

## Minutes - VAF Meeting Oct. 3, 2017

### ATTENDEES:

Bob Murphy	25th Nepean	John Howitt	1st Glen Cairn
Brenda Cumming	1st Osgoode	John Rayson	2nd Russell
Cal Clupp	2nd Gatineau	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Chris Prevost	116th Nepean	Melanie Gladwin	1st Kanata
Darren Dukes	4th Kanata	Mike Wall	NARC
Dave Skinner	1st Glen Cairn	Page Goodwin	1st Kanata / RARC
Deborah Suddard	42nd Pathfinders/52nd Rangers	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Don Memphis	14th Gloucester	Scott Bradley	104th Ottawa
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Sean Freill	1st Nepean
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean	Sharon Lefebvre	Carleton Area
Duane Avery	4th Kanata	Stewart Ross	VCSA-Training Team
Frances Rutherford	2nd Russell		

### FINANCIAL UPDATE:

**Cal Clupp**

- Money from Adirondack Adventure this past winter for equipment rental was supposed to be paid to Scouts Canada Service Alliance (with VAF Adirondack Adventure indicated in reference section so the funds can be allocated to VAF). No money was received from the Adirondack Adventure. Still investigating what happened to the cheques and the money.
- Was informed that the amount of \$1000.00 from Council has been allocated for 2017-2018.
- The VAF money held in Service Alliance Account for equipment repairs is currently at \$490, as of 31 August 2017.

### PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **Couch Rally**
  - 6 groups went out, lots of fun
- **Back to Brotherhood – Trade-o-Ree**
  - Event took place, no report

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **Rovent: Oct 13-15**
  - Registration is open and done on-line. Rovent is not posted on the Council website, registration is through Ariana Black and the Rovent facebook page. The information package for this year has also been mailed out
  - Deadline for registration is extended to Thursday, 5 Oct 2017 (end of day).
  - Theme is Dungeons and Dragons.
  - Registration numbers are low at this point, hopefully to improve by Thursday.
  - Breakeven is 300, currently at 216, but sufficient funds in the bank to cover it
  - No Woodbadge Training being offered this year
  - Lots of crests available (500)
  - There will be a bus provided for the first 27 that register and ask for a ride.
- **Scout Conference**
  - Nov 25
  - Sir Guy Carleton High School (at Centrepoint)

- Free makerspace workshop at Library on 3D printer (if have Ottawa library card)
- Ian Holness will be holding a Coleman maintenance workshop all day
- No word on what section topics there might be for senior youth or advisors. the outline for the day has not been posted yet. More information to come
- **Scouts Hockey with the Senators**
  - 25 Nov (evening game so those at Scout Conference can still attend if desired)
  - No sleepover this year
- **Laser Quest Lockdown** – planning in progress, details to come
- **Adirondack Winter Adventure** Dave Skinner
  - Dave will be taking care of Adirondack adventure this year. He is proposing all four weekends in February and the first week of March.
  - Proposal this year is \$5 for no gear, \$3 for show shoes, \$2 for micro spikes
  - 9 pairs of Merrickville snowshoes were not returned after last year's use, Dave will check on their whereabouts (believed to be in storage with VAF gear). Merrickville has offered to sell them to VAF for \$2000 (may look at options to buy them)
  - Dave will post a google doc site in the next couple of weeks.
  - At this point equipment can be reserved by sending Dave an email
- **Outdoor Show**
  - If anyone would like to take on coordination of the Outdoor Show exhibit for Scouts Canada (Voyageur), Chuck Fraser would be happy to provide the history and past experience. The last two coordinators are unable to do so this time round.
  - Senior youth from scouting and guiding would be welcome to participate, (and get volunteer hours)

## **REPORTS:**

### **JC:**

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- Sept event - Go-carting at Carters Corners (4 people attended)
- Oct event - Saunders Farm Oct 21 Saturday night 7-9pm \$25 per youth
- Nov event – Bowling, Nov 18 mid-afternoon, \$12 for 2 games at Walkley lanes.
- Attendance 19/14 in uniform
- Path Finders – will be holding a big event on Nov 18 in the afternoon that Scouts are invited to (more info to be provided later).

