



170 St. James RCACS Sponsoring Committee

Meeting Minutes for Friday, October 25, 2019

In Attendance:

Brad Boyd	Kim Swiderski
Kirsten Reimer	Tiffany Gibson
Rob Reimer	Satvir Sidhu
Sandina Buscemi	Audrey Wittebolle
France Cote Marshall	Mark Brickwood
Raquel Lincoln	Karen Friesen
Sherri Glazier	

1. Call Meeting to Order – 18:46
2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks – Welcome to the meeting, thanks to all who could attend
3. Items to be added to the Agenda
4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting: posted to website, copies available – Motion raised to accept by Tiffany, seconded by Brad. Passed with unanimous vote.
5. Correspondence – None at this time
6. Committee reports:
 - a) Commanding Officer's report – Blake Minaker – 137 cadets on strength, training is going well. 15 cadet increase since last year. We are full for levels 1&2, and any more additions will need to be placed on a waiting list, due to classroom and instructor resource availability. Several of our cadets won awards at the AGM, but due to receiving no notice that these cadets had won, many of them didn't show for acceptance.
 - b) Treasurer – Kirsten Reimer – Squadron financial report available upon request
 - c) Canteen – Sherri Glazier – See attached report
 - d) Fundraising – Sandina Buscemi – See attached reportSuggestion for senior attendance at next tag day – have a planning meeting with the seniors to determine who would be at what location, rather than just a sign up sheet. All in attendance feel this is a good idea.
Karen motioned to accept reports as presented, Kirsten seconded, motion passed with unanimous vote.
7. Old Business

1. AGM – October 18-20, 2019 – The AGM was very well received by all SSC members who were able to attend, and provided great information for the SSC.
 2. First Aid – November 23&24 – there is room for 12 cadets, and attendees will be selected based on seniority.
 3. Toastmasters – Only 5 cadets have registered for toastmasters this year. Another call will go out at announcements.
 4. Effective Speaking – We need dates for the competition, prior to the end of February, so we have cadets to send to the provincial competition. February 2 appears to be the best date to hold the squadron competition due to calendar availability. We need a member of the staff to judge the competition. Capt. Minaker will provide a staff member to attend.
 5. Tabs for Harley – Harley’s family are coming during the November 1st CO’s parade to accept the tabs we have collected. Suggestion to purchase a Rubbermaid tote to hold the tabs for presentation to Harley’s family. Sandina will purchase a tote.
 6. Squadron trip to Grand Forks – What is the date/timing/itinerary? Capt. Minaker has been attempting to contact AFB Grand Forks to get some kind of answer back, but there has been no response. We may need to look at another trip, keeping in mind we need to have 120 days notice for approval from Ottawa. If the SSC have suggestions, he is open to them, as long as it meets requirements and intent. Not just ideas, but plans including quotes and timelines for the suggestion. Kim Swiderski has a contact who could arrange travel, so that could be a resource to pull on for whatever plan is put together. These plans should also have fundraising plans attached to them.
 7. Scholarships for summer camps – we are only allowed to submit 5 cadets for to write the exams for scholarships, be they glider, power, etc., so there will need to be a robust plan for selection as to who is allowed to apply for scholarships. I would propose that the SSC write a letter voicing the concerns about this change in process, so that these concerns can be sent up the chain of command. The changes have resulted in a subjective method of choosing which cadets are able to apply, and command would like feedback about how this system works.
8. New Business:
1. Should we buy a mouse for SSC computer – Consensus is we should buy a mouse for the computer. Rob will purchase a mouse.
 2. Epicure – fundraiser suggested for Epicure packs, and we would receive 40% of the profit back for fundraising. Personal orders cannot be combined with the fundraiser. There is a minimum order of \$250 for the fundraiser. Suggestion is to make this fundraiser available for parents rather than cadets. Kirsten suggested we table this discussion until the next parents’ meeting where it can be discussed with the parents who would ultimately be responsible.
 3. Should Screening for all Drivers be mandatory for Tag Day – A lengthy discussion ensued, transcript available upon request. Kirsten raised a motion to continue to follow the league rules regarding tag day and volunteer screening, and there is no need to have all volunteers screened.

Sherri seconded the motion, and the motion was passed with a vote – 8 for, 0 against. Motion passed.

4. Gala – Tickets are \$125 each...are we promoting the event for anyone who wants to attend? We are not planning to send SSC members, but it is a fundraiser for the league.

Next Parents' meeting will be held November 8, 2019, location TBD.

9. Meeting Adjourned – 20:14