



BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE
62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BEST WESTERN TOWNE LODGE KAMLOOPS
OCTOBER 4, 2003

Welcome by Geoffrey Johnston, President, British Columbia Provincial Committee

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

I. INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE

Members of the Head Table:

Geoffrey Johnston	Leonard Jenks	Cdr Saladana	Tom Holland
Doug Sutherland	Jack Henwood	Jim McKeachie	Stan Harry
Stan Horton	Leone Sutherland		

II. NOTICE OF MEETING

Geoffrey Johnston declared the 62nd Annual General Meeting in session. Representatives from 42 Squadrons/Sponsoring Committees were in attendance, 182 in total at the meeting. Best attendance ever.

III. MOTION OF ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moved by: Stan Horton

Omissions and Errors: None

Carried

Doug Sutherland announced that the Award results missing from the Annual Report are as follows: Top NCM - Narcis Anton, 754 Squadron; Top ATC - Alan Kilpatrick, 205 Sqn; Achievement - 676 Squadron; Citizenship - 205 Squadron.

IV. ADDRESSES

Geoffrey Johnston – President's Report

- National AGM will be held in Richmond on June 16 - 18, 2006
- BC received approval from DND and National to test the Wilga aircraft as a possible new tow plane.
- Aldergrove lease has been extended another year with Base Properties covering the ongoing operating expenses. The first year did not generate revenue however BCPC was able to provide a cheque for \$5300 towards the operation of the site.
- RSCU is entering into Career Management to better serve the cadet program. Sponsoring Committees are now not tasked with finding new COs and officers. COs and officers will now be appointed, with concurrence of BCPC.
- ACLC currently named in three lawsuits showing the need to look at entire structure of the Air Cadet League. ACLC Ottawa does not have the money to cover legal expenses. BC published a position paper on the situation. Provincial Chairs approved a \$1.00/cadet assessment to assist National with the current expenses.
- Len Jenks was responsible for spearheading the Education Credits in BC and in prompting other provinces to follow.

Leonard Jenks, Past National President, Advisory Board Member

- Brent Wolfe, President, Air Cadet League of Canada asked Leonard to represent him at our Annual Meeting.
- Leonard thanked BCPC for taking a leadership role in the country in dealing with the two main issues: risk and liability.
- Replacement aircraft is important to the National flying/gliding program. Work being done in BC is the benchmark for others.
- The role of the Advisory Board is to provide advice and it is important to meet the people in the field.

Commander Saladana – Regional Cadet Officer, Pacific Region

- Cdr Saladana brought greetings from Admiral Forcier.
- The topics for discussion in Ottawa with D/Cdts:
 - DND and League partnership, BC is held up as a model.
 - Privacy Act and Human Rights
 - Legal Risk Management
 - Age specific training
 - Cadet pin for meritorious service is approved.
- Biathlon Zone Competition in provinces, Provincial Competition to Mt. Washington.
- Registered number of Air Cadets in BC is 3821, more than half of all cadets in BC. Twenty-one squadrons in BC are at 100+ cadets each.
- ITAC trialed new course material at the summer camps.
- New ACO is Capt. Grant Humphrey who was in Aero Space Control at Comox prior to becoming ACO.
- Phil Garvin has retired New ACICOs were introduced: Majors Adams, Alguire, Goode, Hogan, Kerr and Horney (absent) join Major Steve Cooper.
- The new Director of Cadets is Col. Robert Perron who has worked on ministerial enquiries.
- CIC weekend training at ACS Aldergrove is proposed.
- The policy of no smoking allowed at summer camps brought no complaints. No RTUs were necessary this past summer because of smoking.
- No Smoking will be allowed at any LHQs, following the same policy of Atlantic Region instituted five years ago.
- Cadets are not allowed to be on security detail, parking attendants nor do paintball activities.
- No plans to close any summer training centres in B. C.
- Over 900 course and staff cadets were at Albert Head during 2003 summer.
- Physical and emotional stability of Air Cadets is important, there were six major accidents across the country, although none at Comox.

Coffee Break

VI. REPORTS

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

- LCol Byrne thanked members of the League, Comox Staff and Col. Randy Price for outstanding support.
- Major Clarkson was killed in a helicopter accident. He was active in tow plane support.
- Good summer with 9500 sorties = 36,000 movements of aircraft, 2100 sorties at the glider school.
- Experienced seven RTUs = 1 power and 4 glider, 2 disciplinary. BC lost two scholarships because of the disciplinary RTUs.
- RGS had top cadets fly in a CF-18, Buffalo and Cormorant helicopter as rewards.

