

Minutes - VAF Meeting Feb. 5, 2019

ATTENDEES:

Cal Clupp	2nd Gatineau	Fred Whichelo	14th Gloucester
Dave Skinner	1st Glen Cairn	Malcolm Kent	NARC
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Melanie Gladwin	1st Kanata
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean/NARC	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Fram Engineer	4th Orleans	Sharon Lefebvre	Carleton Area

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Cal Clupp

- The VAF money held in Service Alliance Account for equipment repairs and replacements is currently at \$1367.00, as of 12 Jan 2019.
- Expense report, invoices and cheques brought in for the new equipment and rentals and storage for Adirondack Winter Adventure. Phil motioned amended to increase money for micro-spikes to \$300 from \$260. Seconded and approved. VAF Chair will submit the invoice to Council for reimbursement but if not approved, the money will come from the VAF funds held in Service Alliance Account.

March meeting will have a session on GPS and geocaching.

PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **Nil for January**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **Adirondack Winter Adventure** **Dave Skinner**
 - Participant numbers are up this year from last year.
 - Snowshoe storage cost \$67.14 CDN (\$50 USD) and snowshoe rentals from Merrickville cost \$36 for 9 pairs. New micro-spikes purchased.
- **Rovent Planning** - starts next week, on 2nd Tuesday of Feb and on 2nd Tuesday each month onwards at HQ. Need new blood each year to get new ideas.
- **OPE Work Weekend** - April 26th – 28th, 2019, intro canoe as well on Sunday

REPORTS:

JC:

- Jan event cancelled due to extreme weather
- Feb event will be laser quest on Sunday 10 Feb from 1:15 pm until 2:40 pm
- Winter camp at OPE theme is winter sports, 22 to 24 March
- 7 Attendees / 6 in uniform
- Youth attended the first aid kit presentation at VAF.

Service Alliance:

Phil Edens

- **Service Corp** –Winterlude: Volunteers needed for 16/17 Feb, from 9am until 5pm. People can sign up for shifts from 9:30am until 1pm or from 1pm until 5 pm. Service Alliance will be running Byward, 5th Avenue and Dows Lake. Byward needs 3 to 4 youth, 5th Avenue needs

at least 6 youth, Dows Lake needs at least 6 youth. There are different roles: Trailer runners, searchers, etc. Youth can skate or walk. Helmets are required if on ice. Link for sign up: vcsa.yolasite.com. Trailer runners start at 9am until closing (i.e. until last child is found).

- **Paddle Nights** – one train the trainer session and six sessions for Scouts (one reserved for Guides) Guiding equivalent to Svc Corp working with them. Sessions in Feb, March & April.

Training and Development:

- Council Training Updates Chuck Fraser
 - Planning is proceeding for OutCon 2019, to be held April 6, at Camp Traill, Program is in the process of being finalized. A total of 20 sessions are planned for both new scouters and experienced scouters. Information teaser to come out to every scouter shortly, registration to open beginning of March or earlier.
 - There are plans for a YouthCon, sessions relevant to youth facilitated by youth, Senior Youth should consider what they would be interested in doing, hearing, or learning about or presenting about. Coordinated by the CYC, more to follow.
- Sandra Redshaw should have more information soon about her "Venturee" concept.
- Paddle night will have a "train the trainer" night for Venturers who wish to help deliver Paddle nights to Cubs and Scouts. Info on the Voyageur website.
- There was a first aid course held for pathfinders and service corps, if you have the numbers there are a couple of instructors and a course can be set up.
- First aid instructor course news is that they are now looking to train a couple of Scouters to run an instructor course rather than have everyone take the course from St John directly, no dates or details.
- Wilderness First Aid - Doug Proud emailed today that Advanced WFA tentatively May 4-5. No more details yet.
- White Water Training I and III, last weekend in May 25/26 at Petawawa, 1st weekend in June at Paddler Coop, WW2 and Mini WW1 and kayak. On VAF website
- Flat water canoeing at OPE 14-16 June

VAF Equipment:

- 10 pairs of micro-spikes bought from Amazon at \$19 each pair, 2 pair of XL micro-spikes bought from Princess Auto at cost of \$23.62, 2 Carabiners for the XL micro-spikes were purchased at \$7.44 and 2 pairs of micro-spikes (trial pairs) were bought from Amazon at cost of \$52.98.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- February meeting had a session on first aid kits and what should be in them. Thank you Don for the excellent session.
- April will have a session on lightweight backpacking.
- May meeting tentatively outdoors, with presentation on sailing with Lazer sailboats, maybe some canoe basics as well. Checking on use of facilities at Dows Lake. BBQ is an option. May move to June due to potential low water levels on Dows Lake in May.
- 27 June to 6 July – trip to climb Mt Edith Cavell - Fred Wichelo looking for interest

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 5th 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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