

## 170 St. James RCACS SSC Meeting

Agenda for Friday, November 19, 2021



19h00

Attendees: Brad Boyd, Kim Swiderski, France Cote Marshall, Kirsten Reimer, Gurminder Saini, Karen Friesen, Sandina Buscemi, Rob Reimer, Sherrie Glazier, Tiffany Gibson, Michael Gibson, Kristen Rouire

1. Meeting called to order at 19:01 hrs.
2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks
3. Items to be added to the agenda
4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting (October 20, 2021) – Correction to be made to the treasurer summary - noted
5. Correspondence:
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Commanding Officer's Report – Capt. Nicole Czajka
    - We now have authority to meet in person, but not on the base. This is a nationwide mandate and affects the entire cadet organization. Luckily, the Legion has allowed us to use their facility to meet. There are capacity limits, so we need to continue to alternate meetings between the levels.
    - Because we can't get into B21, we have limitations – e.g.: we cannot do marksmanship, etc. This means we need to improvise a little in the activities and training we can support, but we are making the best of the situation. Capt. Czajka is expecting, and will be on maternity leave soon, but Capt. Minaker will be leading in her absence.
    - Question – what activities are you focusing on for this year?
    - Answer – we need to crawl, walk, run – this means we need to take things as they come, and we are evolving the plan as things progress. Because of the limitations on attendance, we have to be flexible in the activities we provide and are working on alternate venues and plans to submit to DND. This includes all of the provisions for COVID, etc., so that means there is a massive amount of work to do in order to plan activities, so we need to play it by ear for now.
  - b. Treasurer – Kirsten Reimer
    - Report attached separately at the end of the minutes.
  - c. Fundraising – Sandina Buscemi & Kim Swiderski
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    - Question raised to Capt. Czajka – What is DND's direction on fundraising for this year?
    - Answer – the direction is that fundraising is fine, so long as it's done digitally.
    - A follow up question was asked – Can the SSC contact parents to create a mailing list for fundraising to send parents emails directly?
    - Answer – The only way that we are authorized to contact parents is through the announcements, as that has been signed up for by the parents and is not considered unsolicited contact.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Elections
    - the following positions are being voted on, the names beside show the current parent volunteers:
      - Chair – Brad Boyd – Letting name stand as chair – Brad elected by acclamation
      - Vice Chair – Karen Friesen – Letting name stand as vice chair – Karen elected by acclamation
      - Secretary – (Vacancy) – Any nominations? Rob Reimer nominated – Rob elected by acclamation
      - Treasurer – Kirsten Reimer – Letting name stand – Kirsten elected by acclamation

- Fundraising Committee – Sandina Buscemi & Kim Swiderski – Sandina not letting name stand, Kim letting name stand for fundraising committee – Kim elected by acclamation
- Canteen Manager – Sherri Glazier – Letting name stand – Sherrie elected by acclamation
- Members at Large (up to 5 allowed)
  - France Cote-Marshall – Letting name stand
  - Wes Cottrell - Letting name stand
  - Gurminder Saini - Letting name stand
  - Kristen Rouire - Letting name stand
  - Sandina Buscemi nominated and elected

8. New Business:

a. Squadron Facebook page – Sherri Glazier

The Facebook page for the squadron was closed at some point in the last month. Sherri was the main person posting to the page and has a theory that the page was closed due to disuse. Sherrie has proposed to reopen the page and increase the amount of content posted to the page. Kirsten suggested that an announcement be made to the parents that the Facebook page exists, and we can then post fundraising information on that page as another forum for that activity.

The question was raised as to whether we need to get waivers signed for images of cadets to be used. Capt. Czajka informed the parents that the sign up for cadets includes just such as waiver.

9. Next Meeting: December TBD, 2021 - Location TBD

Question raised – Do we know what is the last parade night in December?

Answer – The last parade night is December 17 until after the holidays.

Question – Can we ask the legion about their availability?

Answer – Yes, Brad Boyd will talk to the legion to determine if there is a better day of the week to meet as an SSC.

A suggestion was made to potentially look at using the ANAVETS facility near Bedson St. on Portage Ave., and someone will investigate this lead.

Gurminder Saini volunteered her home for meetings, and Kirsten Reimer volunteered her home as well. First Brad Boyd will check with ANAVETS to determine if they have a meeting space available before holding meetings at a personal residence for the SSC executive.

Next meeting will be held at the St. James Legion in the lower level on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 19:00

10. Meeting adjourned at 19:35

**Treasurer report:** The balance of the squadron chequing account is \$5039.19 as of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The balance of the squadron savings account is \$51,431.80 as of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Fundraising report:**

1. Chase the Ace is completely done and in hindsight, it was a challenging fundraiser to do during this COVID-19 pandemic

2. The Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg, a cheque was received in the amount of \$325 for the Kin-Kar 2021 50/50 Raffle.

3. For 2021-2022 Cadet Assessment Fees will remain @ \$39 per cadet minus \$8/cadet COVID 19 Credit so that we pay \$31 per cadet for this year. (For example: if 170 squadron has 133 cadets x \$39, then we should pay \$5187 less \$8 COVID Credit of \$1064. Therefore, cost will be \$4123). It is based on the number of cadets enrolled.

Also, the SSC Membership fee will remain again @ \$200 for this year.

4. We should continue to support any ACL initiatives they may have [upcoming.as](#) the 80th Anniversary approaches so that it will indirectly help our fundraising.