



BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE
61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BEST WESTERN TOWNE LODGE KAMLOOPS
OCTOBER 5, 2002

Welcome by Bill Batchelor, President, British Columbia Provincial Committee

A moment of silence was observed for those who are no longer with us.

I. INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE

Bill Batchelor introduced the Members of the Head Table:

Bill Batchelor	Tom Holland	Craig Hawkins	Cdr Saladana
Major B. Deck	Stan Horton	Geoffrey Johnston	Doug Sutherland
Jack Henwood	Jim McKeachie	Leone Sutherland	

II. NOTICE OF MEETING

Bill Batchelor declared the 61st Annual General Meeting in session.
Representatives from 42 Squadron/Sponsoring Committees were in attendance.

III. MOTION OF ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moved by: Stan Horton

Omissions and Errors: None

Carried

IV. ADDRESSES

Geoffrey Johnston – President’s Report

- Bill Batchelor has been appointed to Board of Governors, ACLC
- Largest turnout at this meeting – 42 Squadrons represented
- Geoff went over rules for voting on motions, etc.
- Newest squadron is 907 and another is in process in Westbank

Craig Hawkins – Air Cadet League of Canada

- Greetings from Jim Ash, President, Air Cadet League of Canada
- League has reformed many of its committees, busiest is Insurance Committee.
- Military partners and ACLC meeting to discuss the hiring of staff and signing by League members.
- CASARA, introduced by Jim Betts, has been approved for integration into Cadet program.
- Air Traffic Control Course will have a study guide and exam
- Major review of training program will greatly benefit cadets and officers.
- Registration and Screening is absolutely necessary.

- Actively working on publicizing program to aid recruiting and retention. A national survey will be sent out to identify problems with retention.
- Re-align rank structure—up to Sgt; promotions will be automatic—not based on quota
- ACLC, in conjunction with other Leagues, requested assistance for funding from Treasury Board or Heritage Canada, not from DND as this would cut into Cadet budget.
- Letters have been written for Sponsoring Committees, League members, to send to Members of Parliament etc. (BC will not comply until assurances have been received that monies will not affect budget for Cadet programs.)

Commander Saladana – Regional Cadet Officer, Pacific Region

- Officers are taking on personal risks by having cadets under or over age limits.
- Pay increases for officers from 21 to 23 days and for COs from 21 to 33 days.
- New \$2 million accommodation building for officers at Albert Head for 2004.
- New camp CO for Albert Head, Major Doug Slowski.
- Norwalk-like virus hit campers last year. Excellent care by camp staff and officers from Base Hospital was provided to the cadets afflicted which prevented more widespread cases.
- The new hangar at Comox is an excellent facility and RGS provides an outstanding operation.
- Numerous courses have been redeveloped and more will be done in coming year.
- Information Management – Cadet Net is the way of the Cadet world.
- Cadet Administration System changes will reduce workload at the LHQs.
- Cdr Saladana announced promotions: O/Cdt M. Bridgewater as new CO at 258 Sqn, Captains Harrington and Blakely to Acting Majors, and Capt. F. Shore was presented with CD for 12 years of service.
- Relinquishment of rank for officers – National policy, caused frustration and has been worked on in Ottawa.
- Amount of paperwork is necessary to provide documentation in event of investigations, etc.
- Actively recruiting former cadets to become CIC.

Coffee Break

LCol T. Byrne and Major V. Kippel – Flying Program – Regional Gliding School

- The partnership is the best in the country, thanks given to Bill Batchelor for cooperation of the League.
- Flying program for 2002 was very successful, Chief of Defense Staff presented wings at the final parade.
- No accidents occurred due to very good work of staff at RGS.
- BCPC purchased new radios on very short notice, much appreciated.
- Adults are welcomed at the gliding sights for flights and supervision of cadets.
- Eight glider candidates were RTU'd due to lack of flying aptitude.
- Staff is looking for some type of aptitude testing to be included in the selection process, perhaps simulator training could be done prior to start of course.
- Glider pilots will have opportunity to build their hours once all cadets from a squadron have finished flying for the day.
- The L19 exhaust system is causing problems and could lead to fire, a new system is being looked at.

- Initiative was started to build a paint shop with the Sea Cadets to cut the cost of painting of planes and boats.
- Possible replacement for L19 is the Polish “Wolenden”.
- Young children can attend on the air field if well supervised. Each airport has its own restrictions.
- Private aircraft can be used for Fam Flying as long as required process is followed – Air Cadet League must be included on the insurance policy.
- Prefer one parent/officer to supervise each 10 cadets at the air field.
- Newspaper people are ideal candidates for Fam flights and are welcomed.
- Cost for gliding in Kootenays for one weekend is \$4500. No more double towing into these regions. A new trailer will take one glider and one will be towed in by air.
- National League determines the requirements for insurance coverage. Most private owners of aircraft willingly will add Air Cadet League of Canada on a policy.
- Cadets RTU'd from camps causes great disappointment to cadet and squadron, a simulator program may be instituted to test flying aptitude prior to going to camp.

