

# Minutes - VAF Meeting Sept. 4, 2018

## ATTENDEES:

Bob Murphy	25th Nepean	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Brenda Cumming	1st Osgoode	Melanie Gladwin	1st Kanata
Cal Clupp	2nd Gatineau	Nancy Green	3rd Ottawa
Danny Lee	3rd Kanata	Peter Smith	1st Kanata
Dave Skinner	1st Glen Cairn	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Rod Wilson	1st Manotick
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean/NARC	Sean Freill	1st Nepean
Fram Engineer	4th Orleans	Sharon Lefebvre	Carleton Area
Jennifer Cavanagh	3rd Ottawa	Somnath Sinha	Loyalist Area

## OPENING REMARKS:

- Cal had returning and new members introduce themselves.
- Welcome new members and welcome back returning members.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE:

**Cal Clupp**

- Hoping to get funds allocated from Council for VAF this year. No indication at this time whether or not funds will be provided from Council.
- The VAF money held in Service Alliance Account for equipment repairs is currently at \$963.00, as of 31 August 2018.

## PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **Otter Lake (Quebec) Work Weekend** Cal Clupp
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Aylmer Group completed a project to build a tire obstacle for the Adventure Course
  - Repairs were made to outhouses
- **Summer Canoe Trips**
  - A few groups participated in canoe tripping adventures over the summer period. Hope to get a presentation at one of the future meetings
- **Commissioners Orientation Workshop (COW)** This workshop was well attended and received good reviews.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **Couch Rally** Rideau Rovers
  - This event is rescheduled to spring 2019 due to short timeframe in fall to plan event and get teams registered.
- **Back to Brotherhood – Trade-o-Ree** Marc Couturier
  - Free Admission (donate 1 patch and your name will be entered into a draw where, at the end of the event, you could win "all the patches")
  - Sept 21(from 6pm to 9pm) and Sept22 (from 9am to 2pm) at HQ.
  - Every year since 1974 there has been a joint Canada/US camp (which alternates between the 2 countries) and is called the World Brotherhood Camporee (Brotherhood Camporee on the US side). The badge trading event is called "Back to Brotherhood" as we are preparing Scouts and Venturers for the camp as the trading field can be daunting for the new trader! All are welcome not just youth going to Brotherhood.

- **Rovent: Oct 12-14**
  - 30th Year celebration this year.
  - Trying to get a fighting demo rather than just armour building
  - Registration is open and done on-line. The information package for this year can also be found online
  - Cost - \$42.50, includes Sat dinner (banquet)
  - Deadline for registration is October VAF meeting.
  - Theme is Fairytales.
  - Looking for youth and Advisors to register as OOS.
- **Scout Conference**
  - Nov 10
  - Renfrew, Ontario
  - More information to come
- **Adirondack Winter Adventure** Dave Skinner
  - Dave will be taking care of Adirondack adventure again this year. He is proposing all four weekends in February and potentially the first week of March.
  - More info to come next month

## **REPORTS:**

### **JC:**

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- Nil report (no meeting this month)

### **Service Alliance:**

**Phil Edens**

- Service Alliance has a new sponsor – 480 Branch RC Legion. With new sponsorship arrangements sponsor events will get first priority if other scouting events on same date (e.g. camps, etc.).
- Past events – Lost Children Service busy with Canada Day and other summer events
- Upcoming events
  - Scouts Canada Food Drive Nov 3rd – planning underway, volunteers will be needed, info posted soon.
  - OC Transpo/City of Ottawa Food Drive, Dec 1 (more info to come).
  - Candlelight Ceremony – Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (more info to come)
  - Remembrance Day – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov (more info to come)
- MedVents – now being sponsored by Ottawa Paramedic Services
- Potential for no Police Vents in the Council this year

### **Rover Round Table:**

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- Group likely will not be active this year; Rideau Area Rover Crew (RARC) is planning many activities that were attributed to RRT.

### **Training and Development:**

- Training & Development
  - Training is still a bit disorganized for the coming year. The DCC has called DACs to a meeting next Sunday, Sept. 10.
  - The Training website is off line until end of October or later when the new templates come out from Scouts Canada. For now any training offerings should use the "Events" form and it will be posted on the Council website in the Events Calendar

- Scoutcraft 1&2 course this coming weekend at Camp Sheldrick, Registration deadline is tomorrow night to Ken Shore (scouterken@rogers.com).
- Group Commissioner WB1 in-person course. Ken Shore
  - Ken is organizing this course and more info to come
- White Water Training Bill Bowman/Dave Skinner
  - Dates are chosen for next year and planning is underway
- First Aid Ken Shore
  - Ken is organizing 3 first aid courses in October and more info to come

### **VAF Equipment:**

- All Adirondack equipment (i.e. snowshoes, microspikes, maps and leader kits) accounted for and in good shape. May need to repair/replace some arrows for the archery gear. Both SPOT licenses renewed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Calendar of Events 2018 – 2019 was reviewed and updated. Revised calendar will be sent out with minutes (some events later in the year still need to have dates finalized).
- Otter Lake QC Fall Service Weekend notice will be sent out with the minutes.

Next meeting – Tuesday, October 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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