

Meeting Minutes
Friends of "88" Squadron Society Regular Meeting
Virtual
Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Attendees: Sarah Lyon, Cheryl Dorn, Donna Labreche, Peter Davis, Kellee Davis, Dennis Keeping, Kourtney Lubig, Tom Murray, Brad Fehr, Jo Kelk, Rob Heiduk, Collynda V Gama Da Silva, Gurpreet Kaur Warring, Nina Santos Jimenez, Sarah Sperrin, Jay Chowdhurst, Karen Nguyen, Jinnifer Dingwell, Dmitri Dmitriev, Lynnae Miller, Nicole Grochawich, Tikky Faizuddin, Jessie Bruckshaw,

Agenda	Notes	Action
1. Call to Order	Called to order by Sarah Lyon at 7:00pm No changes/additions to the agenda	
2. Approval of the previous Minutes (May 2023). posted at www.airdrieaircadets.ca	Motion by: Tikky Faizuddin Seconded by: Lynnae Miller All Approved	Carried
3. Reports from officers – to be posted at www.airdrieaircadets.ca	<p>a) SSC Advisor – Peter Davis –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Attached • Each cadet should sell 3 calendars • Effective Speaking • Volunteer Awards – working to recognize these • APC AGM next weekend <p>b) Squadron Officer Report – Captain Pike</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Cadets – 62 new cadets – 33 will be true level ones; 29 late joiners • Cut off will be at 40 level one cadets • Will always accept siblings • Uniform measurements were done last week by supply officers • Welcome package email to new parents • Sitting at around 120 cadets • Duke of Edenborough program will no longer be administered by cadets • Poppy campaign – October 29th – locations in Airdrie – 3 hour shifts – sign up sheet has been posted for cadets to sign up • Cadets who don't have uniforms can still go – wear professional attire – not a mandatory – the Legion is very appreciative of our help • Remembrance Day – traditionally we have done Air Museum (senior cadets) and Genesis Place – may change it up and do something at the Cenotaph – won't attend the Genesis Place 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late joiners will be pushed into their new levels • Any concerns email <p>c) Bank Balance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ – chequing - \$138,394 • \$ – casino - \$44, 597 • \$ - GIC's \$ 216, 115 • Some costs covered by CAF • SSC pays for the optional activities, including rental of facilities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and for marksmanship <p>d) Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current deficit is about \$15K • Last few years we have run a deficit • Our goal is to match our revenues with our expenses • Working on having bottle drives approved by CAF for fundraising – if approved, we will need screened volunteers, especially those with pick up trucks • Swag sales – Cheryl has the table set up outside – 88 branded items for sale • Cash Calendars – will go over more later • Casino was run last year – split what we earned over 3 years • LSA Funds – CAF funds that we a get reimbursed for some of our expenses • Our costs include activities, rent, LHQ, insurance • Motion to approve the budget: Dennis Keeping • Seconded by Tikky Faizuddin 	Carried
4. Old Business	<p>a) At the AGM we had 2 volunteers to audit the books, but one of those parents is no longer part of cadets, so we need another volunteer – please come talk to Sarah and we will vote at a future meetings –</p> <p>b) The ACC9 and AGLC also audit – they have been thoroughly gone through before you see them</p> <p>c) Time commitment is 1 – 2 hours</p>	
5. New Business	<p>d) Volunteering – If Jill has not responded, she will be as soon as she is back from vacation – we screen volunteers to keep our kids safe – we need screened volunteers for bottle drives, Cadets caring for Airdrie, FTX. Not that difficult. If you have a letter from us, it is \$21 for the VSS and police check. Those on the executive have cadets that will age out in the next year.</p> <p>e) Fundraising</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Calendars – we get 75% of the profits of the calendars that we sell. Link is in the newsletter and on our FaceBook page. It is called a Cash Calendar, but it is really a raffle ticket. Your ticket goes back in for future draws. Go to the google form and you can fill in up to 9 calendars at a time, then complete the etransfer. Continue to order. If orders are received by Monday, we will have them on Wednesday at 6:30. We can NOT give them to cadets. We can sell them to out of province, but they have to ‘buy’ them while ‘visiting Alberta’. Questions can go on the League Website or email us. • Bacon – we will do a fundraiser – and details are to follow – goal to have pick up at St Mina’s in December – our goal is Dec 13th. Looking for a volunteer to help with bacon. Talk to Cheryl or Sarah and email. Jen Dingwell is willing to help • Hoodies – custom hoodies – order form in the newsletters – Orders must be placed by Oct 26th. We can keep them as a secret for Christmas presents. If you do not have the info, please email Sarah at the chair address and she will email the info to you. 	
6. Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sports Night 3 – shorts and t-shirts – shorts suitable length and no tank tops and indoor shoes. Fitness testing is changing from the CAF side. b. Biathlon – only available to level 2 and up because they had to have taken the safe firearms course – competition is Oct 28th and 29th c. Coronation Ball next week for those who want to go d. Poppy Sales – October 29th – ask your cadet what your cadet signed up for – where and when 	
7. Questions and Answers		
8. Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting: Dennis Keeping Seconded by: Rob Heiduk Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm</p>	Carried



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SSC Advisor Report

The calendar raffle is now under way. 75% of the proceeds go to the squadrons.

Effective speaking Provincial competition will be held in April. National will be held in May. The winner this year will be involved with a few RCAF events next year which celebrate the 100 anniversary. The judges for the National competition will be Generals in the RCAF. So far the second in command of the RCAF General Spicer Blanchet has confirmed she will judge. She is the past CO of the CJCR (Cadets).

League is also working on catching up on awarding people who have volunteered over 5yrs. It is important to recognise our volunteers.

APC AGM will be next weekend.

If you have any league related questions please contact me directly.