

**Air Cadet League of Canada
British Columbia Provincial Committee
Annual General Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2019 Kamloops BC**



March on Flags

204 Black Maria Cadets

1) **O'Canada lead by Peter Meidema.**

2) **President, Don Doern thanked 204 Black Maria Cadets**

A thank you to everyone for coming and opened with a moment of silence for those who have recently parted:

- Jack Henwood (July 1, 2019)
- Stan Horton (October 16, 2018)
- Irene Horton (September 6, 2019)
- Karen Graczyk –CIC (July 14, 2019)

3) **Declaration of Quorum**

Ilona Turra

Ilona declared that there was a quorum with 36 of 57 SSC's and 46 League Members in attendance.

Welcome, Introduction of Head Table

Don Doern

Don Doern, Mike Symons, Norm Scott, Trevor Sandwell, Joan Irvine, Geoffrey Johnston
Doug Sutherland (acting Treasurer), Gail Elgert, Doug Slowski, Ron Rique
Regrets: Terri Hinton, Vicky Briggs and Ilona Turra (Office Staff)

Members in attendance:

(Listed are the League Members and SSC Members in attendance)

ARCHER	John	IRVINE	Joan	SCOTT	Norman
CALVERT	Larry	JOHNSTON	Geoffrey	SIM	Marcus
CANN	Donald	KUNG	Sheila	SLOWSKI	Douglas
CASPERS	Patricia	KUNG	Michael	SUTHERLAND	Douglass
CHAPMAN	Nancy	LANDSIEDEL	Nancy	SYMONS	Michael
CHU	Jermaine	LEIBEL	Linda	TELLEM	Nicola
CLAVEAU	Michele	LIDSTER	Perry	TING	Lydia
DEAN	Darcy	MCEWAN	Jennifer	TSOI	Jennifer
DOERN	Don	MEIJER	Rick	WALLACE	Steve
DOERN	Penny	MIDGLEY	Susan	WALSH	William (AI)
ELGERT	Gail	MIGLANI	Virendra	WARKENTIN	Nikki
FAIRHURST	Roger	NILES	Brian	WATSON	Glen
GEIER	Shelley	PENLEY	Debra	WONG	Gillian
GEORGE	Thomas	POWELL	Thomas	WOOLLIAMS	Maureen
HOLLAND	Thomas	RIQUE	Ronald		
		SANDWELL	Trevor		
		SAULE	Lorenza		

SSC Attendance

22	OLSEN	John	609	CHAK	Katherine
59	CHOW	Ophelia	637	WELDEGHEBRIEL	Nazriet
147	PERIGO	Jennifer	655	FONG	Sim Chun
204	CAMPBELL	Christy	676	VLUG	Deanna
205	DEAN	Grace	692	HO	Denni
222	WALKER	Meghan	744	KOSTAMO	Steven
232	CHRISTIAN	Shawn	746	RAE	Michael
243	HOWELL	David	747	BINEHAM	David
257	DEAN	Yvonne	754	EGGLESTON	Tana
278	IYER	Mahesh	759	LAM	Kenneth
279	BARNUM	Pamela	767	ANDERSON	Carrie
363	SHIELDS	Tanja	768	FORGRAVE	Carlee
396	STOLZ	Cameron	777	DOMINGO	Ann
513	HILL	Janice	808	SELA	Dorothy
561	Dando	David	848	EVANS	Karen
581	ISMAY	Kirk	858	GAZELEY	Victoria
583	CHRISTENSEN	Jessica	861	MELENDEZ	Juan Pablo
			902	SMITH	Mandy
			909	PETERS	Shannon

4) ADOPTION of the Agenda as presented

Don Doern

Motion to accept the agenda by Peter Miedema, (Member).

All in favour, none opposed - approved

5) ADOPTION of the 77th AGM Minutes as presented

Motion from the floor by Tanja Shields (363) to accept the 2018 AGM minutes as presented

All in favour, none opposed - approved

6) Elections

Ron Rique

Since its formation in 2012 the BCPC Director Succession Planning Committee is annually tasked with the responsibility of submitting a slate of preferred Director Candidates for election at the BCPC AGM.

The BCPC Board is made up of ten elected Directors. Each Director's term is two years. Five Directors are elected each year. One year terms are used whenever necessary to keep the Board membership balanced. Very often, through retirement and other circumstances, vacancies for new Directors on the BCPC occur. These vacancies provide us with opportunities to inject new blood/life onto the Board.

