

Minutes - VAF Meeting May. 1, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Bill Bowman	1 st Nepean	Fram Engineer	4th Orleans
Bob Murphy	25th Nepean	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Brenda Cumming	1 st Osgoode	Melanie Gladwin	1st Kanata
Cal Clupp	2 nd Gatineau	Mike Wall	NARC
Chris Prevost	116 th Nepean/NARC	Nick Wise	Rideau Area Rovers
Chuck Fraser	1 st Glen Cairn	Paige Willis	27th Nepean
Dave Skinner	1 st Glen Cairn	Peter Smith	1st Kanata
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean/NARC	Stewart Ross	VCSA-Training Team

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Cal Clupp

- VAF account at Service Alliance - new balance is \$963.00 as of 01 May 2018

PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **OPE Work weekend** – lots of work was done, wet weekend, lower turnout than past years, pre-whitewater canoe training was held on Sunday and good numbers 39 participants. For the canoe training, Sean Freill did the classroom presentation and on-the-water training. Sharon Lefebvre, Dave Skinner, Bill Goodwin, Don Memphis and Bill Bowman provided on-the-water training.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **RoVent 2018**
 - Hoping to have registration open next week, info package to be provided for distribution by end of next week.
 - On-line registration issues due to new system, lack of training, other issues such as zipcodes vs postal codes, etc.
 - New features will allow saving partial submissions (hopefully)
 - Last year's refunds should be sent out so groups at this point, so groups should receive them shortly.
 - Rovent meeting at HQ starting at 7pm, next week (every second Tuesday of the month)
- **Otter Lake Quebec Work Weekend** – 11 to 13 May 2018 (or just for the day on Saturday)
 - Information package attached

REPORTS:

JC:

- Board Games afternoon 22nd Apr – fun for those in attendance – 5 attended
- May camp 18-21 May at OPE, – still looking for day runners and camp runners. Registration due on 7 May – fee of \$40, hosted dinners by different units. JC provides one lunch
- No report on attendance numbers tonight

Service Alliance:

Phil Edens

- MedVent, PoliceVent and Service Corp

- Not much happening for police venturers at this time.
- Medvent and Service Corp are busy with many joint events occurring. Service Corp trip to Attica New York did not happen due to issues with permits, etc. from BSA. Events coming up for Service Corp and Medvent are Tulip Festival, CHEO Teddy Bear Picnic, Canada Day, etc.
- Outdoor show took place – good volunteer response from Service Corp & Medvent, lots of interest from show attendees, positive responses from organizers and attendees.

Rover Round Table:

Mike Wall

- RSVP – 190 youth, 50 scouters and 38 OOS registered, some issues with planning that got resolved. All is ready to go for the camp.
- May Camp - May long weekend at Otter Lake Ontario Scout Camp at Maefking site – being organized by Kingston Rovers. Crews from Nepean, Joyceville, Kingston and Rideau signed up already. \$15 per person. For info contact Mike Wall at mwall.roverscout@gmail.com
- Tri-Council Moot (hosted by Voyageur Council) - postponed to next year. Planning meeting next Tuesday, at 7:30pm in Buffan Room at HQ for new Moot committee. New committee being formed, so if interested in being part of the organizing committee, please attend this meeting.

Training and Development:

- **Trainer sessions** – VAF would like to know what would senior sections (i.e. Scouters and Youth) would like in terms of training? This will help VAF and Council Trainers to decide what types of training to plan and support. A survey will be prepared and distributed shortly.
- **Paddle Night** – all sessions finished for the year. Organizers looking at booking in July for 5 training nights and train the trainer night for next year. Many participants could not be accommodated this year, and there were conflicts with other events, so trying to get earlier dates and more sessions. Need to ensure dates are published as soon as possible so that interested parties can plan accordingly. For next year, individuals that participated this year will not be allowed to register to give others a chance (may be a wait list in case there is room at the last minute).
- **VC Scoutcraft 2** – Apple Hill – 20-22 Apr - ran a mini SC2 at Apple Hill for 4 people who required the skills. Worked well but organizers prefer a whole weekend with two overnights.
- **Paddle Canada Intro to Canoeing at OPE** – 22-24 June Bill/Dave
 - looks to be full at this point
- **Canoe Tripping Course** Bill/Dave
 - Pre-trip day 16 Jun at Scouts HQ, the students will plan the trip details (i.e. menu, route, contingency, etc.) then do the 3 day trip. Not certificate course. Looking for 10 participants if get more may arrange another set of instructors. Trip 6-8 July
 - Registration package has been sent out.
- **White water training** – WW1 has 29 participants registered, WW3 has 8 registered; WW2 has only 4 registered, Mini WW1 has 9 and Kayak has 6 registered. There is still room. Registration info is on the Council website. Bill/Dave
- **WB1 In-Person Course** - Sat 28 April 8am to 6pm Chuck
 - In person at HQ, all sections, pilot course for Cdn Path WB1 – 32 participants. Format was more facilitation and less presentation.

VAF Equipment:

- Microspikes have all been sharpened by Dave and will be returned to storage.
- SPOTS held by Bill Bowman and Dave Skinner. They should be contacted directly to reserve units. Bill Bowman ad554@ncf.ca and Dave Skinner dskinner18m@gmail.com

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Carleton Area looking for OOS on 16 June at Wesley Clover for Youth Awards. Any Venturers who are ready to receive Queens Venturer Award (QVA) and want to attend should let Chuck or Carleton Area representative know. Package will be out to VAF Chair soon from Chuck. The package will be distributed as soon as it is provided.
- There was discussion around Council training strategy for upcoming years. The following is a summary of the discussion: Council is getting serious about Scouter development and has allocated funding for this. Idea is that in order to retain adults and youth the provision of training is crucial. So, money that was previously used for advertising and recruiting will be allocated to training. There are lots of ideas being put forward about what is the best way to provide the training but not finalized yet. Learning Opportunities (new busword for training) could be provided in August. ScoutCon will be in Nov (but exact date not finalized) and new learning opportunities are expected to be offered. Also looking at YouthCon, developed and aimed at the youth specifically. Idea is for youth training to be youth led but scouter supported. There could be a role for VAF in support of this and could be a way to get funding. More info will be provided as it becomes available.

Next meeting – Tuesday, June 5th 2018 at 7:30 p.m. (at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 480 Westboro, 389 Richmond Rd)

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