

## 170 St. James RCACS SSC Meeting



Agenda for Friday, January 21st, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order – 19:04

Attendees: Brad Boyd, Kim Swiderski, Karen Friesen, Kirsten Reimer, Rob Reimer, France Cote Marshall, Capt. Blake Minaker, Wes Cottrell, Sherri Glazier, Sandina Buscemi, Gurminder Saini

2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks
3. Items to be added to the agenda
4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting (December 17th, 2021)
5. Correspondence:

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Commanding Officer's Report – Capt. Minaker – Capt. Czajka is on maternity leave currently, but should be back for February. In-person training is suspended until further notice due to COVID, as most people know. We are also unable to access B21 until the end of the month due to a vaccine clinic being held there currently.

We have 107 Cadets on strength as of Jan.21/22. Our retention is still good, but engagement from the senior cadets to deliver training could be better. This is understandable due to the pandemic, but it's easy to see their "hearts aren't in it" right now. We have 30 level 5 cadets on record, but maybe 10-12 are actually committed to delivering training. A civilian volunteer is going to assist the officers with level 5 training – the volunteer is a pilot who has history with the sqn., and will be a great asset moving forward.

Promotions – the process for determining promotions will change due to COVID, as the old process is not ideal for virtual training. This year there will be a virtual forum, and so long as the senior cadets contribute in a meaningful way, this will be considered their qualification for promotions. Boards will still be held for promotions to WO2.

More information to come regarding scholarships at a later date.

RCSU is changing summer training somewhat, in that they are looking for training officers first to populate classes, then looking for cadets to attend the courses. This is reversed from the usual process. More local training should be available on a "day camp" basis, and this should result in more opportunities and options for cadets. Capt. Minaker has a presentation outlining the course offerings for summer training.

There is still funding available from the LSA, and Capt. Minaker suggested the SSC think about assets that are needed, and could be funded by the LSA. Storage lockers might be an idea for sports equipment, etc., since 170 is now sharing space with another organization. Sherri Glazier suggested using some of the funds for event funding, and can be discussed with the level 5's for input.

- b. Treasurer's Report – Chequing balance - \$6,588.08 Savings balance - \$51,483.38

- c. Fundraising Report – Vote on KinKar Raffle – Kirsten put forward the motion to move forward with participating again moving forward. Sherri seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- a. Squadron Facebook page – Sherri has created the page, and it's ready to go. Her next step is to contact Ryan Tardi to put out an announcement that the page is ready to go in the weekly announcements. Capt. Minaker asked if there was a plan to limit membership to the page – Sherri noted that the page will be run in a similar fashion to the league FB page.

- b. 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion – We will have an event Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Sherri has alumni and Kirsten working on the planning for this event. The St. James legion will give us the event space for free, and we will

need to get a DJ. Kirsten Reimer may have a contact that can support. This event could be a great fundraising event for the sqn., and as such the SSC will potentially provide some seed money for the event, depending on the costs. These costs would be attributed to the bar costs, DJ, Photo booth, etc. – estimate is \$5000. Once the numbers are finalized, this will be brought to the SSC for a vote on whether to support with seed money. Sherri would also like to plan for some events with the alumni the weekend of the event – planning for this will come at a future date.

c. Update on medals & medal mounting – Sandina picked up the medals in December, and is currently storing them. Capt. Czajka and Capt. Minaker will need to decide how to handle the transition of the medals into their hands for distribution to the cadets.

d. Scholarships – Sherri hasn't received any additional news regarding the scholarship mentioned at the last meeting. She will send out information from the league to the SSC executive for review.

8. New Business:

a. Canteen Shelves – Sherri bought a set of shelves for the canteen room from Costco, and will submit the receipt for reimbursement. Sherri would like to get them into B21 as soon as possible, so once the base is open she will bring them down.

b. CF One Card – Sherri saw an ad for the CF One card – it is a discount card for military members that can be used at various retailers, etc. The ad stated that cadets are eligible to receive CF One cards as well. There is an application process that involves an activation code, so Sherri contacted Cadets Canada said the codes were sent out a few years ago. Sherri found the activation code, and suggested that we promote the CF One cards to the cadets – this will be placed in the announcements, and broadcast to the level 5 cadets. Cadets can contact the SSC for instructions and the activation code.

c. Effective Speaking – The provincial committee will be hosting a virtual effective speaking competition sometime in April. The national competition will be held June 9, 2022 in Saskatoon. There is a PowerPoint presentation containing DND's effective speaking competition program that can be made available to the cadets. This program can be done as a self-directed exercise, so the presentation can be placed on the website for cadets to participate in the program on their own. The problem is this – we can only send 2 cadets to the competition. If we have more cadets apply, we would need to run a competition or some other method for down-selecting our cadets for entry. A suggestion to the league from Capt. Minaker would be to determine interest prior to applying a 2-cadet cap per squadron. Sherri will pass on this feedback. We will put out an announcement to gauge interest within 170 sqn., and determine whether we need a method for down-selection. Capt. Minaker suggested that if a competition needs to be held, we can do so using Microsoft Teams, and he volunteered to assist in setting up the competition if need be.

One last note from Sherri Glazier - The provincial league is holding a "Props & Hops" fundraiser March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2088 Wellington - tickets will be \$65 on Eventbrite.

9. Next Meeting: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Location TBD

10. Meeting Adjournment – 20:04