

## **755 Parkland Air Cadets SSC Parent Committee Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 27, 2025**

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**Meeting Called by:** SSC Executives

**Location:** Muir Lake School Gym, Parkland County

**Prepared by:** Vickie Meed

**Time:** 1900 Hours

**In attendance:** Mark & Kristina Millican, Vickie Meed, Valerie Barter, Wade Poitras, Gord Read, Sarah Dusterhoft, Marina Boutin, Jesse & Tara Twidale, Stephanie Burton, Michelle Kincheloe, Bill Ruether, Chase Bendick, Kim Burrinton, Jeannine Panten, Amy Thiessen-Roy, Jason & Kristen Nesbitt, Melanie Bodnar, Rebecca Bicknell, Teresa Gifford

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1. **Call to order at 1902**
2. **Request for additions to the agenda for February 27, 2025** - none
3. **Approval of minutes or corrections from December 5, 2024** - approved by Jesse Twidale, seconded by Teresa Gifford. Motion approved.
4. **Past actions** – None
5. **CO's Report** – Captain Read
  - i.) we are approaching the end of our training year, only about 12 or so weeks left.
  - ii.) ACR is coming up on June 8, 2025. The date was changed and will not be changed again. Facility is yet to be determined. We have yet to have it confirmed but we are hoping to use the new Heavy Metal Building (arena). Greystone School is booked for a back up. ACR stands for Annual Ceremonial Review. There will be 25-30 awards handed out. The precision drill team will demonstrate and the band will perform. Displays will be there as well for marksmanship, biathlon, etc.
  - iii.) Marksmanship provincials is coming up, both teams made it! Biathlon tryouts have started, three so far, more to come. Then final cuts will be made for the numbers to be submitted.
  - iv.) Camp forms have been submitted, only 9-11 cadets will be selected to go. Will know by the end of April who will be attending. Camp information can be found on Canada.ca, for any new families who would like more info for next year.

v.) FTX (Field Training Exercise) will be at Camp Wright, info is on the calendar. Transportation to Camp Wright will be provided. Parents will be responsible to get cadet(s) to a drop off and pick up location for the FTX weekend most likely LHQ. The calendar can be downloaded off the website.

vi.) Parents can volunteer for staff, see Gord for information. Volunteering can also be through the SSC. Our last event is June 12th, the year end BBQ.

vii.) March 15th is Sports Day at the Tri Leisure, 9-4, time may change due to availability of the Tri. Dress will be civilian athletic. More info will be out next week once details are finalized.

### **Executive Committee Reports**

#### **6. Chair Report- Kristina Millican**

i.) Legion Steak Night - The Stony Plain Legion is doing a special steak night for the Provincial Conference, May 3rd. Volunteers are needed to serve and clean up the meal. No cooking is necessary. 10-15 volunteers are needed, as 100-200 people are expected at this dinner. Volunteer time will probably be 5-9 pm. The Legions are very generous to the Cadets, a couple weeks ago they presented a cheque to our squadron for \$5,000. Due to alcohol being served, Cadets cannot attend or volunteer.

ii.) New emails for the SSC - the Provincial committee has rolled out new emails to the SSC. Kris will update the website as we activate the emails. Old email addresses will continue to be monitored as it will take some time for everything to switch over.

iii.) Mess Dinner - Saturday, May 24, 2025. Cadets have been told about the sign up, we do not want to cancel this! Sign up deadline is May 8th, there is a link on the calendar. It will be held at Muir Lake Hall. It is a formal dinner for the Cadets. Time is 5-10, a dance follows the dinner. Volunteers are needed to help out, Kris will be looking for about 3 or 4 parent volunteers to help serve the meal. It is a catered meal, just serve and clean up. Supply has black ties if the Cadet chooses to wear one. The dance is casual, Cadets can change after dinner.

#### **7. Vice Chair Report- Wade Poitras**

i.) If parents want to volunteer at events with Cadets in attendance, you need to be screened. See Wade to get screened. If you are not screened, you cannot have other Cadets with you, other than your own. Your screening lasts for five years.

#### **8. Fundraising Report- Valerie Barter**

i.) The Brickhouse Smokery - final fundraiser of the year. Orders will be in for May. Very local Canadian company!

ii.) First Aid Kits - sold \$3500, made \$1400, 40%, we will see the first aid kits in April

iii.) Electronic Round-Up - cancelled due to paperwork issues. Val does have a company ready to help us out once we are able to hold this. Hopefully, Sept-Oct when we hold the fall bottle drive.

iv.) Seeds Fundraiser - we receive 50% profit, closes March 13th, seeds in hand by the end of March.

v.) Pub Night - Beer Hunter March 29th, BOA night!! Starts at 7 pm, we receive 10% off food sales from ticket sales. There will be a 50/50 draw, CI Read will doing the ticket sales. Grand prize is a paddle board, prizes will be drawn every time the Oilers score. Pictures will be going up on the FB page of the prizes. Tickets are \$10/each, tickets will be available at the door if we do not sell out. E-transfer is accepted, [755parklandac@gmail.com](mailto:755parklandac@gmail.com), put your Cadet name and fundraiser event in the message and then let Val know you sent the money for her to keep track of it. The ticket sales are 100% profit back to the squadron, \$1500 if we sell out.

vi.) Spring Bottle Drive - April 27th, parents need to be screened to have other cadets in their vehicle, we will meet at the Muir Lake Hall, 10-2. The more volunteers and cadets the bigger success. Rural maps will be available for areas to be covered.

vii.) Val would like to stay on as the Fundraiser, but would like help this fall.

## **9. Any additional questions?**

i.) Where does the money go that is fundraised? The cadet program is free to join but it is not free for us to hold our training and optional programs. DND covers some costs but on average it costs us \$32,000-\$35,000 each year to run our program. Costs go towards supporting band, biathlon, effective speaking, drill, survival and marksmanship. We also do things through the year like the Holiday Potluck, swimming, and mess dinner. The SSC is also responsible for the upkeep of LHQ (rent, internet, power, heat etc.) The SSC is required to pay assessment fees each year based on the number of cadets enrolled in the squadron. This year the assessment fee was around \$5,000.

ii.) How are finances looking? We are doing well, Jason is absent. Currently we roughly have about 3 years of operational costs. That being said, we are looking at perhaps needing to replace "The Beast" next year. The Beast is used for storage of a lot of the equipment for the squadron. We need to assess the logistics of getting approval to get The Beast out and a new Beast in its place. This cost would need to be put in next year's budget if we want to proceed with it.

iii.) How often are meetings held? We generally hold parent meetings three times a year. As directors we meet two to three times. All minutes from directors and parent meetings are posted on the website. With more involvement from parents, more meetings may be held. SSC stands for Squadron Sponsoring Committee. If you ever have questions please reach out to the SSC. We are happy to help and answer questions. Our emails are found on the website. Kris is around alot. She is normally at LHQ at the start of Thursday evenings and at closing parades on Thursdays as is Val.

10. **Next SSC Parents Committee Meeting** probably in May with the AGM to follow. Watch the calendar for the date!
11. **Adjourned Meeting** at 2018