

# 755 Parkland Air Cadets SSC Parent Committee Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 7, 2024

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**Meeting Called by:** SSC Directors

**Location:** Muir Lake Community Hall

**Prepared by:** Vickie Meed

**Time:** 19:00 Hours

**In attendance:** Kristina Millican, Vickie Meed, Christine Cluff, Wade Poitras, Nicholas & Valerie Barter, Matt Gifford, Joel Seatter, Amanda Baggs, Marilyn Romero, Monique Elder, Rebecca Bicknell, Cindy Mackenzie, Jose Fibke, Troy Litvinchuk, Norm Roussel, Nancy Rosen, Bill Ruether, Sarah Scott, Jeannine Panten, Amy Thiessen-Roy, Marsha Prattley, Sonja Ring, Dominique Bettamy, Stephanie Burton

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1. **Called to order at 1902**
2. **Request for additions to the agenda for March 7, 2024 – none, agenda approved by Nancy Rosen**
3. **Approval of minutes or corrections from October 26, 2023 - approved by Nick Barter, seconded by Sarah Scott**
4. **Past actions –** Cash Calendars, calendar sales started in September. We sold 140 calendars, 38 calendars were not sold or were lost! Any thoughts on how to sell them for next year? Valerie Barter feels only grandparents are interested in purchasing them. Should we have families purchase them upfront and how are they tracked? There was a tracking sheet, but calendars were still not returned. Nancy Rosen asked if we are still required to sell them, no we are not. Not sure if we should sell them at the beginning of the next cadet year. We are trying to have fundraisers that do not have an upfront cost. We only had a profit of around \$300, instead of \$1000 that we should have seen. Are we able to print our own calendar? Kris will check into Vista print for a quote. Valerie suggests maybe a yearbook might be a better fundraiser to have the activities they had for the past year to share. Christine is also looking into quotes for a possible yearbook.
5. **CO's Report and Camp Information– Captain Read -**
  - The application for summer camps is on the website. Level 1's will not

have the opportunity to attend camp this year. Level 2's and higher are eligible to apply. Last year we only had one cadet accepted to camp. Have your cadet apply! They did expand by 60%, so we are hoping for at least three to be accepted.

- Activities for the end of the year are on the calendar, the link is on the website. The calendar is updated constantly. FTX will be at Camp Wright, near Athabasca, on Friday May 31st. They will go by bus and return sometime on Sunday around supper time. All cadets are welcome to attend, a sign up sheet will be posted.
- ACR will be on June 15th at St. Thomas School. It is similar to a CO's Parade but more formal. Lots of awards and a time for the cadets to show off.
- On May 24th, we are having an event with activities, along other squadrons, all cadets are welcome to sign up.
- Please email Captain Read directly or use facebook as well if you have any questions.

**6. Pub Night - Kristina Millican -**

- The pub night was supposed to be April 13, but @the Trax have been closed for renos and might be opening up at the end of March. We have decided to move to The Beer Hunter on April 27th at 7 pm. Tickets will be \$10 each, 100% of the ticket sales goes to the squadron. If you show the ticket to your server, the Beer Hunter will donate 10% of the sales back to the squadron. Lots of items have come in for the silent auction. There will be a 50/50 that evening as well. This is an adult only evening.

**7. Mess Dinner – Kristina Millican -**

- Saturday May 4, 2024 at the Spruce Grove Pioneer Centre. This is a formal Cadet only dinner. Drop off is around 5 pm and pick up around 10 pm. Volunteers are still needed for the evening. Kathleen Rivest will be cooking the dinner and will need helpers in the kitchen, along with servers. Please let Kris know if you would like to sign up. Make sure your Cadet is signed up by April 25th, the the google docs will then be closed.

**8. Executive and Committee Reports**

**Fundraising Report – Christine Cluff -**

- Maverick Donut fundraiser wasn't great, we had a profit of \$95.
- Christine has been in contact with Alberta Transportation about highways clean up, we are currently on a waiting list. If we are chosen, it will be on May 4, between 7-4, we can pick our time within that time period. We would make \$100/km, gloves, vests, etc are provided. This is run by the SSC, we would need the families to sign up, along with their cadet. No uniforms are to be worn, civilian clothing only. No one would be able to drop off their cadet and leave, we need families to stay and help with the clean up. With a show of hands, some families are interested in having the clean up. Christine will keep in contact.

- Valerie Barter felt the fundraising for this year seemed high end expensive. Kris said we can definitely check into new ideas. Parent involvement was not there this year and our fundraising lacked due to it.
- Sell 50/50 tickets at Oil Kings games, there is a waiting list. We can put our name on the list, however, we need the parent volunteers to work the games.
- Christine said for the Bones Tournament had a few volunteers, its two 8 hour days. More volunteers are need to make the days easier. It is a lot of work for only 4-5 volunteers, so more are needed.
- There is no upfront cost, and no monthly costs for cadets to join or participate. Fundraising is needed for the activities to be successful and for cadets to do any activities.
- The League does have Volunteer Bonds, but the staff is not on board with this. We might look at bringing them in if needed to help with the cost.
- Assessment fees are \$4500 for our cadets, we pay rent, heat LHQ and other fees throughout the year. We pay \$88/Cadet and we had an additional 40 cadets this year.

**Screening Report-Wade Poitras -**

- The process did take a hit over Covid, but the process is not overly complicated. There is a form to fill out, a letter to take to the RCMP to get your criminal record check, and an interview. If your card has expired, it is an easier process to renew. You still need to fill out a form and get the criminal record check. You need to be screened to be able to volunteer alongside cadets and to transport them. It is very quick once they are submitted. Please contact Wade to get your form to start the screening process.

9. **AGM** - Thursday, May 23, 2024 - the League would like AGM's held in May or June, for a new SSC to be ready for the fall. We will hold our AGM in Muir Lake Hall on May 23 at 7 pm.
10. **Any additional questions?** None
11. **Next SSC Parents Committee Meeting** is May 23, 2024, with AGM to follow
12. **Adjourn Meeting** - 1959