

# Minutes - VAF Meeting Apr. 04, 2017

## ATTENDEES:

Ben Voroney	28th Ottawa	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Bill Bowman	1 <sup>st</sup> Nepean	Martha McFaul	1st Glenn Cairn
Cal Clupp	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gatineau	Melanie Gladwin	1st Kanata
Chuck Fraser	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	Mike Wall	NARC
Don Memphis	14th Gloucester	Nick Waters	1st Glen Cairn
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean	Sharon Lefebvre	Carleton Area
Fram Engineer	4th Orleans	Stewart Ross	VCSA-Training Team
Iain Holness	DCC Training	Emma Kearns	Service Alliance
John Howitt	1st Glen Cairn		

## FINANCIAL UPDATE/BUDGET (AS AVAILABLE)

- Invoice for payment of \$240 for purchase of micro-spikes was submitted to Council Commissioner and to the office for approval and payment. Not sure if Council has allocated any funds to VAF this year but will contact council staff again to try to find out status of VAF funds and invoice payments.

## PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **Ottawa Outdoor and Adventure Show**
  - Thanks again to all those who made time to attend our booth: Dave Skinner, Sharon Lefebvre, John Stalker, John Dougherty, Shari Geekie, Phil Edens, Eugene Lavigne, Steve Bellefleur, Fram Engineer, Marc and Kelly Couturier, and we had a good turnout from OPE staff, Service Alliance was there on Sunday, and we had Venturers leading Scouts in a campfire singalong.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **OPE Work Weekend - April 28th-30th, 2017**
  - Tim Taylor mentioned that registration will close on April 14th
- **RSVP Camp**
  - Registration closes on 21 Apr at 5pm
  - Package is out and registration underway, still spaces available
- **Paddle Nights**
  - This Saturday is last session
  - Will have an appreciation event for the many OOS (57 youth trainers)
  - Costs will need to increase for next year
  - Tried something different this year which made groups more even, and all sessions went well

## **REPORTS:**

### **JC:**

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- 34 in attendance, 24 in uniform
- Winter Camp – 10-12 Mar at OPE, theme – Ancient Mythology
  - 13 youth and 5 scouters attended
  - DJ was good
- Apr event – Escape rooms – \$24/person, deadline is Sunday for registration
- May camp – Hawaii theme,
  - May long weekend (3 nights), package is out now
  - Bus available at \$20/person (total cost for bus is \$550 so need riders to cover cost)

### **Service Alliance:**

**Phil Edens**

- **Tulip Festival, Canada Day coming up but no info yet**
- All sections (i.e. MedVent/SARVent/PoliceVent/Service Corp) are up and running. MedVent and Service Corp are very busy this year with all the special events. PoliceVent busy doing tours of police stations.

### **Rover Round Table:**

**Mike Wall**

- No meeting in March. 3 Rovers went hiking in Gatineau Park on Wolf Trail (2.5 hrs)
- **May Long Weekend Camp**
  - at Camp Foley
  - Cost is \$12.

### **Training and Development:**

- **Scout Craft 2**
  - There will be a ScoutCraft 2 held at Apple Hill Scout Reserve 28 - 30 April 2017 (which is also OPE work weekend).
  - We now stand at four registered participants.
  - Open to adults and youth 16 years of age and older
  - Useful for those who will be taking WBII
- **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>
  - Can pay through HQ via credit card
  - WW1 (still space available) and WW3 (almost full) on May 26-28
    - WW1 - good way to get Senior Scouts involved
    - WW1 - Need canoe Training at OPE on work weekend (or make other arrangements) to get basic skills
    - WW1 - Max 80 people, cost is \$75/person
    - WW3 - \$80/person
  - WW2 (\$110/person), Mini WW1 (\$110/person) & Kayak 1 (\$120/person) - June 2-4 (still space available).

- Paddle Canada River Rescue Clinic the same weekend as WW2, Mini WW1 & Kayak 1 - June 2-4
  - Registration is Full (12 signed up)
- **Adv. Wilderness First Aid** **Doug Proud**
  - AWFA is open for registrations set to be run April 22nd - 23rd
  - location is in the Beacon hill area near Montreal Road and Ogilvie Road.
  - Registrations are slow.
- **Project Wild**
  - Alex Gazelah is coordinating this training at Baxter Conservation area for 23<sup>rd</sup> April
  - Lots of resources provided with training
  - \$100/person (includes several resource books)
  - Registration online
- **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
  - Discussion held around Mental Health training, but no trainers available that are qualified in this area and training could be expensive. Difficult to get qualified trainers with Mental health background

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Trillium Grant**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Nepean is trying to get registered for the grant for the upcoming yearly submission. The focus of the grant submission will be on getting canoes and trailers. Any group in Voyageur Council 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.
- **Nepean Rover Crew E-Waste Event**
  - At IKEA store parking lot on 22nd April. 80% of proceeds split between No One Left Behind and OPE.

Next meeting – Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</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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