

# VAF Minutes March 5, 2018

## Attendees

Bill Bowman	1 <sup>st</sup> Nepean	John Dougherty	Service Alliance
Bob Murphy	25 <sup>th</sup> Nepean	John Rayson	2nd Russell
Brenda Cumming	1 <sup>st</sup> Osgoode	John Stalker	
Chris Prevost	NARC	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Chuck Fraser	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	Melanie Gladwin	1st Kanata
Cindy Hauck	2 <sup>nd</sup> Russell	Michael Wall	NARC
Dave Skinner	1 <sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn	Mike Goldthorp	1st Kanata
Deborah Suddard	42 <sup>nd</sup> PF/52 <sup>nd</sup> Rangers	Paul M. Hauck	2nd Russell
Don Stalker	Council Trainer	Phil Edens	DAC Service Alliance
Doug MacKinnon	NARC	Sharon Lefebvre	Carleton Area
Duong Nguyen	25 <sup>th</sup> Nepean	Stewart Ross	Service Alliance
Fiona Bremner	1 <sup>st</sup> Greely	Todd Cain	36th Ottawa
Frances Rutherford	2 <sup>nd</sup> Russell		

## Presentation

Karen Gormley from Duke of Edinburgh's Award addressed advisors after doing the same for Joint Council. She told of a new App which makes record keeping much easier. She distributed information and her cards. The registration fee is \$31 but is set to rise in the summer. She took several questions about transferring from paper copies and about changing registration from Quebec to Ontario.

## Past Activities

Winter Mountaineering Adventure Dave Skinner reported a successful series of weekends was complete with 85 youth and advisors participating. He spoke about the updating of the leader kits by Cal. Phil Edens received a text reporting that all of the equipment had been brought back to Ottawa by the Service Alliance who had participated in the final weekend. Bill thanked Dave for organizing everything, and Dave indicated that he would do the same next year.

## Upcoming Activities

RoVent Planning Doug MacKinnon reported that plans were well underway for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of RoVent. The committee is pretty well set, but there is always room for more youth involvement. They are currently deciding upon the theme. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at HQ.

March LaserQuest March 10/11 No representative from RARC was present, but a number of companies indicated that they had sent in registrations. 36<sup>th</sup> Ottawa had cash for payment. Melanie Gladwin said that RARC would likely take it at the door.

OPE Work Weekend April 27-29 Tim Taylor was not present, so Bill gave a brief rundown as to how the camp has functioned in past years. Later, Alan Clapp was able to confirm that the fee is \$12. Registrations by email to Tim Taylor, payments to HQ.

## **Reports**

Service Alliance Phil Edens reported that there were 465 hours of service performed on the Rideau Canal during Winterlude by 42 volunteers. Police Venturers looked after the first weekend while VCSA and company volunteers did the Family Day weekend. MedVents were on hand for all three weekends.

There is a badge trading event March 9/10 at HQ. Hours are 6-9 on Friday and 9-3 on Saturday.

RSVP May 4-6 Mike Wall reported that NARC was presenting RSVP 2018 at Camp Opemikon. He mentioned a Star Wars theme. Cost is \$28 for youth and \$10 for advisors.

VC Rover Round Table Mike also told us about a Rover camp on the May long weekend at Otter Lake (ON) Scout camp. Fee is \$15.

Joint Council The February 17 Black Panther movie was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately the March Winter Camp was cancelled due to lack of participation. A board games afternoon is planned for April 22. Some could not get information about JC events, and reps promised to ensure that their Facebook page and other media were kept up to date.

## **Training & Development**

Paddle Nights March 10, 17, 31 & April 21,28 Phil Edens reported that all night are fully-subscribed by Cubs and Scouts. There remains a few spots for Venturer OOS. Bill reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Nepean canoes were loaded and ready for pick up on Wednesday for Paddle Night.

Scoutcraft 2 Chuck Fraser reported that this course will be held at Apple Hill on April 20-22. There will also be a Scoutcraft 1 at White Pines on April 27-29.

Paddle Canada Intro to Canoeing June 22-24 Dave Skinner reported that this course would be at Ope and was being looked after by Alex Gazaleh and Theresa Strikland. Fee is expected to be \$45 with catering extra.

Canoe Tripping Course Dave Skinner and Sharon Lefebvre are organizing this course for leaders and advisors. There will be an indoor session on June 16 at HQ and the trip will be July 6-8. There will be a maximum of 20 and all will have to take the Friday off on vacation.

White Water Training Bill described the courses on May 25-27 on the Petawawa and June 1-3 on the Madawaska. There was considerable interest and discussion, especially about WW2 and WW3. The prerequisite for WW1 and Mini WW1 is a free safety session (by Sean Freill) and flat water training session at Ope on April 29 after the Work Weekend. Dave Skinner and John Rayson volunteered to assist on the water.

First Aid Instructor Training Interest Chuck reported that there had been little interest. Further, Lynda Byce noted that there is no First Aid training scheduled.

Other Business Doug MacKinnon drew our attention to the START session on Thursday. Doug also said that there would be an in-person WB1 for the younger sections at HQ on April 27-29. Chuck said that a first aid course was being planned in Maxville. Guider Deborah Suddord outlined a plan for a European trip in 2 to 3 years to gauge interest of Venturers.

**Company Reports** With a few minutes left, Bill asked for reports and plans of Venturer Companies that would be of interest for us to hear about.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Glen Cairn Rovers had done a Temagami canoe trip last summer. This year they plan to hike the Presidential Range in NH
- 1<sup>st</sup> Kanata Venturers hiked the Lake Superior Coastal trail last summer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Venturers did an urban trek in Montreal last summer
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nepean made a trip to the Haliburton Scout Reserve
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nepean did a rail and canoe trip to Moosonee/Moose Factory last summer

Bill noted the good attendance and thanked everyone for coming. The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Bill Bowman, acting chair  
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