

Minutes - VAF Meeting Dec. 5, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Bob Murphy	25th Nepean	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Brenda Cumming	1st Osgoode	Melanie Gladwin	1st Kanata
Cal Clupp	2nd Gatineau	Nick Wise	Rideau Area Rovers
Chris Prevost	116th Nepean	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Dave Skinner	1st Glen Cairn	Sharon Lefebvre	Carleton Area
Don Memphis	14th Gloucester	Stewart Ross	VCSA-Training Team
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Malcolm Kent	NARC
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean	John Serroul	137th Ottawa
Duong Nguyen	25th Nepean	Todd Cain	36th Ottawa

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Cal Clupp

- Still investigating what happened to the cheques from the Adirondack Adventure last year.
- Have received contact names from Paul for groups that participated last year and will work with them to see whether or not cheques were cashed, what info was on them and where they were sent. Paul said some were sent to him and he took them to the office.

PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **ScoutCon** – there may be a youth ScoutCon next year, and an OutCon for outdoor skills, turnout was good and all sessions were full.
- **Senators Hockey Game** - those attending enjoyed it.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **Laser Quest Lockdown** – Dec event not happening, one will be held in March (not first week due to March break)
- **Adirondack Winter Adventure** Dave Skinner
 - Registration package has been distributed... I will send out registration package again
 - Proposal this year is \$5 for no gear, plus \$3 for show shoes, plus \$2 for micro spikes
 - Dave has posted a google doc site.
- **Outdoor Show**
 - Dates: 21 – 22 April (tentative) – Cal to take lead if VAF is to take this on. Eugen will help out, Service Corp may also assist.
 - Senior youth from scouting and guiding would be welcome to participate, (and get volunteer hours)
- **March LaserQuest** - Nepean Rovers – Andrew Stevens
 - 11pm to 6am, 10-11th Mar, cost tbd (likely \$45) – 80 max, more info to come
- **OPE Work Weekend** – 27 to 29 April 2018, more info to come

REPORTS:

JC:

- Bowling – 18 Nov at Walkley Lanes – 7 people turned out and had fun

- Pathfinders Holiday Tea Event – 18 Nov
- Dec 15th, JC semiformal, Orleans United church
- Jan – indoor skating, tbd
- Winter Camp 2 – 4th Mar, Theme is Music, at Awacamenjmino
- 11 attendees and 11 in uniform

Service Alliance:

Phil Edens

- Service Alliance - there has been a reorg in Council and new service alliance structure, now Service Alliance Area under council, with Phil as AC for Service Alliance and GC for each individual section. All other activities as usual.
- Police Vents have started up but no details yet, as this is at HQ right now for working out details of participation between SC and Police services.
- Medvent and Service Corp doing many events this month with Canada 150 wrapping up (about a dozen events this month)

Rover Round Table:

Mike Wall

- No report, group may have folded? NARC likely taking over activities of RRT since most of NARC members were also RRT
- Winter camp tentative for Jan 19-21, not sure if this will go ahead or not with NARC

Training and Development:

- Discussion around how guiding and scouting movements can cooperate in activities and training etc.
- **Scoutcraft 2** – 27 – 29 April - Scoutcraft 2 is in the process of being approved, but is not posted or open for registration yet. Steve Bellefleur is the Course Lead.
- **Winter Outdoor Skill Course** Jan 5-7 Camp Sheldrick, registration at 16 participants, capacity 22 Chuck Fraser
- **First Aid** – At this time there effectively is nobody coordinating FA training for Voyageur, except on a course by course basis on demand.
 - St John Standard FA course was fully registered with 19 participants, all successful.
 - Re-Cert scheduled for this weekend, Dec. 9 only
- **Wilderness First Aid** Doug Proud
- **White Water Training** Bill Bowman/Dave Skinner – courses are on at Petawawa and Palmer Rapids, registration packages not out yet. Questions about having a Kayak 2 and maybe 3?
- **Canoe Tripping Course** (update as avail), dryland sessions 16 June, trip to be planned at session and will take place as planned, following the classroom sessions. Bill Bowman/Dave Skinner
- **Paddle Canada Intro to Canoeing** (tandem canoe course) at OPE – 22 – 24 June (Fri to Sun, Friday night to Sunday)
- **Swift Water Rescue Course** – will check if there is demand later in Winter
- **Canoe Trip to French River** - 21 to 29 July being planned and another trip to Temagami in Aug 18-25th (100kms in 6 days, 3 long portages at beginning then flat water the remainder), Sharon and Dave will prepare a handout flyer for distribution.
- **Paddle Night** – dates 10th Mar-Train the Trainer, Sessions on 17 and 31 Mar, 21 and 28 Apr, cost \$18/participant. Cost changed to \$20/participant. Dates are confirmed. Info package to be provided once finalized

VAF Equipment:

- 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.
- Some of the Adirondack kits need updating and replenishing of supplies
- Need bags for some snowshoes, will get new bags and submit invoices to Council for approval from VAF budget
- Some of the archery arrows need to be repaired or replaced before the spring when they get used regularly.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Presentation on opioid crisis and use of naloxone will take place at 9 Jan 2018 VAF meeting. VAF and JC members will attend as well as others from Scouting and Guiding who have registered with VAF Chair. Ontario residents who register in advance will get a naloxone kit if can prove residency (i.e. health card). Cal to check on Quebec individuals getting a kit.

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 9th 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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