### **Service Alliance:**

**Phil Edens**

- Medvent running as usual
- Police Venturers coming up to speed in 1 month
- Service Corp will be at ROVENT
- Candlelight Ceremony - Nov 6 at 6pm at the War Museum. Anyone in full uniform is welcome to participate (stand).
  - Groups are already committed to assist and lay wreathes, all others welcome to attend
- Remembrance Day - Nov 11 at 11am. Help is needed outside cordon
- Food Bank - 2 sorting shifts are being planned and staffed. More info TBD
  - 11 stores participating and will need volunteers (area coordinators looking after stores)
  - Barrhaven and Kanata also having food drive and coordination ongoing. Kanata has 4 stores - and Kanata food cupboard will receive food.
  - Registration is here <http://www.vcsa.yolasite.com/>
- OC Transpo food drive Dec 2. Self-register as desired through OTranspo site.
  - Service Corp is participating - more info next month

- No news, no meetings scheduled

**Training and Development:**

- Training & Development Chuck Fraser
  - All Scouters new to section must now complete either all sessions of the Canadian Path Wood Badge 1 by eLearning, or attend the in-person Canadian Path Wood Badge 1 held in Smiths Falls Oct 27-28, in order to count for ratio in their section. If not needed for ratio they have until August 2018 to complete training. This applies to all new Advisors. Returning advisors who have completed Sr. Section WB1 previously do not have to do the Canadian Path but are strongly encouraged to.
  - Remember that there are Senior Section resources on the Canadian Path website, including a Venturer manual, a Company manual, a Rover manual, and the Scouter manual, as well as templates, Trail Cards, etc.
  - All are reminded that if they are not in possession of a current PRC, they cannot be on the floor or attend scouting activities until they are. If your PRC expires before you receive it or if you completely neglect to get it renewed, you become inactive
  - There will also be a ScoutCraft 1 with the Valley Highlands Wood Badge 1, Saturday-Sunday Oct 28-29, at Whispering Pines
  - Registration is also open for Winter Outdoor skills, Jan. 5-7 at Camp Sheldrick. Senior Section youth working with younger sections, as under 18 Scouters, are welcome to attend if they are going to help prepare their youth for winter camps
- ScoutCraft 1 and WB1 at Whispering Pines Oct 28-29 Chuck Fraser
- Winter Outdoor skill course Jan 5-7 Camp Sheldrick - registration is open
- White Water Training Bill Bowman/Dave Skinner
  - Planning for last weekend in May in Petawawa and 1st weekend in June at Palmer Rapids on the Matawaska - TBD
  - Dave Skinner and Bill Bowman are putting together a road show for white water training that can be presented at VAF/JC in the near future
- Canoe Tripping Course
  - Dave Skinner and Chuck Fraser are trying to develop a beginner canoe tripping course (MAX 10 People per course)
  - Cost would normally be at least \$120 pp for trainer (plus gear food etc.)
  - Dave and Chuck believe they can run the course without the \$120 pp instructor fee.
    - thinking is 1 day to do in class stuff
    - then go on a 3 day canoe trip
  - Dave and Chuck to provide more information in upcoming months
- First Aid Lynda Byce
  - Looking into a presentation at VAF in January on Opioids and Naloxone (Ontario residents to get Naloxone Kit, looking into this for Quebec residents also). Interested parties to send an email to [vafchair@gmail.com](mailto:vafchair@gmail.com)
  - No information on standard first aid courses
- Wilderness First Aid Doug Proud
  - No courses scheduled - Anyone needing it must contact Cal to indicate need [vafchair@gmail.com](mailto:vafchair@gmail.com)

## **VAF Equipment:**

- There was discussion around return of VAF equipment after use. It is extremely important for groups to promptly return gear so that it doesn't go missing, and so that any repairs can be made before the next group needs to use it.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Looking for full-time VAF Secretary to take minutes if anyone is willing/interested. The Chair is currently relying on notes from attendees to complete the minutes each month. One way to help is for each activity OPI to provide a brief update for his/her respective areas via email to the VAF Chair after the meeting.
- Holiday Tea - Nov 18 afternoon 1-4pm
  - 42 Gloucester Path Finders are holding a holiday tea
  - Parents come to ask about guiding and scouting
  - Tickets \$4 to fundraise
  - Epiphany Anglican Church at Aviation and Ogilvie East of St. Laurent
  - All scouters are welcome to attend and help answer questions about Scouting
- Tri-Council 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rover Moot - August 16-21 2018
  - Looking for Advisors and Senior Venturers and Rovers
  - Hiking
  - Excursions
  - Paddling
  - Next meeting on Thursday Oct 26 at Scout Headquarters, starting at 7:30pm.
- DHC meeting for training
  - Concerns were brought up
  - Natalie did not understand what the real issues were
  - Doug has raised that as an issue
  - For training, look on events calendar

Next meeting – Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</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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