



## 170 St. James RCACS Sponsoring Committee

Agenda for Friday, September 13, 2019 – Parents General Meeting  
In Attendance:

Brad Boyd	Colin Boisjolu	Brian Wurm
Kirsten Reimer	Richard Owsianyuk	Kim Swiderski
Rob Reimer	Kulwinder Kaur	Lorne Ronire
Sandina Buscemi	Saini Gurminder	Kristen Ronire
Paulo Amenta	France Cote Marshall	Gagan Preet
Elida Amenta	Lana Dagensen	Raquel Lincoln
Sherri Glazier	Karen Friesen	

1. Call Meeting to Order – 18:50 Hrs.
2. Chairperson’s Opening Remarks – Welcome to the meeting, thanks to all who could attend!
3. Items to be added to the Agenda  
Raquel Lincoln has an item to be added to the end of the agenda.
4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting: posted to website, copies are available for review.
5. Correspondence – None at this time
6. Committee reports:
  - a) Commanding Officer’s report – Blake Minaker  

140 Cadets on strength, recruitment is going well, and forecast is 150 by the time the training year gets into full swing.  
The training year is going to be much the same as last year, though this year will be slightly different in that the cadets will do more activities with their respective levels, and have more opportunities for said activities. The cadets will appear to be doing more training this year, but it’s actually around the same amount of training, just split into their respective levels.
  - b) Treasurer – Kirsten Reimer  

Kirsten Reimer introduced herself and explained that we use the ACC9 (league) form to keep track of the squadron accounts. Kirsten reviewed the bank balances and expenses for the summer, which included a number of expenses from the ACR.

c) Canteen – Sherri Glazier

Sherri Glazier introduced herself, explaining that the canteen provides snacks for the cadets, as well as free fruit. The canteen opens this evening, September 13, and most cadets spend around \$2 per parade night on average. If there are dietary restrictions, Sherri can bring in special items to accommodate those needs. Capt. Minaker asked about opportunities for senior cadet volunteers to run canteen, and Sherri explained that she can help this initiative, as well as provide assessments on the seniors' progress to the training officers.

d) Fundraising – Sandina Buscemi

Sandina Buscemi introduced herself, and informed all present of intention to run Tag Day on October 5, 2019. Sandina's ask is that we have at least 20 seniors signed up, or not run tag day at all.

Sherri Glazier asked if we could run tag day with 10 seniors instead of 20, but Sandina Buscemi is concerned that it's too much work to only run half of the usual available vendors. Kirsten Reimer also expressed concern about needing 20 seniors, and asked to have the number lowered. Sandina indicated that she would like to see how many seniors sign up between September 13 and 20, 2019 and make the call at that time. It was also communicated that parent volunteers are needed to drive the cadets around for Tag Day.

Sandina also talked about the Air Cadet League Raffle fundraiser and Cash Calendar fundraiser. Explained that some fundraising is mandatory, such as tag day, and others are voluntary, such as Action Packs which were sold previously. Sherri Glazier explained that the Air Cadet League fundraisers are not intended for us to support the league, but for the league to support us. These fundraisers are highly effective toward raising funds for the squadron. The league essentially assumes any risk toward overhead due to these fundraisers, and the squadrons reap the rewards.

7. Old Business

a) Squadron trip to Grand Forks – What is the date/timing/itinerary?

Capt. Minaker is now looking at doing this in Spring, as the requirement to submit travel plans from Ottawa has changed to 120 days notice of any trip, which would put us out to January. Also, the liaison we were dealing with at AFB Grand Forks has been re-posted to another location, so we need to find another liaison to plan with.

Capt. Minaker explained that the Grand Forks trip was originally planned to be a daytrip for all cadets to AFB Grand Forks, including a tour of the base and the equipment therein. There is a lot of coordination involved with a trip of this magnitude, and it takes a lot of advance planning to make it happen.

8. New Business:

a. AGM – October 18-20, 2019 – information communicated

b. Manitoba Air Cadet Concert Band

The band helps cadets to learn the music they play during parade, it is a teaching band, and runs Saturday nights.

