



BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE
62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BEST WESTERN TOWNE LODGE KAMLOOPS
OCTOBER 2, 2004

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	Craig Hawkins	Cdr Saladana	Tom Holland	Gladys Jarvie
Doug Sutherland	Jack Henwood	Stan Horton	Leone Sutherland	

II. NOTICE OF MEETING

Geoffrey Johnston declared the 63rd Annual General Meeting in session.

Representatives from 43 Squadrons/Sponsoring Committees were in attendance, 189 in total at the meeting. Best attendance ever.

III. MOTION OF ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moved by: Geoffrey Johnston

Omissions and Errors: None

Carried

IV. ADDRESSES

Geoffrey Johnston – President's Report

- Geoffrey stated that this is a ground breaking meeting.
- Immediate causes for changes are the legal liability, incorporation, need for sixth tow plane, and support for restructuring. There has been a great change since the 1960s in the way the Armed Forces looks after cadets. The League did not change at the Provincial or National level and is lacking a financial basis for Provincial and National Committees. The Provincial Committees do not provide any funding for National.
- There is a need for a sixth tow plane here in B.C. The L19s will not last forever.
- Approx. 1/3 of the units are having problems with quarters. Armed Forces cannot take it on; it must be a League responsibility.
- The cost from DND and the League is \$4500 per cadet per year.
- If \$75 is not acceptable, we must delete items we usually support.
- A Compliance Officer will be hired to help the Sponsoring Committees do what they must do.
- A Real Estate Group will be instituted this year to help units with their quarters.

Craig Hawkins – Vice President, Air Cadet League of Canada

- Craig stated he is "here to listen and learn". Decisions made here will be felt across the nation.
- Financial issues - it is harder to raise money to run the program.
- Initiatives:
 - Dery Initiative, by Army League, for funding from DND to run Provincial Offices.

- Legal Defense Fund protects right down to the Sponsoring Committees.
- Matrix between League and Military partners will spell out who is responsible for what.
- Provincial Representatives to the National Committee will be asked to sit on a National body.
- Looking for people to:
 1. join,
 2. do your homework i.e. become involved in committees.
 3. To the Provincial Committee to coach and guide your members to the National ways and methods,
 4. Jump in.
- This organization is one of the most productive partnerships.

Commander Saladana – Regional Cadet Officer, Pacific Region

- Cdr Saladana brought greetings from Admiral Forcier.
- Fortress, a new Cad Administration System developed to reduce administrative work at the local level, will be ready for September 2005.
- Matrix is a long way from being signed off yet. Some wording is causing issues.
- A weekend Lt. Qualification course has been developed.
- New cadet training program will start to be introduced in September 2007.
- New CIC training program is being developed.
- Tents will be used at Summer Training Centres across the country, 70 of which will go to Albert Head.
- Two to three million Officers’ accommodation building at Albert Head for 2005.
- Chief of Air Staff to confirm new CO for Regional Gliding School.

Jack Henwood – Provincial Flying Committee Chair

- Jack recapped some of the National Flying Committee initiatives
- there were 7 glider incidents in summer 2003, none in BC. Director of Flight Safety suggested improved training for instructors.
- study came out on removing the Glider Program. Decision is to keep the program.
- Insurance coverage on L19 at \$75,000 – increased to \$110,000 replacement cost. DND will pick up the insurance costs.
- Tow aircraft replacement – as a result of National Flying Study and the need to identify oncoming aircraft, Major Kippel and staff tested the Wilga as a possible follow-on aircraft. As a result of 35 hours of testing, a nine page in-depth critique was produced. The aircraft appears to fulfill the needs here in B. C. The purchase of a Wilga will be dependant on changes recommended by RGS. Sealand agreed to do the changes to meet our requirement.
- Picked up a damaged glider, FWMT, refurbished it and it now is our twelfth glider.
- BCPC approved rental of the trial Wilga as a sixth tow plane for the Fall flying season.
- Summer camp saw 10% increase in glider flights, 2260 power flights, lost eight cadets (RTU’d) for aptitude.

LCol Tom Byrne – RCA Ops O

- Geoffrey stated that LCol Byrne and staff have an uncompromising stand on safety.
- LCol Byrne praised the support from the League and Pac Region.
- There was concern over the lack of people able to run the glider flying in the Northern Wing, however, the North is going strong now.