Geoffrey Johnston – Nominations for five new Directors

- Bill Batchelor explained new structure of BCPC. Sponsoring Committees still vote, but only for Directors. The term for Directors is two years. Bill presented the list for nominations: Stan Harry, Bob Burchinshaw, Tom Holland, Trevor Smith, and Linda Spouler.

No nominations from the floor, **nomination list elected.**

MOTION: CONFIRM ACTS OF EXECUTIVE FOR 2002 / 2003 CARRIED

Jack Henwood – Former Squadron Liaison

- proposal of new criteria for assessing Cadet's flying ability came from BCPC.
- League Representatives to be more in tuned to help the Sponsoring Committees.
- Performance Evaluation: Wing Chairs will have overall information; Sponsoring Committees will receive feedback in November. One evaluation is done for the Cadets and one for Sponsoring Committees.

Jack Henwood – Flying Report

- Jack covered the Flying Study, a copy of which was sent to Sponsoring Committees. He touched on the MOA and insurance coverage. He also mentioned the need to identify a replacement aircraft.
- All aircraft were re-registered in new BCPC incorporated name.

Ron Aumonier – Flying, Gliding Stats - In Annual Report

Phil Perry – Technical Advisor - In Annual Report

- Complete rewiring of all 5 L19s done.
- Purchase of two gliders and one rebuilt.

Geoffrey Johnston – AGM

- Society Act requires an AGM within six months of year end (Aug 31st).
- Revenue Canada will roll over the Registered Charity status of those already incorporated and those unincorporated can be done all at once by filling out a form.

- without this status Sponsoring Committees will be required to file an income tax report.
- Rules 3 and 4 have been added to the Administration Manual.
 - Rule 3 Real Estate – Sponsoring Committees looking at building or buying accommodation will have to send in a business plan to BCPC for consultation.
 - Rule 4 Miss Appropriation of Funds – Anyone accused must step aside until investigation is complete.
- Website designed to give information to our members, including manuals, resources for Sponsoring Committees etc. Website has been copied by three other provinces.
- Pac Region website best military site in the country for Officers and Cadets.

Doug Sutherland – Financial Report and Budget

- Explained Treasurer’s Report and Gaming Funds (received \$35,000)
- Radios for aircraft put us over budget but was a necessary \$10,000 purchase.
- Value of gliders dropped to \$15,000 from \$20,000.
- The granting of Gaming Funds to BCPC may or may not affect individual Sponsoring Committees’ grants.

MOVED ADOPTION OF TREASURER’S REPORT CARRIED

- Budget will allow a small surplus at end of year and will not increase assessment of \$35.00 per cadet

MOVED ADOPTION OF BUDGET CARRIED

Lunch

Gladys Jarvie – Effective Speaking

- Effective Speaking package and application form forwarded to each Sponsoring Committee and also on Website.
- The competition is a League sponsored event and Sponsoring Committees are responsible to conduct the squadron level competition.
- The Wing Chairs are to decide if more than one cadet can compete from each squadron. It will depend on number of squadrons and competitors in the Wing.

Doug Sutherland – Website Presentation

- A look at the website and introduction to the “Sponsoring Committee Resources” section.

Tom Holland – Air Cadet Station Aldergrove

- Aldergrove is a camp for all cadets in the province, Air, Army & Sea for nominal fees. The BC Provincial Committee has a 1 year lease of Bldg 4 (barrack block) and Bldg 2 (classrooms) and must pay the operating costs. Camp can accommodate 88 cadets and 20 officers. Part of Bldg 2 is leased to 746 Sqn.
- Bookings can be made on the website.
- Open House Oct. 26th for anyone interested.

Doug Sutherland – Budgeting Presentation

- Doug covered the process that sponsoring committees should follow in putting together a budget for the coming year. (Slide presentation)

Leone Sutherland – Scholarship Camps

- Overview of the Scholarship Camps that require an interview.
- Criteria for each course covered and problem areas brought to the attention of the Sponsoring Committees. New checklist is available on website to help with missing documentation.
- New DND 2226 for this year with a few changes.
- CATOs are on our website.
- Athletic testing results **MUST** be on the application form. Cadets must be in shape.
- DND 1964 must be complete.
- Preliminary Merit List will be used again this year.
- ATC exam & study guide in effect this year.

Geoff Johnston – Sunday Morning Workshops

- Covered briefly the schedule for the Sunday Morning Sessions
- Tom Holland covered the arrangements for the evening Dinner, Awards and Entertainment.

Captain J. Jarrette – Area Cadet Officer

- Presentation to Phil Garvin on his upcoming retirement.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



President

Executive Secretary