This year, with the retirement of one Director and the departure of two directors, one having completed a two-year term and the other only the first year of her two-year term, the Director Succession Planning Committee is presenting to you a ballot of six preferred candidates.

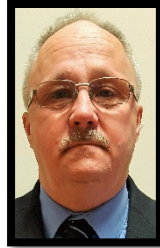
Each of these candidates have accepted their nominations as required by the Bylaws of the society.

If elected, five of the six candidates will serve as Directors for the two-year term 2019 to 2021 and one will serve a one-year term 2019 to 2020

This year, the two-year term (2017 to 2019) of Directorship for the following three BCPC members will be expiring:



Geoffrey Johnston



Norm Scott



Don Doern

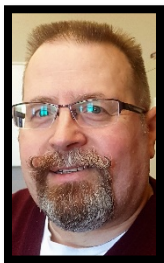
Joining these three gentlemen as preferred candidates for the two-year term (2019-2021) will be:



Larry Calvert



Michael Kung



Joining the Board for a one year term (2019-2020)

Glen Watson

Thank you gentlemen for your volunteer contributions to the Air Cadet Program and for accepting your 2019 nominations.

To provide any BCPC members who wish to either self-nominate or to nominate another Member to the ballot, nominations will be called for from the floor during the Annual General Meeting. If additional nominations are received an official election will take place. If no further nominations are put forward the six preferred candidates will be declared to be elected by acclamation.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS from the floor: Ron Rique called for nominations from the floor three times, no further nominations received. Hearing no further nominations, Ron declared the slate as elected by acclamation.

I will make myself available to answer any questions or to address any concerns with regard to this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Rique".

Ron Rique
BCPC Advisory Board/ DSPC Chair

7) Presentation of Financials

Doug Sutherland

The Financial Report is found in the center of the BC Annual Report booklet.

In Doug's report, he refers to the second and third paragraph referring to the Aircraft replacement fund. The establishment of this fund was a good idea, however after much discussion and information received after the establishment of this fund, the Board of Directors recommend suspending input into this fund. At this time, we are unsure as to the direction that the flying program is going. The membership approved the fund last year. There was no discussion around this fund at that time. Note that even though the Directors recommend the suspension of the fund, the membership must approve it.

MOTION: by Doug Sutherland

“Future allocations to the aircraft replacement fund be temporarily suspended until the Air Cadet League, British Columbia Provincial Committee has a better understanding of what the League aircraft needs might be in the future”

Floor open for discussion:

- a) Colin Cann from 746 noted that as our basis and foundation is on aviation, perhaps it would make sense to continue to put away some money into this Aircraft replacement fund rather than discontinue it altogether. This may create less of a burden later.

Doug responded: The Board looked at the possible need for aircraft that will be required in the future. There are many discussions being held by ACLC/ DND/ACLC Flying committee as to what the needs of the program are and to date no answer has been presented.

We are not saying we are canceling the fund; there was already \$50,000 in there and it will just sit there.

- b) Christy Campbell, 204

What will happen with the money that is currently in the fund.

Doug responded that the funds have been moved to an investment account and will remain there as part of the aircraft replacement fund as restricted monies.

- c) Steve Kostamo, 744 what is the reasoning why you want to stop putting monies into the fund, is there a need for the funds in other areas of the League.

Doug responded that there is not, however, if the schedule is continued, next year the deposit amount would be \$90,000 and this would create an extra burden on the SSC's as the assessment would need to be raised by thirty to thirty-five dollars.

- d) Geoffrey Johnston, Director spoke about the future of the program, the current age of the gliders and the state of the planes across the country.

- e) Don Doern made some points, we can do SIRPS to a certain extent right now, however if we need to repair a glider it can only be done in New York.

We are in a bit of a spot with DND's financial capability to approve maintenance for the aircraft and the gliders. Up to this point we have a fleet of thirteen gliders of which six are available. If we lose another glider we are in jeopardy of seriously affecting the gliding program in BC, consequently we don't know where we are going with these gliders, National doesn't know where we are going. National is looking at contracting out as a possible alternative. This is going to take another three to four years before they come to a conclusion of where we need to go with the program. If we follow through with the current investment process, your assessments would jump from thirty to thirty-five dollars a year per cadet just to meet the investment schedule that was approved last year. I'm not sure that your folks would approve or accept that. I'm not saying we're going to cancel gliding, we are sitting here saying we should be cognizant of the situation today with the realization that things could change in a heartbeat tomorrow and we could be sitting here with a great fund that we have set aside for the aircraft and something else will be taking place. We don't know, all we are saying is that we are asking to suspend for this year.

