

755 Parkland Air Cadets SSC Parent Committee Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 3, 2024

Meeting Called by: SSC Executives

Location: Muir Lake Community Hall

Prepared by: Vickie Meed

Time: 1900 Hours

In Attendance: Valerie Barter, Jason Kennedy, Vickie Meed, Wade Poitras, Stephanie Burton, Sonja Ring, Shirley Gould, Amanda Baggs, Teresa Gifford, Troy Litvinchuk, Jesse Twidale, Dan Spray, Melanie Bodnar, Michelle Kincheloe, Bill Ruether, Phil Meggison, Marsha Prattley, Maria Penetrante, Jeannine Panten, Amy Thiessen Roy

1. **Called to order** at 7 pm
2. **Request for additions to the agenda for October 3, 2024** - none
3. **Approval of minutes or corrections from May 23, 2024** - approved by Shirley Gould, seconded by Teresa Gifford
4. **Past actions** – none
5. **Executive and Committee Reports**
 - Chair Report** - Kristina Millican - given by Valerie Barter-
 - They are asking for adult volunteers for Stony Plain Legion on Nov 8th, as alcohol will be served, so no minors are to attend or serve. A min of five are needed, but they would like ten. There is sign up on the cadet calendar, attire is to be black pants and white shirts, it is a formal event. Email Kris for more info, 755sscchair@gmail.com
 - FTX is this weekend, October 4th and 5th, it is two days, drop off and pick up each day at Imrie Park. FTX stands for Field Training Exercise.
 - Vice Chair Report** - Wade Poitras -
 - He is involved with parent volunteers for the squadron, this is a formality with working the Canadian Armed Forces. Parents must be screened to work along with the cadets that are not their own. It involves a short interview, reference checks and vulnerable checks. Screened parents can help out at events. Please contact Wade to get screened,

755sscvcechair@gmail.com

- Registration fees are covered by DND, but it is still not a free program. Fundraising is needed to make the programs happen and be covered. We do have fantastic sponsors from the community, however, we still have to do some fundraising.
- Cadets can apply for CFOne cards, it can be used for discounts.

Treasurer Report – Jason Kennedy -

- We put on a lot of activities and spend a lot of money, around \$30,000 a year. Most of the funds come from fundraising.
- The 50/50 is active, but slow moving right now, the link is on the website and has been emailed out. It can be shared on fb and more. You do need to be in AB to purchase the ticket. All help is welcome so we can keep up with activities.

Fundraising Report – Valerie Barter -

- A lot of fundraising is planned for this Cadet year.
- Cash calendars are \$20 each, it would be great if each cadet could sell 3, then we would sell out. The return on the calendars is around \$8/calendar sold, up to \$12 return, depends on how many we sell. You have to live in AB to win with the calendars.
- We have a table at seven Stony Plain Farmers Markets, Saturday mornings. Sign up sheets are available, cadets can attend, but not in uniform, they would be attending as a civilian. Parent volunteers are needed to make these successful. The table has been donated, we do not pay for it.
- December 7th we will have a bake sale at the Farmers market as well. Parents, please drop off a baked good, with ingredients listed. Any unsold items will be frozen and served at the Christmas party.
- Two more fundraisers before Christmas; Army Dog tags (later October), and Kick Ass caramels, \$10/bag, we will see a possible profit of \$7 from each bag sold.
- Please email Valerie with any further questions about fundraising, 755fundraising@gmail.com

6. Any additional questions?

- What is going on with the bands this year? CV Barclay clarified that 18 cadets signed up for Pipe and Drums Band, so they will only have the one band this year. All Cadets are encouraged to attend band. A clinic is coming up on December 14 and 15, they hope to send as many cadets as possible.
- Marksmanship is Thanksgiving weekend? There will be multiple days to try out.
- What happened to Biathlon? Traditionally, it starts early, with competitions early in the year, and into the Spring. It was changed to air rifles, skiing, and running. It is now air rifles and running. The whole schedule has

changed, the zone competition will be in May and provincial in the fall.

- How often are meetings? The bylaws state we only need to hold six meetings a year.
- Do we usually get more notice for bottle drives? Yes, the one held in September was planned at the end of last year. We do have one planned for the Spring, more notice will be given for the date and place. Once cadets have started up, it is harder to plan and get enough volunteers to attend when cadets are attending activities. We do not have a total from the last bottle drive.

7. Next SSC Parents Committee Meeting is Thursday, November 28, 2024

8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 pm