



170 St. James RCACS SSC Parent General Meeting

Minutes for Wednesday October 20, 2021

19h00

In attendance: Kirsten Reimer, Brad Boyd, Karen Friesen, Nicole Czajka, Kristen Rouire, Sandina Buscemi, France Cote-Marshall, Kim Swiderski

Absent: Tiffany Gibson, Wes Cottrell, Gurminder Kaur, Rob Reimer

1. Call Meeting to Order: 19:10
2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks: Thank you everyone for coming to the meeting.
3. Items to be added to the agenda: Nothing
4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting (September 28, 2021)
5. Correspondence: Nothing
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Commanding Officer's Report – Nicole Czajka
 - i. We are still waiting permission to allow non-military on to the base. Doesn't look like this will happen any time soon. It is up to the wing commander's discretion to allow civilians on the base. Based on this information we are looking for alternate locations (possibly St. James Legion)
 - ii. The Federal Government employees are now required to be fully vaccinated. This means that Staff need to be vaccinated.
 - iii. Squadron Staff are not allowed to ask cadets for proof of vaccination, however, if we are somewhere else, the staff for that sight can request this information from the cadets to allow entry.
 - iv. A budget will be put in place once we have an idea of cost for a location Friday nights.
 - v. We are also exploring options for outdoor activities to get cadets together. Plan has to be submitted to region to get approval to hold activities, so this can take a while. A range day is a possibility for marksmanship (will request budget once costs are known.
 - vi. We are not the only squadron in this position
 - vii. Friday parent meeting has been set up to explain what is going on and to introduce herself.

viii. Sherri asked about setting up a hiking day, based on current restrictions the outdoor gatherings would be for a maximum of 50 cadets, busses would have to be at 50% capacity, budget would have to be approved

b. Treasurer – Kirsten Reimer

- i. Main Bank Account: \$7,7317.07
- ii. High Interest Savings Account: \$51,405.60

c. Fundraising – Sandina Buscemi & Kim Swiderski

- i. Chase the Ace- The Ace has not been found yet and is still ongoing. It has been a challenge and ACL stated at virtual AGM it was not the best move to pursue this at end of last year. On some weeks only \$35/week. We are on week 18 so goal is now to have "play out" where random draws will take place. We need to push this fundraiser and have it in our announcements to reach cadets and parents for extra sales as so far it has not been successful.

7. Old Business:

a. Table & Chairs for SSC Office Area

- i. Folding tables are \$65-\$100
- ii. Decent folding chairs \$20-\$25
- iii. Recommend holding off on purchase until we have in person cadets, however, suggest if a sale comes up prior (Black Friday/Boxing Day) we get an approval to spend up to \$250 for a folding table and 6 chairs.
- iv. Kirsten put a motion to spend up to \$250 if sale comes up. Sherri Glazier 2nd – motion passed

8. New Business:

a. 80th Anniversary – Sherri Glazier

- i. Next fall will be the 80th anniversary of the squadron. Alumni will be forming a committee and then planning the event. In the past the SSC was asked for seed money to fund the event. The event turns into fundraiser and has been lucrative in the past. For the 75th anniversary the committee made approx. \$3500, this was then donated back to the SSC.
- ii. Not sure at this time, how much would be asked for, just want to give a heads up we may be asked for seed money.
- iii. In the past a full dinner was done for 75th and 70th was more like a social.
- iv. Sherri will be a liaison between SSC and alum committee.

b. Scholarship – Sherri Glazier

- i. Sherri brought this up previously, however, squadron staff was not very receptive. They said there were enough scholarships from the league.
- ii. Sherri has been approached by a widow of former cadet to donate \$1000 scholarship for every year for 7 years representing how many years her husband was in the squadron. The question is should we have a squadron scholarship, or should she approach the league? SSC seems to be receptive of the idea.
- ii. Should the scholarship be based on different criteria for scholarships from the league?

- iii. Sherri will need to figure out logistics, lump sum, do we look after selection or does widow, etc.
- iv. 176 squadron has several awards listed on their website – asking them to see what their criteria is for selecting cadets.
- v. If not done as a scholarship it could be bursary

c. Elections – possibly next meeting

- i. November 19th – in person or virtual depending on location and restrictions
- ii. We will need 13 parents to have quorum
- iii. We will post on announcements with mini job descriptions and as for those interested to contact the chair
- iv. As of October, there were 127 cadets in strength and 9 staff

d. Cadet Medal Distribution – Sandina Buscemi

- i. Medals the ACC 56 form was filled out by Sandina and provided to Chair Brad Boyd and former CO Blake Minaker April 15, 2021 via email. This form is used so an ACL Representative can obtain gold bars, gold rosettes, medals for all cadets. A spreadsheet listing cadet names both former and current cadets who are entitled to receive same was provided. Brad thinks the form was put on hold and not sent to the league. He will find it and send it to put in the order.
- ii. Is it possible to have a virtual award ceremony, and have parent or cadets pick up the medal away from 17 wing due to access restrictions? CO Nicole Czajka will see if we can get a Friday or weekend, would do in person at a Legion location to perform the ceremony in person.

e. Unit Coin Medallion & Transcriptions into Record Book – Sandina Buscemi

- i. Sandina is willing to get this completed and is prepared to record all former and current cadets names in the record book to catch up every cadet to date. Sandina is willing to pickup the record book to start filling it out and once cadets are presented their coin.
- ii. This book is in 17 wing drawer and only way to obtain coin is to age out with the squadron. A rough copy listing all the names of former and current cadets has been done already and emailed to both former CO Blake Minaker, Capt. Tardi, Administration officer and SSC Chair Brad Boyd. She just needs the book to complete this task.
- iii. Some cadets have missed getting their coin and will need to get it still and be invited to a ceremony in near future whenever Nicole Czajka is able to present same.

f. MPC 4900 needs to be in before the end of the month, same as ACC9 league

9. Next Meeting:

- a. November 19, 2021

10. Meeting Adjournment: 19h56