Major V. Kippel – DRCA Ops O

- Major Kippel stated they met their mandate with the number of glider Fam flights.
- There were 39 Glider pilots passed, 100% of cadets passed Power Pilot course.

- Hundred hour inspections being done, SIRP, (a three month program) is done on each aircraft every twelve years.
- Maintenance workers going on strike, only basic safety work will be done on aircraft.
- Wilga is acceptable to RGS as long as changes are done.

Doug Sutherland – Vice President Corporate Affairs

- Doug highlighted areas of the Annual Report.
- Scholarship Review Board dates are on the website.
- Trophies – BCPC will not be presenting the large trophies, trophies will stay in the League office. Smaller keeper plaques will be presented instead.
- Privacy Act – all incorporated societies must adopt a Privacy Act.
- Letters will be sent to each Sponsoring Committee and League member with a copy of BCPC's Privacy Policy.
- Each Sponsoring Committee must adopt a privacy act, template will be provided their directors can adopt.
- Letter provided for committees to send to their members with a copy of their own Privacy Policy.
- The Privacy Policy gives authority to Sponsoring Committees to forward information to BCPC for screening etc.
- Page one of the Member and Screening form can be kept at the squadron.
- Insurance – have asked for summaries of insurance policies to determine coverage.
- Arrangements will be made with a broker who will write a blanket policy for contents insurance. Committees will have to provide location of equipment and value of items at each location.
- Sherry Strutt will be the Compliance Officer and will help Committees complete their paperwork.

Jack Henwood – Secretary/Treasurer

- Jack advised the Financial Report is in the Annual Report, highlights as follows:
- Summary of Budget shows a deficit of \$65,000 which includes increase in Administration costs to cover travel to National AGM, reserve set up for 2006 National AGM to be held in B. C. Cadet related expenses are 30% over, due to a higher cost to rebuild damaged glider, the unbudgeted expense of renting the Wilga for the Fall and Spring, and an engine overhaul. The six L19 engines purchased previously are now used up and we are back to overhauls again.
- There was no increase of the Annual Assessment last year.
- Budgeted \$40,000 to new aircraft fund (affixed annual amount) to upgrade the fleet.
- Will look at bank financing to see what our borrowing power we have. Gaming proposal will be submitted but we cannot rely on a favourable outcome.
- ACS Aldergrove has ceased operations, however, all working capital plus some was returned.

Tom Holland – Vice President Squadron Liaison

- Tom noted the newest squadron, 777 Neptune Squadron in Port Coquitlam, received its charter on September 28th 2004. Also 909 Peregrine Squadron in Westbank received theirs on December 23rd, 2003. New squadron is being formed in Grand Forks and possibly Cranbrook.
- ACS Aldergrove had a successful two year run; however, the funds needed to bring all systems up to code were beyond our means. The camp was closed as of July 30 2004.
- Annual Reviews – check the Performance Review section of the Admin Manual or our website for ways to improve your marks.
- Wings Over Canada – copies of the DVDs should be ready for distribution early in the new year and each Sponsoring Committee will receive a complimentary copy. A great show.

- Cadets have been attending the B. C. Lions Football games. Squadrons may send groups of cadets to the games; however, the accommodation and travel costs would be squadron responsibility.

Gladys Jarvie – Effective Speaking Provincial Coordinator

- Gladys' report is in the Annual Report.
- This year 68% of the units participated.
- The speech content by Sgt B. Linkewich in 2004 was used in a National presentation with the Aerospace community.
- Eligibility – only National winner cannot compete again.
- Forms are on our website and included in the Sponsoring Committees' packages.
- Toastmasters can be approached to train and/or judge competitors.
- 2005 Provincial Competition to be on April 9th at the Abercorn Inn, Richmond and National Competition to be in Calgary in June 2005.

V. RESOLUTIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

Geoffrey Johnston – President

Geoffrey explained the resolutions being put forth:

- Each year BCPC has offered two Founders' Scholarships of \$1,000 each for cadets. These are unfunded and BCPC must cover the costs each year. There are a number of other scholarships available to cadets each year that do have financial backing. With this in mind, Geoffrey proposed the following:

Motion: That the two annual Founders' Scholarships be abolished.

