

Airdrie Highlander Cadets Parent Association

Mar. 28., 2018

Present: Capt. Barton, Tammy Rent, Geraldine Long, Terry Sheedy, James Cousins, Ed Liukaitis, Wayne Stretch, Helen MacLean, Cindy Popovic, Patrice Aubrecht, Josee Janssen, Kimberly Ryan, Ranpreet Bal, Peter Braithwaite, Dwayne Coulombe

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

2. Welcome to all in attendance.

3. Old Business:

Review of Feb. 2018 minutes which were posted on our airdriecadets.com website.

Motion to accept by Dwayne Coulombe. Seconded by Cindy Popovic. Carried

4. New Business:

a) Big Chief Beef Jerky fundraiser will run from April 24th - May 8th. Goal is for every cadet to sell five, 48 piece boxes which would give us a profit between \$8K - \$10K. Helen MacLean will pick up on May 15th for distribution that same evening

b) Prepak Meats fundraiser will run from May 22nd - June 5th, with delivery on June 12th. Excellent quality meat for the bbq season. Kristina Frost will pick up.

c) Suggestion to look into doing a fundraiser selling Hutterite chickens. Dwayne/Kristina will look into.

d) Kimberly Ryan will bring us information on Action books to sell for \$25, with a profit of \$15./book.

e) Helen MacLean will get together with Tammy Rent to look into Coco Brooks fundraiser. Up to 40% profit.

f) On April 24th we will have Highlander Corps coffee mugs for sale for \$20. Limited quantity available. Bring your money to the next support meeting!

g) Welcome to James Cousin, who is our in term Vice-President until our AGM.

h) Several individuals will look into finding a photographer to take individual and group cadet pictures.

5. EFTours 2020:

- The proposed 2019 EF Tour trip has been changed to a Canadian Battlefield Tour from April 9-18th, 2020 due to time constraints. Locations include Amsterdam, Vimy, Normandy and Paris. Cost is \$3,560/child and \$3,970/adult. There will be no free trips for anyone. Parents will only be allowed on the trip if more chaperones are required. Most officers are interested in attending.

- Fundraising for the trip will be run separate from the support committee. Currently there is a \$3,650 bursary to be divided between the number of children going on the trip. Any

fundraising monies will be split amongst the children, only. Separate financials will be kept. Hoping to get 30 cadets going with a 1:15 ratio. Capt. Barton would like to know by June, 2018 which cadets are interested in going. If a cadet cancels after signing up for the trip, a \$199. administration fee will be charged if cancelled before 30 days prior to the trip.

6. CO Report:

- 75 cadets, effective strength; 35 new enrollments, loose half by January. Currently bottom heavy with green and red stars.
- Currently offering biathlon and band. Hope to offer marksmanship and drill next year.
- Navigation FTX is to be held from April 27 - 29th at Camp Howard. Mandatory for green and red stars. Silver, gold and master cadets will be instructing. Parents are requested to send only enough meds for the number of camp days. Please give meds with written directions to an officer when you drop your child off at the Ag Building. Ops order and waiver to be posted on website prior to the FTX.
- Parents are requested to remain at the Ag Building until it is determined that they have all necessary items for the weekend.
- Joint ACR with all four Highland Corps will be one day this year. To be held on Sunday, June 3rd.
- Unit 3016 Mess dinner will be held either May 26th or June 2nd. Cadets are requested to wear a white, collared shirt with black bow tie. Cadets received a free dinner. Each cadet can bring up to, 2 guests. Tickets for guests are \$25.00 each. Col. Sam Blackley will be the honorary guest.
- CO's parade will be held May 1st or 8th.
- Parents please be watching for your cadet's camp offer. Upon receipt, please sign and send back to Mary West. Make sure you keep a copy as your cadet requires this to get on the bus.
- The Duke of Edinburgh program is open to all cadets. All cadets who are 14 years and older are encouraged to join. There are three levels, bronze, silver and gold. Each level costs \$30.00 which DND will pay. A brochure is available on our website. Our officers will be submitting applications in a group, on behalf of 3016 cadets.
- Our cadets have asked that the parents take over the canteen and the selling of items. They also stated that there aren't a lot of healthy choices. Staff would like to see a free canteen for all, drink and snack, provided each night.
- The Silver Star Expedition is scheduled for May 11-13th, 2018.

8. Treasurer's Report:

- Current bank balances as of March 26, 2018 are Parent Account, \$43,218.00 and Casino Account, \$33,138.05. The Band Account has had \$28.56 transferred to the Parent Account. Geraldine will be going in a finalizing closing this account.
- We received a \$4,000.00 cheque from LSA to go towards our rent. LSA provides a set amount of dollars per cadet and issues cheques to each corps. This is available each year.

9. Legion Report:

- Thank you to the officer and cadet who attended the Legions Honors and Awards event.
- Applications are available for aging out cadets for a 1 year Legion membership.
- March 28th, 2018 marks The Calgary Highlanders Regiment 108th birthday . A parade of the Regiment will take place at 8:00 pm at Mewata.
- Saturday, April 21, 2018 will be the St. Julien parade at Mewata. The Legion is requesting 30 cadets total from all four cadet corps. Bag lunch is requested.

10. League Report:

- Vimy Day April 7th at 11:30 - 3:00 pm at Military Museums
- Spielman Cup - drill competition at Mewata on April 14th at 10:00 a.m.
- Scholarships are available every year for cadets who will be pursuing secondary education. Applications are due by November 11th every year.
- Photo competition is open to all ages. Pictures due by December 31st every year.
- Honor awards nominations for best cadet/officer and volunteers are being requested.
- For every cadet who brings in 3 new cadets and they attend for 4 months, they will receive a watch.
- The Batter Boys have been reserved for the joint ACR on June 3rd.
- There is a cheque for \$150 coming to us from Unit 2512 KOCR.

11. Open Floor:

- Discussion followed regarding the cadets' request that the parents take over the canteen. Suggestions were parents take turns bringing in food and drink for all cadets. Make it possible for parents to purchase punch cards to be used by their cadet.
- Kimberly Ryan/Geraldine Long/Tammy Rent will run the canteen from now to the end of the year. They will ask the cadets what food they would like to see offered for sale. Kimberly Ryan will take over purchasing items.

10. Next meeting will be held on April 24th, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Please join us at 6:30 pm for coffee and snacks.

11. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm by Dwayne Coulombe, seconded by Ranpreet Bal. Carried.