- Major Kippel stated the P2L104 Wilga assessment is going well. Four pilots are approved to fly the aircraft and are ready to tow gliders. Plane is four seater with excellent visibility, good for fam flying. The Wilga is more powerful than the L19 but heavier. They will be very careful in their assessment of the aircraft.

Jack Henwood – Flying Report - Page 15 of Annual Report

- Jack explained the rental rates, maintenance costs and rental during summer training.
- DND will cover the cost of insurance and SIRP fee. We will no longer pay SIRP and will receive a refund this year.
- BC has been concerned for several years about a replacement of a tow vehicle. It is now a national topic. Major Kippel, after much research, found the Wilga and the National Flying Committee, Provincial Chairs, approved of our business plan and the trial was approved. The insurance company is on board for the trial.
- Funds will be required to carry out the purchase in the future.
- Ron Aumonier's report on Statistics is included in Jack's report in the Annual Report.

Doug Sutherland - Vice President Corporate Affairs

- Doug reported on Charitable Status which is Federal. Hoping to roll over numbers at once.
- Incorporated, not Charity, may be done all together. A document from our legal council, Mary Stewart, is included in the folders. An adjusted screening form is to be produced and used for renewals.
- Registration of members, all must be screened.
- AGM of a Society must be held within six months of year end.
- ACC9 has been revised to include an Inventory of Assets.
- Gaming Commission rules and regulations change constantly.
- Insurance Certificate for cadet activities, if required, can be obtained by submitting a form to ACLC Ottawa with a copy to BCPC.
- If a Sponsoring Committee owns a building on leased land, contents insurance should be purchased. Confirmation has been requested from the League's Insurance Company.
- Review Board Interviewers were thanked for their time and travel.
- Statistics report shows the distribution of the scholarship camps throughout the province.
- BCPC has received numerous suggestions on Review Board questions that are directed at getting 100% for Cadets. This is not our goal, we have to be able to separate the marks to avoid ties.
- The Current Events questions at the Review Boards will cover the immediate previous 12 months. The identity of local dignitaries such as Mayors will not be asked.
- Trophies and Awards – due to the cost and damage to the trophies, we will be presenting only plaques next year which will be “keeper” trophies.
- The Budget shows a healthy cash position with no increase in the assessment figures.

Motion by Doug Sutherland:

Moved that the Budget be approved with an Operating Assessment of \$35.00.

Carried

Jack Henwood presented the Financial Statements

- Page 11 shows the Asset Trial Balance
- There is a \$6000 fund for the National AGM in 2006 to be held in B. C.
- Other assets include seed money to Aldergrove. ACS Aldergrove is a stand alone venture.
- The Bill Batchelor CFTA is at \$8500 and when it reaches \$10,000, The Vancouver Foundation will take it over .

- Most items are up from the budget. Will have \$110,000 cash for the coming year.

CIC Officers left for their meeting.

Geoff Johnston addressed the Resolution and moved that:

The Bylaws of the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee be amended to delete paragraph 5.9 under Part 5 which reads as follows:

“5.9 Elected directors may be elected to two consecutive terms but then must cease to be an elected director for at least one year before being eligible for re-election.”

Carried

Tom Holland, Vice President Squadron Liaison

- Became a National Member. The accolades for the B. C. Provincial Committee were numerous and show us as a leader. We are open to suggestions because we talk to our committees.
- The Wing Chairs were thanked for all their work. The ACICOs work closely with the Wing Chairs and the Provincial Committee through Major B. Deck.
- The BCPC offset the expenses for the ACICOs to attend the AGM.
- Goal with Squadron Liaison is to get more direct input from League Inspectors on their marking of Annual Reviews.
- Provincial Manual is a living document and credit goes to former President, Bill Batchelor.
- School Credits are graduation credits, 8 per year, 8 for six week courses and extra 4 for Power License as outside of the Cadet Program.
- More League Representatives needed in all areas. League Reps work with the Sponsoring Committees as a representative of the Provincial Committee, not of the Squadron. Criteria are in Administration Manual. Page 27 Section 1
- ACS Aldergrove
 - Ilona Turra is Asst. Manager
 - paid \$5300 to Base Properties Esquimult.
 - purchasing furniture, thanks to Bob Burchinshaw for the furniture and equipment procured for Aldergrove.

