



170 St. James RCACS Sponsoring Committee

Meeting minutes for Friday, January 24, 2020 – Parents General Meeting

In Attendance:

Sandina Buscemi	Kim Swiderski	France Cote Marshall
Lorraine Milan	Patrick Lowe	Sarah Carnegie
Kirsten Reimer	Crystal Rees	Wes Cottrell
Satuir Sidhu	Michelle Agaquil	Shashi Key
Victor Nhan	Tiffany Gibson	Brad Boyd
Karen Friesen	Rob Reimer	

1. Call Meeting to Order – 19h03
2. Chairperson’s Opening Remarks – Welcome to the meeting, thanks to all who could attend!
3. Items to be added to the Agenda – none currently
4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting: posted to website, copies available on request
5. Vote on shirts for SSC: Kit forms not on the website; they will be there shortly. SSC is out and about (TAG days, etc) and it would look good if we all dressed the same. \$35 including taxes per shirt for SSC members (all positions and 5 members at large). Kirsten Reimer made a motion to spend the money to buy shirts for SSC members; seconded by Tiffany Gibson; all in favour; carried.
6. Correspondence – none currently
7. Committee reports:
 - a) Commanding Officer’s report – Blake Minaker:
 1. The state of the squadron is good; 136 cadets presently; net increase of 18 cadets as compared to last year.
 2. We changed up the classes to have more “fun” stuff on the weekends.
 3. There were questions about summer training; still waiting on billets, they are a little behind schedule; we are waiting for direction on spots and dates and locations. We don’t anticipate any problems; however, we may find out the information closer to departure date.
 4. 70 cadets came out to Sports Day despite the weather.
 - b) Treasurer – Kirsten Reimer
 1. Report available on request.
 - c) Canteen – Kirsten Reimer:
 1. Report available on request

2. We increased the amount of fruit offered; however, the cadets are to take 1 fruit only.
3. Tabs were given to Harley and we will continue to collect tabs for Harley.
4. We sent out a reminder to the cadets to recycle.
5. Sergeant Badi is the Canteen Assistant and sets up and runs the canteen on his own. setting up and running the canteen on his own & Kim Swiderski:
6. Raffle tickets for Air Cadet League; they are available for purchase; April 22 as draw date; winner gets 2 West Jet tickets to fly anywhere
7. Tickets will be available at the end of January for our league fundraiser.

8. Old Business:

1. Squadron trip:
 1. Captain Minaker has some ideas for trips that would be suitable for all our families; options for senior cadets (longer travel); exchange for senior cadets (Bali, Central America) to build a school, etc. It would be around \$2000 per cadet which we are gearing towards the end of next year.
 2. The rest of the squadron could go on a ski trip, \$100 range per cadet.
 3. The further you go, the longer approval time would be required, need to plan this ahead of time.
 4. Kirsten Reimer made a motion to get the officers to put a package together for quotes and share this information at the next meeting, seconded by Brad Boyd; all in favour; carried.
 5. For the air show on June 20 and 21st; if there is enough interest, quotes and information will be looked into. We will ask in May and confirm the interest of the cadets and a decision will be made depending on the numbers. Admission, buses and meals will have to be booked therefore cadets will have to commit.
 6. Kirsten Reimer made a motion that we spend up to \$4000 for a trip to the Air Show this summer; seconded by Rob Reimer, all in favour, carried.
2. Service awards: Sandina Buscemi:
 1. We are trying to catch up the cadets and are in the process of coordinating everything; we will present it to the cadets when we get them.
3. Organizing the food for Effective Competition on February 2, 2020: Sherri Glazier:
 1. It will take place in Building 21 and is based on 2 speeches; one prepared (not less than 5 minutes, not more than 6 minutes) and one impromptu (not less than 2 minutes, not more than 3 minutes). The winner would go on to Provincials on March 19 and then onto to the Nationals on June 11 in Saskatoon. Only 1 cadet is registered at this time, we are looking for more. We have 3 judges in place already, however, we need volunteer parents to help supervise. We will be purchasing snacks for the competition.
4. First Aid - honorarium scheduling a spring class:
 1. We are trying to see if there was any interest; if there is not enough, we will postpone it to next year.

2. We had some on the waiting list, however the age of some the children makes it difficult for them to concentrate for a longer period of time.
3. We will put up a sign-up sheet to see how many are interested.
5. Kit shop:
 1. The deadline is January 31, going to extend it to February (actual date to be announced later and posted on the website).

9. New Business:

1. Purchases for Level 5: Captain Minaker:
 1. The seniors are using laptops that have aged and are quite slow; they are looking into purchasing 2 or 3 iPads with everything loaded on them for the cadets to use. Captain will get quotes, and this is something the SSC can put in their budget for next year.
2. SSC Survey:
 1. Members fill out the survey and return it as soon as possible.
3. Communications:
 1. There have been some miscommunications for announcements; some are being mentioned but not forwarded to the proper person to be put it on the website.
 2. Captain Minaker needs specific announcements for them to be published (without having to be corrected and all the proper information included).
 3. The proper procedures and format will be shared with the members so they are informed as to how to do it properly.

10. Meeting Adjourned – 19h49