

Airdrie Highlander Cadets Parent Association

Feb. 27, 2018

Present: Capt. Blackwell, Tammy Rent, Geraldine Long, Terry Sheedy, Ed Liukaitis, Wayne Stretch, Helen MacLean, Cindy Popovic, Rachel Hudson, Graham Longhurst

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

2. Welcome to all in attendance.

3. Old Business:

Review of Jan. 2019 minutes which were posted on our airdriecadets.com website.

Motion to accept by Geraldine Long. Seconded by Helen MacLean. Carried

4. New Business:

- a) Recent PrePak Meat of Calgary fundraiser netted a profit of \$125.00. Will run Big Chief beef jerky fundraiser April - May with product being delivered before the May long weekend. Helen MacLean will look into getting information for a possible Coco Brooks fundraiser. It was decided that before attempting a fundraiser like a Spring Fling, we need to have more parents supporting our committee and sharing in the work.
- b) Capt. Barton will present information regarding the proposed trip to Europe when information becomes available.
- c) Ed Liukaitis made the suggestion that an email be sent to all parents outlining the mandate of the Unit Support Committee and the need for support from all parents.
- d) Tammy Rent will check into the Veteran's Coffee Company and report back.
- e) Unit 2137 are looking for support in purchasing mugs with each corps logo at a cost of \$12.76/mug. Motion to purchase 3 dozen mugs at a cost of \$12.76/mug to be used as a fundraiser. Geraldine Long moved, Cindy Popovic seconded. Carried.
- f) A special thank to Ed Liukaitis for providing a mystery box on our behalf at the AGM held in Edmonton. The box auctioned off for \$135.00. Thank you, Ed.

5. CO's Report:

- The order has gone in to Camper's Village in the amount of approximately \$14,000. Awaiting delivery.
- The Mar. 10th ski trip still has room for more attendees. Meet at AKCS at 5:30 a.m. This is a free event for all interested cadets.
- On Mar. 18th a field training day will be held. Green and Red star will meet at Big Hills Spring Provincial Park where they will participate in a variety of outdoor activities. Lunch will be provided in the form of MRE's. Drop off and pick up will be each parent's responsibility. Silver and Gold stars will meet at the Ag Building and participate in

leadership training. Master cadets will be informed later as to their activity. Times will be announced at a later date.

- A CO's parade will be held at the end of March.
- The combined ACR will be held on June 3rd at Mewata Armouries. Practice in morning, with parade in the afternoon. More details to follow.
- Our annual Mess Dinner and awards will be held either May 26th or June 2nd at an approximate cost of \$4,000. Possible B. Gen Ronises, RO for ACR. Col Blakely possible guest of honour at dinner.
- April 7th - Vimy Parade at Military Museum at 11:30 a.m.
- April 21st - St. Julien Parade.
- April 27-29th - Navigation weekend for all cadets.
- Probably done promotions until ACR.
- Next physical fitness test planned for end of April.

6. Treasurer's Report: For the period Sept./17 - Jan. 31/18

- Casino Account: \$11,908.08 with one outstanding cheque in the amount of \$68.68
- Parent Account: \$42,448.06
- Total amount raised through fundraising is \$4,775.30.s
- Geraldine Long motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Wayne Stretch, seconded. Carried.
- We have received a cheque for \$43,477.90 from our November, 2017 casino.
- Local support allocation will be sending us a cheque for \$4,000.

7. Legion Report:

- There is a Veteran's Food Bank in Calgary and Edmonton. Calgary would be our contact point.
- Applications for membership into The Royal Canadian Legion have been left with Terry Sheedy, Secretary. Anyone 19 years or older may apply. Allan Turnowski is the membership director with the Legion.
- The Legion has monthly meetings.
- There is a room available to book for meetings. Contact person at the Legion is Karl at 403-948-3000. The room is available Tuesday - Saturday. Call for times.
- The Legion is requesting an officer and one cadet be present at their honors and awards presentation on March 10th at 1300 hours where a cheque will be presented to us from the Poppy fund.
- The Legion is trying to set up a schedule with all three cadet corps to look after the area around the LAV at the Nose Creek Museum. Wayne is working on a formal schedule.
- *Capt. Blackwell wants it to be understood that any cadet who volunteers their time for this, will be doing so on their own with no officer supervision and no DND support/insurance. Strictly voluntary.*
- Wayne will be putting together a bulk order for specific highland gear in order to get a better price.

8. League Report:

- Ed expressed a big thank you to Geraldine Long for all of her work in getting Unit 3016 financials in good order. A huge job! Thank you, Geraldine.
- Tammy Rent and Geraldine Long attended the AGM in Edmonton from Feb. 23-25th.
- March 10th is the Southern zone meeting in Calgary.
- April 14th is the Spielman Cup where a combined drill team (3 units) will be participating.
- A certificate is available from the league for any aging out cadets. Need sufficient notice to prepare.
- For any ACR awards donations, a cheque can be written to the Army Cadet League and the League can issue a tax receipt to the donor. Funds will then be sent to our unit.
- The Batter Boys have been booked to cook breakfast at the combined ACR on June 3rd.

9. Update on Location:

Capt. Blackwell shared with all in attendance that the three Airdrie corps, sea/air/army are in meetings to discuss the need in Airdrie, for support of our corps in terms of space and location. Meetings are being held to put together a presentation to take before the Airdrie City Council.

In terms of our present position, AKCS is very supportive of us continuing to rent their facilities. Currently we pay \$6,000/year with an increase to \$8,000 in the 2018/19 cadet year. We are looking towards securing a 5-10 year lease with AKCS if something does not come available through the City. We currently rent the space at the Ag Building at the cost of \$1.00/year.

There is the possibility of utilizing a large, unused space at AKCS that exists under the gym floor area. It would require some work before being available. Capt. Blackwell will be in discussion with the school around what we could assist them with in order to make the space usable. Possible cost of \$15,000 to have a second exit put in. Possible uses for this space would include office, range and storage

10. Next meeting will be held on Mar. 27th, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Please join us at 6:30 pm for coffee and snacks.

11. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm by Helen MacLean, seconded by Cindy Popovic. Carried.,