

# Minutes - VAF Meeting Feb. 07, 2017

## ATTENDEES:

Andrew Couturier	AC-Council Sponsored Grps	Iain Holness	DCC Training
Cal Clupp	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gatineau	Martha McFaul	1st Glenn Cairn
Chuck Fraser	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	Nick Waters	1st Glen Cairn
Darren Dukes	4th Kanata	Phil Edens	GC-VCSA
Dave Skinner	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	Sean Freill	1st Nepean
Don Stalker	Service Alliance/Trainer	Stewart Ross	VCSA-Training Team
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean		

## FINANCIAL UPDATE/BUDGET (AS AVAILABLE)

- **Service Alliance Account has \$402 allocated for VAF, as of 07 Feb and \$88 is still to be deposited by the VAF Chair for a total of \$490**

## PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **Adirondack Winter Adventure (Jan weekend summary)**
  - Great weekend and new accommodations used this year were very good and will be added as choices for future years
- **Scout Hockey Nights**
  - *Ottawa 67s Game* - had a good turnout

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **Laser Quest Lockdown – March** **Dave Laramee**
  - Unfortunately, the decision has been made by the Rideau Area Rover Crew to cancel the Laser Quest Lockdown event scheduled for March 18th, 2017 due to lack of registrations. The event was beginning to look as though it would run at a loss and the RARC cannot afford that financial burden. So we may continue to run these events in the future we ask that companies and crews indicate their interest in advance. Sorry to all those who are disappointed by this decision and we hope to see all of you at Couch Rally in September, or Laser Quest in December
- **Adirondack Winter Adventure – Last weekend of January to the 1st weekend of March**
  - Paul ordered 15 sets of Trail Crampons from HillSound last Thursday. The parcel containing these items was delivered to his front door by courier on Monday afternoon. Pretty good service. Fast and reliable. This looks to be a faster and cheaper method for Scout groups to order than for Paul to make an order from Kahtoola and then travel to/from Ogdensburg to pick up Microspikes.
  - The 9 sets of Micro-spikes that were reported as not being sharp enough have now been sharpened. The grinder that Paul bought works very well. It took him two hours to go through all 9 sets.
  - Paul will pass the 9 sets of Microspikes to Paul Dunn of Stittsville Scouts - his venturer group is travelling down to Lake Placid / Brookside Motel this weekends
- **Ottawa Outdoor and Adventure Show - April 1-2**

- **OPE Work Weekend - April 28th-30th, 2017**
  - Tim Taylor mentioned that registration is open and is encouraging people to register as soon as possible
- **Paddle Nights** **Mike Wall**
  - “Train the Trainers” – February 25 – only about 7 registered need more so that the sessions in March can run
  - March 11, 18 25 and Apr 8 paddle night sessions – 4 nights full for participants but need trainers
  - Registration email for OOS (Trainers) is [vcsapaddlenight@gmail.com](mailto:vcsapaddlenight@gmail.com)

## **REPORTS:**

### **JC:**

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- ~30 in attendance, 22 in uniform (75% in uniform).
  - Jan event - skating at Walter Baker Park – 4 people only but fun
  - Feb event – sledding at Bruce Pit, no cost bring sled
  - Winter Camp – 10-12 Mar at OPE, theme – Ancient Mythology, sign-up package out soon

### **Service Alliance:**

**Phil Edens**

- **Winterlude**
  - Family day weekend need people, other weekends full.
    - Shifts available:
      - Saturday, February 18: 9:30-13:30, 13:30 - 17:30, 17:30 – 20:00
      - Sunday, February 19: 9:30-13:30, 13:30 - 17:30, 17:30 – 20:00
      - 17:30-20:00 shift available for Confederation station only
  - Helmets mandatory if on ice (not bicycle helmets)
- All sections (i.e. MedVent/SARVent/PoliceVent/Service Corp) are up and running

### **Rover Round Table:**

**Mike Wall**

- **Rover Round Table Winter Camp - January 27-29**
  - Mike hosted a relaxing and board game filled winter camp at Camp Trail. There were six campers who attended this event, Erik and 5 Rovers. Participants said it was an awesome camp.

### **Training and Development:**

- **Training Page** - Issues continue with the training page, check with your DAC Training if you have any questions
- **WB I**
  - All Scouters are expected to have completed the online Canadian Path Wood Badge 1, which is not Section Specific, as well as Respect training, by August 31. Due to low registration for in-person Sr. Section Wood Badge 1 at the last two Rovents, one has to wonder why? It used to be seen as an opportunity to get professional development at a Council Sr Section event you would be at anyway, but your youth would be engaged during the day with activities and you were not needed for ratio, and it saved making time for another weekend instead. It would appear that many people would rather be with their youth all camp, and not at training, because Rovent is fun for Scouters too. The DCYC Training, Beth Oake would like to know if there is demand for in-person Sr Section training for Canadian Path, and should there be a course offered next year, but not at Rovent?

- **WB II** **Chuck Fraser**
  - Canadian Path Wood Badge 2 is a major re-design, no longer Section Specific, but the training teams will be made of trainers from all sections and Section specific aspects will be addressed. This winter's WB2 was postponed and will run next year as three weekends, in September, January and late spring.
- **Scout Craft 2**
  - There will be a ScoutCraft 2 at Otter Lake Kingston, last weekend in April (which is also OPE work weekend).
- **Other Courses this Spring**
  - Trainer Development 1;
  - Apple Hill may host a range safety course;
- **White Water and River Rescue** **Bill Bowman**
  - Information and to Register online go to <http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/WW2.htm>
  - WW1 and WW3 on May 26-28
  - WW2, Mini WW1 & Kayak 1 - June 2-4.
  - Paddle Canada River Rescue Clinic the same weekend as WW2, Mini WW1 & Kayak 1 - June 2-4
- **Wilderness First Aid** **Doug Proud**
  - The WFA course in January ran with 10 people completing the course. We had 4 people delivering the course with the provider who are now able to provide this level of training internally. Not enough registrations to run the Feb course this past weekend. Those interested have been placed on a list for a future course should more people come forward.
  - Interest for the advanced wilderness first aid is high enough to proceed. I am working out dates and will post once more details are available
- **Scouter's Conference - March 4** **Chuck Fraser**
  - Sr Sections Scouters are encouraged to attend ScoutCon 17, March 4 at A.Y. Jackson Secondary School, 8:30-4pm, registration is electronic through the Council website (every scouter received an email with instructions two weeks ago). Attached is the workshop program, lots of relevant information for both Sr youth and Scouters. Note: OAS training needs bearpit forum, Canadian Path and Senior Sections workshops, Canadian Path Wood Badge 2-Explained. Youth OOS for CJ 17 require either full WB1 or Focus, and there will be a Focus offered at ScoutCon (NOTE: Friday night at HQ for the first few sessions, so that the rest can be completed at ScoutCon the next day)
- **First Aid**
  - Two courses during the March break, aimed at youth but adults could participate, registration will be on the council training site. Registration is slow at this point but expected to pick up closer to the date.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

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Next meeting – Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</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/>  
 VAF contact – Cal Clupp [vafchair@gmail.com](mailto:vafchair@gmail.com)