage will be given to Voyageur council.
- The Ottawa Senators Scout Night & Sleepover will be held on Saturday November 5th. A flyer was handed out to everyone in attendance and will also be posted on the website.
- A new webmaster is required – if you are interested, please contact Patrick.

Area Youth Commissioner:

- The Voyageur Youth Leadership Summit is scheduled to take place at Camp Opemikon Friday September 16 to Sunday September 18th. There will be workshops on Recognition; Training; Youth Leadership; Growth as well as Area Youth Leadership Round Tables. Registration forms have been sent out and it is highly recommended that one of your Venturers or Rovers attend. Space is limited therefore accommodating one youth per Group will be made a priority. A waiting list will be made for additional youth up to a maximum of three per Group.
- Eric spoke about the need to recruit a new Area Youth Commissioner as he will be stepping down from this role to take on a new one working with Council.
- Council Troop Camp at Camp Trail on June 1st to 3rd requires 50 youth volunteers for first aid and to run sessions. The theme is "Search and Rescue".

Group Services:

- Bob will be working closely with the Group Commissioners, via email at least once a month and visiting each Group one to three times a year.
- His role is to assist groups therefore if you experience any problems or need assistance or advice, don't hesitate to contact him.

Treasurer:

- Eva presented a financial statement which shows a \$450 loss. After discussion, it was requested that the next report show a break down by event.

Volunteer Development:

- Dawn passed out a spreadsheet of the Voyageur Training calendar for 2011/2012. The calendar can also be found on the Odawa website.
- Voyageur Council has changed their policy with regards to WB I training:
All new volunteers must complete the mandatory WB I training within their first year of the section they are working in.

All volunteers when working in a *new section* must complete the mandatory WB I training in their first year of the new section. Module 1 does not need to be taken again.

All volunteer leaders returning for their 2nd year to a section and have not completed the mandatory WB I training are not considered trained for their position and are not to be registered and are not to be working with the youth in section. As soon as they complete the WB I training online or in person and show their Group Commissioner their certificate of completion or have completed an extension form and the Area Commissioner has approved it they may be registered in the role of section leader.

All extensions are handled on an individual basis. Following are some examples of acceptable extensions:

- Section leader 2nd year in same section has not completed WB1 but is already registered for the October course.
- Venturer Advisor- extension until online training is available or is registered for the Rovent course.
- Group Commissioner planning to take the WBI course in November when registration becomes available.

Different Methods of training:

Training is available online on the Scouts Canada website: eLearning for Colony, Pack, Troop. Company will be available in September.

In person courses are offered by Council for Colony, Pack, Troop, Company, Group Committee.

For Rover courses please contact DAC Training to express interest and when enough interest is shown a course will be created.

If you have an interest in a specific workshop contact DAC Training and when enough interest is shown a workshop will be created.

Available on the Odawa Website under Training:

- Calendar of Courses and workshops hosted by Odawa
- Link to Voyageur Council training calendar
- Training Application Form-
- Council Extension/Exemption Form- change does not need to go to Council just to the Area Commissioner for approval. It can be scanned and then emailed.

DAC Recognition:

- One of the undertakings this year is to create a tracking system for all awards handed out in Odawa.
- Another is to revamp the criteria for the Odawa Award.

ADAC Colony:

- The Fall Beaverree, will be held on Saturday, October 15th at the RJ Kennedy Center in Cumberland. If you are interested in helping with the planning please send Sherri an email.
- There will be a sharing session/plan at the Beaverree meeting Saturday September 10th from approximately 9:30am to 10:30am location TBD.
- Odawa Area Fall Cub camp is at Apple Hill Scout Reserve on Saturday, September 24th to Sunday September, 25th details to follow on the website.
- The Old Wolves meeting on September 11th at 7:30 pm, St. Andrews United Church in Rockland will be mostly dedicated to camp and passing out information to Cub leaders so please be sure to send a representative from your Pack. This is especially important as a new format is being used for this camp.

ADAC Pack:

- As noted above the Cub Camp is being held the week end of September 24th. As Jim will be away, Sherri will be assuming the lead role.
- Although the Old Wolves meeting on September 11th will be mostly about the fall cuboree, the cub schedule for the year will also be set at this meeting.

Pack Service Scouter:

Alex was unable to attend and sent his regrets.

ADAC Troop:

- The first Troop Scouter meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10th to set dates. In the past these meetings were held at the T'Basil Restaurant in Orleans however there are issues with this venue and a new one is being looked at, possibly Delicious Steakhouse. Fred will advise the location of the meeting as soon as the details are finalized.
- The Medic Alert camp & BP Skills will be held on October 14th to the 16th at Camp Opemikon.

Venture Area Forum/Joint Council:

Eric didn't have anything more to add to his previous remarks

New Business:

Voyageur Leadership Summit

This summit will be held at Opemikon from September 16th to the 18th. The cost is \$35 however Odawa has decided it will cover the cost, simply pay the registration fee then bring your receipt to the next Area meeting and it will be submitted and a cheque will be mailed out to you.

All Group Commissioners should plan on attending or send a substitute in your place. Please note there is only room for one representative from each group.

The main goal is to pass on the information obtained from the National Leadership Summit held last March which is based on the five pillars: Orientation; Formal Training; Program Tools; In Person Support; Feedback and Recognition.

You will also work on building a "Road Map to Success"; and perform Area and Group health checks.

Area Youth Commissioner Role

As you are aware the role of Area Youth Commissioner needs to be filled. The job description can be found at the following link: <http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=gqdaPq1XAXk%3d&tabid=2338>

Please circulate the application form to youth in your groups.
All applications are to be forwarded to Patrick by the 30th of September.

Council Field Executive Report:

- Heather explained what was in the Recruitment kits. She also discussed growth in Voyageur Council. Heritage was the biggest with 110% last year.
- She also pointed out that she is available to assist in open houses; registration events; school talks; anything to do with growth. Please don't hesitate to contact her if you need help.

Group Reports:

Patrick explained the new monthly report form that is to be submitted prior to the Area Council meetings each month. The template is attached, and is also available on the Odawa website under 'AST'.

Please send your completed reports at least a few days before the Area Council Meeting to:
OdawaSecretary@gmail.com

Also, each group will have a few minutes to bring up any items of interest or any concerns they may have at this juncture of the meeting.

Additions to the agenda:

To book a campsite at Apple Hill you can use the booking agent located at this website:
www.applehillscoutreserve.org

or simply click on the "Apple Hill" button located at the bottom of bar on the left hand side on the Odawa website.

The Odawa Rover Crew is composed of group councillors from OPE, service areas, and are certified in outdoor skills. They are available should you ever need extra leaders for camp, canoeing, paddling, tripping, planning trips. Also if you have Rover age youth in but no Crew in your section they are welcome to join the Odawa Rover Crew.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **September 20th, 7:30pm** St. Andrews United Church in Rockland

Minutes prepared by Linda Laprade
Odawa Area Secretary