Questions asked and answered.

Carried

- **Motion: That membership confirm Acts of the Executive during the last year.**

Carried

- **Nominations for four Directors:** Trevor Smith, Tom Holland, Linda Spouler and Sue Klokeid
No nominations from the floor

Carried

- Budget for 2005/2006 - A study done in 2000 determined the Gliding program is here to stay. The role of the League is to fund the flying program. Fifty-seven percent of our funding goes to this program. The Army and Navy Leagues do not pay for their programs. The L19 tow planes will need to be replaced as in ten years they will be 60 years old. The Budget contains an assessment of \$75/cadet. If accepted, we will bill the Committees \$40/cadet shortly and \$35 in the Spring.

- **Motion: that the Budget be accepted as written in the Annual Report as modified with payments with \$40 in the Fall and \$35 in the Spring.**

Questions and discussion.

Carried

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Comments and questions from the floor.

- What if Sponsoring Committees can't pay assessment. *BCPC will work with the unit.*
- Staff Cadets weren't allowed to play with the Band at Graduation. *Major Deck took note.*
- Issue tax receipts to parents. – *can be issued but may not be able to use them*
- Congratulations to Bob Burchinshaw being elected as National Governor
- Insurance for Ranges – *will be checked with National*

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Tom Holland Squadron Liaison

- Tom presented the video demo from the Wings Over Canada show on Air Cadets and the Flying Program. A copy of the show on DVD will be sent to each Sponsoring Committee.

Doug Sutherland Review Board Chairman

- Doug and a panel conducted a Mock Review Board

Mike Symons

- Proposed the sale of a poster of the Squadron crests he has created.
- Can be used as a fundraiser that could be sold for \$2.50, with 89 Sqn keeping \$.25 per poster.
- Will be working on a national poster as well.
- Mike worked on the coins that were presented as a fundraiser last year. Would like to produce 2000 coins per year with five different squadron crests per year at a cost of \$2.30 to sell for \$5.00 ea.
- Dracks will put a squadron crest put on plaques for \$125.

Leonard Jenks

- Len has negotiated more School Credits, as of Sept 2004, credits are available for Grade 10 as well as 11 and 12. Four credits can be had for Level 3 or attending an introductory course. Cadets participating in the Duke of Edinburgh program can earn four credits for each level (Bronze, Silver and Gold). Four credits for a private pilot license can be considered a stand alone item. Graduation assessment portfolio for students in Grades 11 and 12 has six areas of participation including presentation, work experience and volunteer work experience. Field staff at glider familiarization locations can add that time to the portfolio. Cadet program will help students with their graduation even if they have struggled with school work. Ministry of Education website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/courseinfo/.

Leone Sutherland – Executive Secretary

- Presentation on Scholarship applications and changes that have happened for 2005 Scholarships.
- New 2226 application form, Ht and Wt letter, ATC exam will count, extra curricular activities to count.
- Questions from the floor were answered if possible.

VIII. Geoffrey Johnston – President

- Charging of fees - Sponsoring Committee Registration Fee a term that could be used to use. Committees have been asking for donations of some form all across the country. Every unit has different financial means and expenses therefore BCPC cannot dictate what fee should be. One province suggested a rebate of \$500 to a cadet when s/he graduates. Assessment to BCPC can be raised in whatever manor you choose, however, you cannot deny membership or participation in cadets because of lack of funds. Questions and suggestions came from the floor on the collection and regulation of the amount charged.

IX. GOOD AND WELFARE

- **Jim McKeachie** stated the 801 AFA sponsored the Battle of Britain at Seaforth Armoury as a result of a sudden change of venue. He thanked the squadrons who brought out 605 cadets. Thanks to Major Tim Alguire for his work on the organization of the event.
- **Tom Holland** reminded everyone of the dinner in Theatre at 7:15 p.m.
- **Doug Sutherland** announced the Sunday morning workshops where people will have 20 minutes with each moderator to ask questions. Moderators will move from table to table so a variety of subjects will be covered.
- Annual General Meeting for 2005 will be held over the first weekend in October.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



President



Executive Secretary