Geoffrey Johnston presented the report of the Nominating Committee and Moved that the following be elected to the Board of Directors:

**Jack Henwood, Stanley Horton, Gladys Jarvie, Geoffrey Johnston, Sherry Strutt
and Doug Sutherland
Carried by Acclamation**

**Geoffrey Johnston moved that the Acts of the Executive for 2003 / 2004 be confirmed:
Carried**

Gladys Jarvie, Effective Speaking Coordinator

- Report is on page 18 of the Annual Report
- Gladys and Gail Elgert attended all Effective Speaking competitions in the province.
- This year, 60% Squadrons participated
- Rule #8, speakers will be allowed to speak to the judges for feedback.
- 2004 Effective Speaking information is in the package and on national website as well as the provincial website.
- Signatures of parents and Commanding Officer are important.
- Provincial Competition is April 17, 2004, National is June 2004 in Nova Scotia.

Leonard Jenks – External School Credits

- Presently for Grade 11 & 12 Cadets, as of September 2004 Grade 10 credits will apply.
- Level 3 training will apply, various summer camps may apply, these are yet to be determined.
- Newfoundland and Yukon are following.
- If a cadet does not use a pilot license for cadet school credits, he/she may use it as an independent credit.

Lunch – 12:05

Jack Henwood

- The Air Crew Association donates \$1200 (for the highest academic achiever in Ground School at Camp). The winners are: Curtis Mullen 525; Jordan Lee 111; Kyle Hagen 848; Jennifer Mitchell 583. Each will receive \$300 towards flying hours.

Paddy Paddison

- presented a framed certificate to the British Columbia Provincial Committee.

Jim McKeachie – Air Force Association

- Battle of Britain Parade – 650 Cadets on parade at Jericho Beach, hoping for 1000 cadets in future.

Leone Sutherland – Scholarship Courses

- New application form for 2003, requires more signatures.
- Website has all criteria for the Scholarship Courses with a checklist.
- Applications must be completed in full and sent to Pac Region before the deadline.

Geoffrey Johnston – Legal Issues

- Legal suits are just the beginning, so far they only involve the behaviour of CIC officers. Leagues are being included because of the nature of our program. In future, direct suits may come.
- Our aircraft are protected as we, in B. C., are incorporated. Other provinces are not and are putting their aircraft in jeopardy as National own the aircraft and they are on the line.
- We must protect our organization, re-examine our role, restructure the League and develop the best practices possible.
- One third of the squadrons in B. C. are having problems with their quarters. We have no national strategy for funding proposals to deal with this problem.
- We should not be using “free” law council,
- Other provinces do not fund their provincial offices; we gratefully do here in B. C. Recent request for federal government to take over the funding of provincial offices is strenuously objected to by B. C. as we will lose our independence and input into the program.
- We do not fund our National Office and they find they cannot carry out their basic responsibilities. The Air Cadet organization operates from the bottom up as the Sponsoring Committees have the power to fundraise.
- The National Office negotiates the administration of the Insurance Policies (10 such policies), maintains international relationships, including International Exchange program, provides defense and administration of law suits. If National was not there, the provincial organizations would have to do it all themselves at a tremendous cost.
- In B. C. a \$60 assessment fee per cadet per year would pay the provincial committee operating expenses, help pay off the National Committee debts, build a sizeable legal defense fund plus pay for new aircraft over a ten year period. It would provide a good basis to go to corporate sector for funding.
- To offset the additional costs to Sponsoring Committees, we would propose to allow Sponsoring Committees to charge parents, if they so desired, and would propose measures to

help increase the Sponsoring Committees' fundraising abilities such as province wide lotteries and a coordinated application to Gaming Commission for province wide grant. This could be done across the country.

- In the B. C. Position Paper produced, we recommended immediate set up of a Legal Defense Fund, which has been done; restructure the League as Incorporated Society as was done in B. C.; bottom-up funding from Sponsoring Committees for provincial and national levels; by allowing Spon Cmtes to charge parents annual fees; by having the highest level of the League forcefully and urgently pursue issue of indemnification from DND through the office of the Minister meaning that the Air Cadet League should not be liable for actions of CIC Officers; that a Board or Committee be set up to raise political profile and influence of the Air Cadet League so we can get intervention with the Minister's office.

Motion by Geoffrey Johnston:

Move that the Executive of the British Columbia Provincial Committee be authorized to pursue an initiative to establish a new funding arrangement for the ACLC whereby provincial committees & their sponsoring committees provide financial support for the national office.

Carried

This means giving approval in principle to your Provincial Committee.

Discussion followed on charging of fees and ways to regulate them:

- a fee could be regulated so there is no competition between units.
- set a maximum limit for the fee, and let each unit set their own fee within that limit.

VII NEW BUSINESS

Captain Jim Hart

- gave a presentation on a commemorative coin fundraiser.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



President



Executive Secretary