

Minutes - VAF Meeting Apr. 3, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Bill Bowman	1 st Nepean	Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean/NARC
Brenda Cumming	1 st Osgoode	Duong Nguyen	25th Nepean
Cal Clupp	2 nd Gatineau	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Chris Prevost	116 th Nepean/NARC	Melanie Gladwin	1st Kanata
Dave Skinner	1 st Glen Cairn	Peter Smith	1st Kanata
Don Memphis	14th Gloucester	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Sharon Lefebvre	Carleton Area

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Cal Clupp

- VAF account at Service Alliance - new balance is \$938.00 as of 03 Mar 2018
- Still nothing on outstanding cheques from last year Adirondack Adventure. Council office is still looking into this.
- SPOT license fees for next year to be submitted for reimbursement from Council VAF funds
- Expenses for Adirondack supplies/equipment have been approved and reimbursed by Council

PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **Adirondack Winter Adventure**
 - 85 participants this year, equip all returned back to Merrickville and VAF storage.
- **LazerQuest** – activity went well with good attendance.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **RoVent 2018**
 - Had planning session during March Break, chose Theme – Fairytales.
 - Intent is to have registration package out for end of May
 - Would like more youth on committee.
 - Crest competition based on theme to start after next meeting.
 - Issues with council money coming back and issuance of refunds for last year
- **OPE Work Weekend** – 27 to 29 April 2018 – canoe training on Sunday going ahead as well

REPORTS:

JC:

- Board Games afternoon 22nd Apr – Sunday 22 Apr 1-3pm, \$6/person plus \$\$ for food
- May camp 18-21 May at OPE, still need OOS, contact Al and Laura if interested, theme is Dinosaurs
- 9 participants/100% in uniform
- Question was asked - Is there a reason why youth are not attending meetings and events?
Advisors please ask your youth.

Service Alliance:

Phil Edens

- MedVent, PoliceVent and Service Corp
 - Reasonably quiet, a few paddle nights taking place, Medvent is gearing up because several camps coming up. Service Corp also busy for teddy bear picnic, camps and an

event in Attica New York. Outdoor show is on at AY center and Service Corp is running a booth on behalf of SC. Volunteers to contact Eugene

Rover Round Table:

Mike Wall

- RSVP – May 4th weekend, Star Wars theme, crests have been ordered, 2 crests this year (dark and light side) – youth get one but could trade or maybe buy the other, Service Corp is assisting.
- May Camp - May long weekend at Otter Lake Ontario Scout Camp still being planned, will get info as it is available
- Tri-Council Moot (hosted by Voyageur Council) will be held in the fall instead of spring, date tbd

Training and Development:

- **Paddle Night** - Fully booked, 2 nights left Ally Smart
- **VC Scoutcraft 2** – Apple Hill – 20-22 Apr - No update Steve Bellefleur
- **Paddle Canada Intro to Canoeing at OPE** – 22-24 June Bill/Dave
 - On events calendar, no feedback on if anyone has registered yet. 4 instructors lined up if required. Last year there were 20 participants
- **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.
 - The registration has not fared so well and VAF membership are asked to distribute packages to other levels, ie Troop and Cubs to see if there is enough interest to run the course or not.
- **White water training** – planning for this year’s training is underway 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
- **First Aid Instructor Training** Chuck
 - There was insufficient interest for first aid instructor training in Voyageur at this time

VAF Equipment:

- Need to see what VAF equipment needs repairs, replacing, etc. Will also check with Nigel to see if he will look after identifying repair needs and coordinating repairs or just take care of issuance and returns of equipment. Will have to develop an equipment management plan.
- SPOTS held by Bill Bowman and Dave Skinner, who should be contacted to reserve units

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There was discussion about Council support for groups such as Service Alliance and VAF in future years. Will need to get more information from the office regarding any impacts to VAF from Council decisions.

Next meeting – Tuesday, May 1st 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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