

## Minutes - VAF Meeting May. 02, 2017

### ATTENDEES:

Cal Clupp	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gatineau	Iain Holness	DCC Training
Chris Prevost	116 <sup>th</sup> Nepean	John Dougherty	Service Corp/Odawa Area
Chuck Fraser	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	John Howitt	1st Glen Cairn
Dave Skinner	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	John Stalker	1st Hawkesbury
Don Memphis	14th Gloucester	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Martha McFaul	1st Glenn Cairn
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Fram Engineer	4th Orleans	Stewart Ross	VCSA-Training Team

### FINANCIAL UPDATE/BUDGET (AS AVAILABLE)

- VAF was unfortunately overlooked for the budget purposes this past year, but Council will find funds to cover expenses that have been incurred, as well as for the two SPOT licenses for 2017, when they need to be renewed this summer. Next year's budget will include funding for VAF. Invoices were submitted for payment for the snowshoe replacement, storage at Adirondack and 9 pair of microspikes, as has the invoice from John Stalker for last year's SPOT license.

### PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **OPE Work Weekend** – Tim Taylor expressed his thanks to those who participated in the work weekend - great work done by all and their continuing support of the camp is very much appreciated. Tim requested that those groups which have not paid for the event do so as soon as possible
  - i. Archery Range Safety Session was held at OPE Work Weekend, six archery bow and arrow stands were built for the range and an inspection was done with recommendations provided to Theresa (OPE Warden)
  - ii. Whitewater Pre-Training at OPE Work Weekend - 26 participated on a very cool wet day. Sean Freil presented the safety and information session before lunch. A number of senior Venturers and Rovers led the on-water sessions after lunch along with Bill and Sean. Thanks to all who helped and participated
- **Nepean Rover Crew E-Waste Event** - \$1300 raised – crew lost money because of cost of training for parking control (mandatory for working in IKEA parking lot) and donation of large portion of funds to OPE and NOLB.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **RSVP Camp**
  - Package is out and registration underway, still spaces available
- **Vertical Skills and Paddling Skills at OPE**
  - email went out today with info

- **Pellet Gun Range and Archery Range Safety Course**
  - at Apple Hill, 13 May, just show up at 9am to participate, no cost

## **REPORTS:**

### **JC:**

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- 25 in attendance, 17 in uniform
- April Event – escape rooms – 11 people, lots of fun
- May – Camp on long weekend, registration due by 8 May – tropical theme
- June – Semi formal at Legion upstairs, \$10 per youth, one guest allowed

### **Service Alliance:**

**Phil Edens**

- Service Corp – many activities coming up due to 2017 celebrations. Tulip Festival, Canada Day will need volunteers but no info yet
- MedVent - about a dozen events assisting Paramedics, doing several beaveres, etc.
- Policevents - brewer park cleanup, teddy bear picnic, 3 weeks left

### **Rover Round Table:**

**Mike Wall**

- Went bowling last month
- May Long Weekend Camp – Camp Foley

### **Training and Development:**

- **Scout Craft 2**
  - ScoutCraft 2 was held at Apple Hill Scout Reserve 28 - 30 April 2017.
  - Participants enjoyed the sessions
- **CP WBI**
  - Will be held in October at Valley Highlands (in-person course)
- **CP WB II**
  - Training Team consolidating course in May to prepare for next year's sessions
    - Anticipate that sessions will be held in September, late January and early June (with OJT portions in-between).
- **White Water and River Rescue** **Bill Bowman**
  - Information and to Register online go to <http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/WW2.htm>
    - WW1 May 26-26: 17 have registered with 4 more expected.
    - WW3 May 26-26: 17 have registered
    - Mini WW1 June 2-4: 15 have registered
    - WW2 June 2-4: 7 have registered
    - Kayak1 June 2-4: 3 have registered with 4 more expected
    - River Rescue June 2-4: 11 have registered (one person has dropped out, so looking for a replacement)
    - The nominal deadline is May 2, but all courses have room and registration continues)
- **Project Wild**
  - Took place at Baxter Conservation area
  - Lots of resources provided with training
  - Good turnout and participants enjoyed the course
- **FOCUS Course**
  - Emma Kearns (HAYC) provided information on this course
  - Will be held at Scouts HQ on May 26-27

- Will be required for those doing OOS for CJ
- Registration is online
- **First Aid**
  - Nothing currently planned, except 27 May in Kingston

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Trillium Grant**
  - Voyageur Council has completed the application for registration with OTF. Verification will take up to 10 business days, after which we will hear if we are eligible to apply. In the meantime, 1st Nepean Venturer Scouts has received a definite quotation from Trailhead/Paddle Shack for the canoe equipment they desire. Any group in Voyageur Council (in Ontario) can participate if they want to try for canoes for their group. Must contact Bill Bowman before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 with list of items wanted and prices.

Next meeting – Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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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