

# Minutes - VAF Meeting Sept. 3, 2019

## ATTENDEES:

Cal Clupp	2nd Gatineau	Lynda Byce	23rd Nepean
Charles Pierce	19th Nepean	Marc Couturier	Ott Fire Vents/Svc Corps
Dave Skinner	Carleton Area	Melanie Gladwin	Carleton Area
Don Stalker	Service Corps	Nick Wise	Rideau Area Rovers
Doug MacKinnon	116th Nepean/NARC	Phil Edens	VCSA
Fram Engineer	4th Orleans	Sean Freill	23 <sup>rd</sup> /11th Nepean
Jonathon Ede	32nd Ottawa	Sharon Lefebvre	Carleton Area
Leslie McMillen	1st West Carleton	Stewart Ross	Svc Alliance

## OPENING REMARKS:

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

## FINANCIAL UPDATE:

**Cal Clupp**

- The VAF money held in Service Alliance Account for equipment repairs, new equipment and replacements is currently at \$1957.00, as of 31 August 2019. Will be looking at purchase of several pairs of snowshoes this fall.

## PAST ACTIVITIES:

- **Otter Lake (Quebec) Work Weekend** Cal Clupp
  - Service weekend held in June was a success. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ottawa Venturer Company and senior Scouts and Scouters debarked trees (previously felled by Scouter Perry Schippers) and erected the posts to finish the frame for the tepee. The cover has been measured and cut and will be installed at the next service weekend on 26 October 2019 to complete the tepee. This large approx. 25 foot diameter tepee will soon be available for groups to rent.
- **Summer Canoe Trips**
  - A few groups participated in canoe tripping adventures and hiking trips over the summer period. Hope to get a presentation at one of the future meetings.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **Back to Brotherhood – Trade-o-Ree** Marc Couturier
  - Free Admission, Sept 20 and Sept 21 at HQ.
- **Brotherhood Camp**
  - 27-28 Sep at Morrisburg
  - VAF Archery equipment will be used at the camp.
- **Rovent: Oct 18-20**
  - Registration is open and done on-line. The information package for this year can also be found online and has been sent out
  - Svc Corp and OOS are in place
  - Note: There is a new Warden at OPE
- **Scout Conference**
  - Nov 23
  - Nepean High School

- Guest speaker will be Mark Little
- More information to come
- **OutCon** will be later in the spring, more info to come
- **Scouts Canada Food Drive**
  - Sat, 2nd Nov, info to come (Kanata as well will be organized for this day)
- **ScoutCraft 1** – will be on 14-15 Sep and not 7-8 Sep
- **Adirondack Winter Adventure** Dave Skinner
  - Dave will be taking care of Adirondack adventure again this year. He is proposing all five weekends in February
  - More info to come over next few months

## **REPORTS:**

### **JC:**

- Only one attendee (youth) tonight, need more youth to participate or JC will be shutdown

### **Service Alliance:**

**Phil Edens**

- Service Alliance
  - Had meeting with Fire Dept to start up Fire Venturers, looking to start with 12 youth, expression of interest being sought.
  - Need pool facilities for canoe train the trainer training in Feb to April, need to check in Gatineau and other pools in Ottawa (people will provide suggestions for next meeting)
  - Medvents just recruited 21 youth, doing training, very busy with events (e.g. Brotherhood)

### **Training and Development:**

- First Aid - Linda provided an update on the first aid situation and new requirements. Linda, Doug and Paul can now give wilderness first aid training as well and trainer training
- Wilderness First Aid – two courses on the calendar

### **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 2019 – 2020 will be sent out with minutes for review (some events later in the year still need to have dates finalized).
- Otter Lake QC Fall Service Weekend notice will be sent out ASAP.

Next meeting – Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 480 Westboro, 389 Richmond Rd)

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