



51 Canada Aviation and Space Museum Air Cadet Squadron

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Sponsoring Committee Meeting Minutes **February 20, 2018, 1900 to 2040 hours**

PRESENT:

Stéphane Thibault (Chair)
Phillip Rennison (1st Vice-Chair)
Anne Thibault (Secretary)
Huseina Tai (Treasurer)
Rick Brooks (ACL Advisor)
Maj Warden (Commanding Officer)
Capt Michelle Bergeron
WO1 Wayquay Rombough (Cadet Commander)
Danielle Bélanger (Director)
Maureen Sirois (Director)
Sindhu Nair (Director)
James Farrell (Director)
Laurie Trépanier (Director)
Hala Hassan (Director)
Jeff Teng (Director)
Kadiatou Sao (Director)

ABSENT:

Fatima Dhaif (Director)

PARENTS PRESENT:

Susie Cloutier
François Trépanier

SUBJECT MATTERS

1. Approval of minutes

- SSC meeting of January 30, 2018
- Proposed by: James Farrell, Seconded: Laurie Trépanier. Minutes approved.
- Maj Moo Sang will post them on the website.

2. 51 Sqn CO's Report

- The CO indicated that DND has reduced the number of flying familiarization flights per year from 3 to 2 for this squadron. The CO and Capt Bergeron are to follow-up for an explanation.
- Biathlon results: One cadet is going to Nationals.
- The squadron currently stands between 180-190 cadets.
- The CO introduced Capt Bergeron as the next CO. Handover is expected on June 12, 2018. She provided a quick biography and indicated that her goals are to work on the power familiarization flights with DND and to keep the numbers of enrolled cadets up.
- The CO talked about the Year-End Trip (YET) 2018.
 - So far 2 buses will be required.
 - Approximately 73 cadets have signed up + 8 staff (1 staff for every 10 cadets)
 - 27 have paid in full.
 - 10 have indicated interest in participating
 - The final itinerary is still to be confirmed.
- François Trépanier mentioned that he contacted the head of the National Air Force Museum of Canada in Trenton to see if they would open later for the squadron on June 1. Have not yet received response.
- Phillip talked about the DND fiscal year end opportunities and mentions that if the squadron requires extra funds, the squadron needs to ask.

3. Cadet Report

- WO1 Rombough mentioned that she is very pleased with the biathlon team's standing at the last competition.
- She will enquire as to why attendance on cadet nights is declining. 40-50 cadets are missing every parade night.

4. League Report

- Rick Brooks indicated that 51 Squadron will be hosting the Regional Speaking Competition on February 25 at the museum and the Sgt Sara Hassan will represent 51 Squadron.
- Rick also mentioned that on March 10 and 24, senior cadets can register for an educational event on personal finances. This event will be provided by Linda Rombough (past League Advisor to 51 Squadron and present League Advisor to 75 Squadron).

- Rick provided a breakdown of the National Exam interviews and that the results would be available on February 26th. He also mentioned cadets who are selected will find out by March 1st.

5. Treasurer's report

- Huseina indicated that the squadron has approximately \$41,000 in the bank. The squadron is in a good position financially.
- Huseina provided a copy of the monthly financial transactions for January/February 2018.
- It was decided that Huseina will add extra lines on her report to indicate the breakdown of funds specifically for the YET.

6. Reports

- Screening – Stephane mentioned that only 2 members remain to have their screening files completed by the league.

7. Chair and Vice Chair Reports

- Spaghetti dinner. Spaghetti dinner as extra fundraiser for the Year-End trip. Stephane has communicated with 706 and 872 Squadrons and received input as to how they conduct theirs and has shared the information with the SSC members.
 - Stephane mentioned that he has contacted 26 merchants so far for gifts/donations for the silent auction but asks that more members/volunteers help with canvassing.
- Senior Cadet Mess Dinner. Phillip has communicated with the RCAF Officers Mess and has received pricing options. The mess dinner will be held on April 27 with guest of honour to be determined. Cadets attending are to be at the level 4 and up.
- Tag Days. Stephane mentioned that so far, we have 7 confirmed locations (Sail (Trainyards), Farmboy (Montreal Road and Trainyards), Canadian Tire (Coventry and Ogilvie), St-Laurent Mall, Independent Grocer (Montreal Road). Phillip will add the tag day activity to Eventbrite.
- Marksmanship. Phillip raised the need to locate a more permanent location for the marksmanship team as the current situation (Vanier Legion and CFS Leitrim) is becoming too difficult for Capt Olson to transport all the equipment from one place to another twice a week. Stephane mentioned that the baseball stadium on Coventry has reached out to us as a possible marksmanship location. Stephane will communicate with the stadium contact and share the information with the SSC once received.
- Corporate donations. François mentioned that he and Laurie are actively pursuing corporate donations for the squadron and that their goal is to raise \$6,000. It was decided at the meeting that a charitable donation receipt would be given and that the merchant names can be added to the squadron website as official sponsors.

8. Next meeting date is March 20, 2018.

9. Adjournment: 2040 hours.