- c. Effective Speaking & Toastmasters  
Manitoba competition is March 15, 2020. Our squadron will need to have a competition to determine which cadets will enter the provincial competition.
- d. Tabs for Harley  
The canteen collects pop can tabs to support a child in the SJSJ who requires a new wheelchair periodically. The request is that we invite Harley's family to receive the tabs from the squadron. Capt. Minaker suggested doing this during the CO's parade. Sherri Glazier will get in touch with Harley's family to arrange details.
- e. Service Awards (ACL)  
There has historically been an issue getting awards to cadets in a timely manner, due to the annual review of service. The suggestion is that we perform periodical checks on service levels. Capt. Minaker suggested that the SSC takes the lead on this initiative and coordinates with LT. Reidulff to get the information and compile lists for the league.
- f. Dreamflyer  
Sandina Buscemi asked if the dreamflyer is functional. Capt. Minaker explained the dreamflyer has been fixed, but the dreamflyer is a legacy program, and is not supported by the vendor. Master WO May is a technical expert, luckily, and has been able to keep the dreamflyer going. The plan is to get the dreamflyer program started back up in October. The dreamflyer is a glider simulator that the squadron owns, and it has been somewhat problematic for the squadron, as the vendor just doesn't support it anymore.  
Sandina explained that the 99 – a female squadron of pilots made a large donation to get us the dreamflyer.
- g. Coins  
SSC has been approached about cadets who aged out who haven't received their coins.  
Capt. Minaker explained that the cadets who have aged out have all been awarded their coins with the exception of those cadets who aged out over the summer. SSC can contact LT. Reidulff for any cadets who aged out but didn't receive a coin.
- h. Mess Dinner  
Are we having a mess dinner in December organized by the seniors?  
Capt. Minaker explained that the mess dinner is a military-style dinner for the cadets, and is a formal sit-down with the cadets and officers where awards can be given out mid-year. This year there is an open training slot scheduled the second Saturday before Christmas, and this could be planned for this time. (Dec 14, 2019)
- i. First Aid  
Have certificates come in from last year? Capt. Minaker has the certificates and will arrange for them to be handed out. First Aid class to be run again this year, and the request from Capt. Minaker is that we hold First Aid training toward the end of the year, as the front half of the year is

very training heavy. Mar-May timeframe would be preferred. Sherri Glazier will speak with Dawn W. to determine potential date(s), so we can look at the calendar and coordinate accordingly.

j. MOU

The MOU is an agreement between the squadron and the parents that if parents do not wish to help with fundraising events (aside from mandatory tag days), they can make a donation of \$200 for the training year to assist in providing programs for their children. Some parents take advantage of this opportunity, and others like to help with fundraising.

k. Raquel Lincoln – Explained that the Air Cadet Program is run by DOD (Department Of Defense), but the Air Cadet League is a volunteer-based program to support the SSC's for each squadron by providing fundraising for the squadrons and assuming the risk for those fundraisers. There is an AGM held each year in October, and this year it will be held October 18-20. There will be information sharing about programs the league is supporting this year, and a gala dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel.

Raquel talked about the league raffle, which is in part supporting scholarships and an exchange program for cadets, which will host cadets from across the world. Last year, 170 squadron sent a cadet to Australia as part of the exchange program.

The effective speaking competition is also an Air Cadet League initiative, and Raquel is the focal for the effective speaking competition. The Air Cadet League is the only cadet league hosting these competitions, and this year there will be a Tri-service competition including Air, Sea and Army cadets all competing with one another.

Raquel also talked about cadets who received their pilots' licenses, and found that only 15% of cadets who got their pilots license ended up in piloting careers. To help correct this situation, the Manitoba Aviation Council put together an aviation career fair. This April (2020), the league is hosting another career fair, and are expecting around 45 booths, from 11:00 to 20:00.

Scholarships – There are not only cadet scholarships, but the Hubble Awards, the 99, and others are also offering scholarships, but these are not being taken advantage of properly. Raquel encourages all cadets to take advantage of these scholarship programs, as they are great opportunities to receive assistance with tuition fees, etc.

The league hosts BOD (Board Of Directors) meetings every second Monday at 19:00 at Anavets on Portage Avenue. Any parents and SSC members are encouraged to attend when they have time.

LSA – Capt. Minaker explained the DOD provides a LSA (local support allocation) to help support training programs, events, and equipment. Last year we received over \$6000, which paid for a lot of improvements such as office equipment, the laptop.

Hiking Trip – Sandina asked about the \$500 line item in the budget for a hiking trip. Capt. Minaker explained that Capt. Tardy is planning a senior trip to the Mantario trail for a hiking trip which will likely be held in the spring.

9. Next Parents' General Meeting

-The next SSC Executive meeting will be held: October 11, 2019

-The next Parents' General Meeting date will be determined at that meeting. These dates will be added to the squadron calendar online. During parents' general meetings, we will need to have at least 15 parents in attendance to have quorum and be able to vote on decisions.

11. Meeting Adjournment at 19:50hrs.