

755 Parkland Air Cadets Parents' Committee Association

October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called by: SSC Executives Kristina Millican, Kathleen Rivest, Vickie Meed, Jason Kennedy, Christine Cluff, and Central Wing League Rep Mark Millican

Location: Muir Lake Community Hall, Stony Plain, AB

Date: October 26, 2023

Time: 1900

In Attendance: David O'Connell, Rebecca Bicknell, Sonja Ring, Nicholas Bartel, Shirley Gould, Erin Echlin, Stephanie Burton, Michelle Kincheloe, Cindy Barclay, Monique Elder, Nick Muir, Elizabeth Naas, Tamela Toma, Gordon Read, Wade Poitras

1. **Called to Order** at 7:00 pm
2. **Request for additions or changes to agenda** - none
3. **Approval of May 2023 meeting minutes** - motion made by Mark Millican, seconded by Wade Poitras, motion passed.
4. **Past Actions** - none
5. **Captain's Report** – Captain Gordon Read; we are at over 70 Cadets, with 2 more tonight. Hoping for 30 more by Remembrance Day.
-Running biathlon, marksmanship, 2 bands, and hopefully, effective speaking. A staff member is needed to run effective speaking, no one is currently running it, so effective speaking may not take place.
-We will be doing more community involvement this year, starting with Poppy Days. Every Cadet must do at least one community service event to pass their current level. The Cadets will be doing the toy drive with the Kinsmen at the Red Apple Store in Stony Plain. Not sure if we will be doing the kettle bells this year. We have been asked to participate in the Light Up The Park down in Devon, depends on the dates if we will be able to attend.
6. **Executive and Committee Reports**
Chair Report – Kristina Millican; Kris and Mark have been working hard on the new website and to keep it up to date. Please make sure everyone is checking the website, including your cadet.
-Get screened to volunteer to help out with cadets and to transport them. The more that are available and screened, the easier it is to volunteer. It's a very easy process, please see our Volunteer Screen Coordinator to get a letter to get your vulnerable check done at the RCMP.

-Holiday Potluck was so much fun last year, we will be holding it again this year! It will be December 9th at the Stony Plain Community Centre, please check the calendar on the website for complete details. An invite will be sent out for attendance and to sign up with what you will be bringing for the potluck dinner. This is for the entire family to attend.

-There is no cost for your cadet to attend weekly or sign up, but it does cost a lot for the squadron to run with field trips, etc, so the fundraising is very important. If anyone has a fundraising idea, please bring it forward. As a committee, we put together a letter to get sponsorship for the squadron. If anyone would like one to give to a company of interest, please let Kris Millican know. We are trying to bring in revenue in other ways. Zender Ford and PTW have agreed to sponsor us.

Vice Chair – Kathleen Rivest; we have a casino coming up in January 7 & 8, five volunteers will be needed each night. Times to be released at a later date. We need volunteers to sign up ASAP.

-We will be having a pub night on April 13th and we are looking for items for the silent auction and sponsorship. We are looking for volunteers to help organize the event. It will be held at the Trax in Spruce Grove.

Kathleen will be sending out emails over the next few months.

-A tab has been added to the website called “How can I help”, once you click on it, you will see that we’ve added some ways that you can help without donating any time and money.

The first one is our brand-new CO-OP number. Anytime you go to CO-OP to fill up with gas and you wish to use our number instead of yours, the proceeds will go to the squadron. Maybe make it a habit, once a month. It’s an easy way for you to donate!

The Co-op number is **218842**.

- You will also see FlipGive on the page. FlipGive is an easy-to-use cashback app for teams, designed to raise funds while shopping for the things that you’re already buying from your favourite brands. There is a huge list of gift cards that you can purchase such as Sobeys, Home Depot, Walmart, Amazon, Starbucks, etc. For each gift that is purchased, the Squadron will get a percentage back. So next time you go grocery shopping purchase an online gift card before leaving the house. You will be able to redeem it at the store or online! It’s as easy as that!

-We are looking at a possible highway clean up in May. The whole family can participate. The SSC will be putting it together, details to come.

Fundraising Report – Christine Cluff; cash calendars are active and still more to be sold. Please have all calendars handed back with money on or before December 14th.

-Bottle Drive did really good!

-Christmas fundraiser will be Kick Ass Caramels and they are amazing! This will run November 1 to November 30. Orders will be back in a couple of weeks, intime for Christmas. Forms will be handed out

Thursday November 2nd. We get about \$3/bag we sell. Each bag is \$10, with a variety of flavours to choose from.

-We did a Bones Tournament/ Ball Tournament in July, it was good, very busy and very profitable.

7. **Financial Report** – Jason Kennedy; last year's books are finished up, Sept 1st to Aug 31st. We had a loss last year without a casino. Total expenses last year were \$50,000. A normal year is around \$45,000, and we only had \$20,000 from fundraising last year. More cadets equal more expenses. A casino needs to last about two and half years. We will be in the black this year with the casino.

-There was a trip planned to go to Greece about five years ago and there is money in an account for it. We would like to move the monies into the general account.

-The profit from the 50/50 was approximately \$1159, that was drawn at Wing's Parade.

8. Any addition questions? none

9. Adjourn October meeting at 7:52 pm