

# Voyageur Council Venturer Advisors' Forum

## Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2011

### Scout Headquarters - National Boardroom

Name	Group	Name	Group
Adrian Hill	Nepean Rover Crew	Larry Brunet	1 <sup>st</sup> Nepean
Al McPhee	1 <sup>st</sup> Greely	Larry House	1 <sup>st</sup> Manotick
Alex Gazaleh	OPE Co/Crew-Greenwd	Marc Couturier	123rd Ottawa
Allan Yates	1 <sup>st</sup> Merrickville	Mary Hagerman	1 <sup>st</sup> Osgoode
Bob Sylvester	112th Nepean	Mike Jowett	Voyageur Council
Cal Clupp	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gatineau	Mike Seymore	28 <sup>th</sup> Ottawa
Chris Little	14 <sup>th</sup> Gloucester	Nick Wise	Rideau Rov/DCC Train
Chuck Fraser	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	Nigel Ward	1 <sup>st</sup> Kanata
Cyndy Courtland	Carleton Place	Perry Schippers	HARovers/2nd Gat
Dan McCarthy	101 <sup>st</sup> Ottawa	Peter Reid	28 <sup>th</sup> Ottawa
David Laramée	2 <sup>nd</sup> Russel	Peter Wittwer	23rd Nepean
David Liedtke	1 <sup>st</sup> Stitsville	Phil Edens	123 <sup>rd</sup> Ottawa
Doug MacKinnon	112 <sup>th</sup> Nepean	Ray Renton	1 <sup>st</sup> Dunrobin
Doug Proud	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenwood	Rob Graham	1 <sup>st</sup> Aylmer
Doug Zahody	3 <sup>rd</sup> Orleans	Sandra Redshaw	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kanata
Eric Hansen	Service Corps	Scott Stanley	1 <sup>st</sup> Stitsville
Ernie Koshman	Nepean Rover Crew	Sharon Lefebvre	7 <sup>th</sup> Kanata
Greg Brost	1 <sup>st</sup> Orleans	Steve Doody	25 <sup>th</sup> Nepean
Guy Morgan	1 <sup>st</sup> Kemptville	Stewart Ross	DCC Recog'n
Jan Stodola	7 <sup>th</sup> Kanata	Terry Rimmington	1 <sup>st</sup> Rockland
John Dougherty	DCC Program	Thomas Miller	2nd Orleans
John Howitt	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	Tim Taylor	123 <sup>rd</sup> Ottawa
John Stalker	Valley Highlands/Carl Place	Wally Gale	14 <sup>th</sup> Gloucester

### Opening Comments – Cal Clupp

Meeting called to order. If there are any revisions that need to be made to the minutes of any of the VAF meetings, please submit them at least 1 week prior to the meeting. Should there be any revisions, a revised document will be sent out 1 week prior to the meeting.

### Presentation – Mike Jowett

A Plaque was presented to Wally Gale in appreciation for all the hard work he has done coordinating the Venturer Advisors Forum for the past 3 years. The forum showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

## **Presentation – Allan Yates**

It was put forward that a Brigantine sail training cruise would be an excellent activity to take Venturer aged youth on. The program encourages development in discipline, self-esteem, self-reliance and teamwork.

A proposal was put forward to run a weekend outing (Fri-Sun) for up to 18 youth and 2 advisors at approximately \$280 a head. The program is run out of Kingston and the cost includes meals but not transportation to Kingston.

There seemed to be interest in the forum.

## **Opemikon Update – Tim Taylor**

Thank-you 14<sup>th</sup> Gloucester for your help on the mini-work weekend.

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual spring work weekend will be held the last weekend of April.

Rovent – Parking is going to be a problem, the gravel pit is in use and therefore not available for parking. Service projects will include removal of the docks (Please bring wetsuits) and leveling of the ground in front of Barker and Armstrong.

## **Past Activities**

### Couch Rally (Sept 10) – (RARC)

Well Received, another successful event. Congratulations to all participants especially:

3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Rockland

2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Kanata

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Orleans

### Crazy Canuck Challenge (October 1) – Allan Yates

Amazing event, 65 Youth participants, 20 Adults and 14 additional volunteers. 17 teams of 3-6 people participated. The weather was cold and windy but not too bad for racing. Only one small injury reported. Photos have been posted on the VAF website. Special thank-you to Bill Bowman, Stew Hamill and Cyndy Courtland for all their hard work.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 1<sup>st</sup> Kanata (Team 16) (2:30)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 1<sup>st</sup> Kanata (Team 15) (2:42)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville (Team 2) (3:07)

Last Place – 1<sup>st</sup> (or should I say LAST) Rockland (Team 11) (5:42)

A suggestion was made to move the canoeing portion later in the day as the youth get cold and wet too early.

### Vent Climb (Sept 23-25) – Allan Yates

35 Venturers and 6 advisors participated. Numbers down from past years but the lower numbers meant more climbs each and more instruction. Small issue with land-owner, resolved after gift basket presented. Only injuries were two individuals who had a rather

bad case of poison ivy after crawling under their tent to install a ground sheet. Thanks to Ray Renton and Christian for all their hard work.

### Vent Climb II – Allan Yates

2 youth attended first (and presumably 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October) weekend

## **Upcoming activities**

### Rovent (Oct 21-23) – Doug MacKinnon

There will be limited parking as the gravel pit is unavailable this year. Currently 160 registered as of 10am Oct 4. There are additional 100ish registrations in a pile at the JC meeting. There is a committee meeting this Tuesday in the Buffam Room at 7:30pm. The ablutions are not available as the water table is very low.

## **Reports**

### Service Corps – Marc Couturier

Food Drive (Nov 5) – Online registration form will be a go. There will be 4 shifts of 20 youth. Shifts are 10am-12, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4pm-finished. Youth must be registered to participate

Candle Light Vigil (Nov 3) – Only 25 youth can participate this year as there is a change of venue. The event will be at Centrepointe this year instead of Lansdowne park.

Remembrance Day (Nov 11) – Meet at the Sparks St. post office. Youth will be required to sell poppies, monitor Veterans and there will be a few youth needed to lay the wreath on behalf of Scouts Canada.

### Joint Council

The September even was mini golfing, there were 10 participants

The October event is a Haunted walk October 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00 Rain or shine \$20 RSVP in advance.

The November event is at Lafleche Ariel Adventure. RSVP in advance payment required by November JC meeting. Under 18 y.o \$41 Over 18 y.o. \$45. Nov 12 11am-2pm

Meeting stats: 108 at meeting 81 in uniform

## **Other Business/Announcements**

### Training and Development – Mike Jowett

Thank-you to Doug Proud for being a valued trainer – He was awarded his trainer II certification and bead.

There will be a Company/Crew woodbadge part I run at Rovent – Lead Sharon Lefebvre.

### VAF Archery equipment – Allen Yates

A more permanent home is required for the VAF archery equipment, as it is currently in the council office, and there is no room for it there. 1<sup>st</sup> Stittsville indicated that they may have some storage space available

*Next Meeting: Tuesday November 1 2011 at 7:30pm*

*Venturer Advisor' Forum information is available at <http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/>*

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