- f) Carrie from 767, as we currently have the fund, would it not be prudent to simply suspend the input of funds for one year, then we could review the program to determine where the flying program is going.
- g) Sherilynn Porter from 396, where will the funds will come from if we continue with the current schedule? Don explained that the ninety thousand would come from the increase of assessments as we currently don't have that money and the assessment would need to be raised in order to be able to meet the schedule requirements.
- h) Julie McNamee, 583 SSC: I am hearing a lot of, "we don't really know", 'well we're not really sure' and while I see the value of suspending it somewhat. We can't just say "until we figure this out". Can we just suspend this for one year and when we come back to it, we may have more answers? Can you give me something more solid to work with?
Don's stated that we can't give you a concrete answer after one year but we can suspend for one year and review the program status then.
- i) Joan Irvine asked now that we have this dedicated fund for Aircraft replacement, what happens after the 10 years of saving this money? do we or can we use these funds for other than what it was originally dedicated for? What are the CRA implications?
Doug Sutherland noted that we have applied to CRA and they will only approve a restricted fund for a ten-year period. BCPC has advised CRA that we will hold off with requesting the approval process until we speak to the membership.
- j) Cameron from 396 asked where the funds came from in the first place to complete the tow plane replacement program the first time. Geoffrey explained the history of the Tow plane replacement program, the people involved. Funding came from the prudent saving not only from the BC Provincial committee but also from DND at that time. Now that DND's funding format has changed, there is very little dedicated to the flying program.

Amended MOTION

Future allocations to the aircraft replacement fund be reviewed annually until the Air Cadet League, British Columbia Provincial Committee has a better understanding of what the League aircraft needs might be in the future"

Doug reviewed the financial statements as presented in the annual report:

MOTION *Doug revised motion to add "annually" to the original motion (see above)*
All in favour/ None opposed/Approved

MOTION **7.2** Doug moved that the financial statements be accepted as presented
Discussion? None, All in favour? None opposed, Approved

MOTION **7.3** Budget reviewed by Doug Sutherland
Peter Meidema moved for approval of the budget as presented, no further discussion. *All in favour? None opposed, Approved*

MOTION **7.4** Doug Sutherland moved to appoint Murphy and Murphy as an accountant for the year ending 2020.
Discussion? None, All in favour? None opposed, Approved

8) ACLC/ BC Provincial Committee Annual Report

Don thanked Doug Sutherland for stepping in and pulling us out of hot water when we were left without a Treasurer.

Don asked for questions from the floor in reference to the Committee reports in the BC Annual Report.

8.1 Norm Scott noted that those who missed the Risk Management session missed some good information. We have dropped off the Risk Management survey at all the tables and we ask that you please take the time to complete and send back to the BCPC. Risk Management is a program put together by the Air Cadet League of Canada and will be a topic of discussion moving forward.

Don introduced Trevor and elaborated on his position as the aviation guru, he also noted that Trevor working diligently to build the relationship with the Civil Air Patrol in the US. We are trying to increase the cooperation between the two groups.

8.2 Trevor Sandwell said that while we have been sitting patiently while you ask questions of Doug on the aircraft acquisition fee, it is probably appropriate at the moment to let you know what has been transpiring on the National Flying committee. Unfortunately, it has resulted in the resignation of one of our League people, John Calderwood, who has been working tirelessly since 1972 on aircraft acquisition nationally and repeatedly trying to get the level of Aircraft and expertise in the flying program up. The recognition should go to folks in this room, Tom Holland, Geoffrey Johnston and others who had the vision that we had to move ahead as a Province and buy our own aircraft. They took the step and put the Provincial committee on a business footing, resulting in the of six Cessna182's and thirteen gliders. The recognition should go to these gentlemen in this room. Currently dating back to 1972, we have documentation that we are looking for aircraft replacement, the rest of Canada still don't know what they are doing. The military did tell us in June that they want standardization across the country. That does not mean that we in BC are giving up our aircraft as we have stated emphatically that we will NOT give up our aircraft. We stated an ultimate in St. Johns that at the end of October this year that if we were not satisfied with the progress of this committee in meeting the requirements of moving ahead that we will be withdrawing our support. I would like to recognize John Calderwood officially for the work that he has put into the program, those that know John, he is feisty and he states his point, he has supported BC with dedication.

8.3 Dorothy Sela, 808 asked regarding CRA

What is happening with new SSC who wish to apply for Charitable status with CRA? Ilona stated that she has had several conversations with the National Treasurer who is now an Associate member, however he is still spearheading the CRA issue for SSCs. We ask that the SSC complete the application process, send it to us at the office and we will review to be sure that the approved wording is included in the documentation. Send it to National to have it reviewed by the National contact. Ilona stated that she will work on behalf of the SSC's to make sure these applications reach completion.

Don noted that across Canada, we have 450 squadron and over 200 don't have charitable status. We in BC are so far above the curve and all of you have done a great job to make this work.

8.4 Mike Symons gave a brief history of how the ACL was set up. Mike has a letter dated October 1941 from Civil Air patrol that they were already following us. So once in Canada We can say that we let the US down a good path.

A question was asked if anyone knew where to send vintage uniforms. Vernon Museum is standing up as well there is the Aviation museum in Langley. Uniforms can be donated to these museums. Mike noted that he has found out that he can apply for history 'grants' to assist in his collection of the Air Cadet History.

8.5 Regarding the PR Session and starting up a SSC discussion group.

We heard your request, I have to discuss this with the ACLC National Executive Director and the Board of Directors before we can authorize this forum. More to follow in the next few weeks.

8.6 Volunteer Long Service medal

Doug Slowski as the National representative was asked to present the Volunteer Long service medal to: Al Walsh and Jennifer Tsoi

Ilona noted that the Volunteer Long service medal application forms on the BCPC Website, if you know of anyone who has put in more than 10 years' service, please nominate them.

BC Cadet Awards (NSTC) keeper trophy.

Ilona presented the Summer Training Course awards to the League members for the following Cadets. It is requested that these awards be taken back to the squadron and be presented to the cadets in front of their peers.

Geoff Richards TROPHY Top Drill & Ceremonial	Sgt Kwan Kwong 692
Chuck Sixsmith Trophy Top flying training (Power)	WO1 Nicholas Lourens 222
Billy Bishop Trophy Runner up Flying (Power)	WO1 Christina Matchett 386
Ivan B.Quinn Trophy Top flying training (Glider)	FSgt Diego Altarmirano 103
Cherie Hall Trophy Runner Up flying (Glider)	FSgt Kaeden Seiter 902
Beatrice Large Trophy Top Exchange Cadet	WO1 Gegan Kaur 278
Chairman's Trophy Top fitness & sports instructor	Sgt Kanson Wu Hu 111
Peter Wing Trophy - Top AATC- AM	FSgt Xaivier Ardez 767
Ex Air Gunners's Trophy - AATC- AO	FCpl Gerry Chen 808
A.D.Bell Irving Trophy - Large Drill Team	59 Vancouver RCACS
A.W.Carter Trophy - Small Drill Team	259 Penticton Sqn
B.C.Band Trophy -Top Band	111 Pegasus
Wallace Jamieson Trophy – Flying award	WO1 Christine Matchett

Closing Comments by Don Doern, we are doing pretty good time wise that I have at least another two hours for the closing remarks. (laughter) Thank you for being here, this is YOUR organization, we are your employees. We will continue to strive to make your organization better but you need to help us do that by getting more involved with the operation and sign up to assist in the various committees.”

The only way that we can get a sense of what needs to be done is if you join us at the AGM, here at the AGM is where we hear you. We encourage you to tell others the value of the AGM and what you have learned.

The folks on this stage have done yeoman’s service and I am terribly appreciative at all the work they have done.

We are always going to be progressing in a forward direction, the Cadet movement in Canada is being morphed and changed as we go, some of the changes being brought on by the financial constraints in the Military world. Some of the constraints brought on by pressures of society, Norm talked about Risk management, when I was a young Officer, we didn’t concern ourselves about risk management, if it was good for the kids we did it.

Nowadays, we can’t do that. We have so many rules and regulations that we have to confirm to that it makes our jobs feel impossible, but we have to push forward for the kids. I would encourage you to participate on our committees, we need your help.

We are the top in Canada, it is my goal to get to be the best, it is my goal to bring in new blood, we need your help. We need to reduce the average age of the board and I committed that when I leave it will cut it in half!! You being here is a bonus, let’s keep it going!

Thank you

NEXT MEETING for 2020 is **October 2-4.**

NOTE: if you have enjoyed the format, please complete the Survey. Your feedback is important to us.

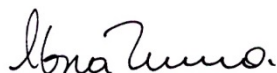
Meeting adjourned at 10:15am

Minutes reviewed by

 CD

Don Doern

Minutes complete and submitted by



Ilona Turra, Manager