



# MINUTES

## 83 JUNO BEACH SQUADRON EXECUTIVE MEETING

**Location:** Shepard Community Hall 10800 84 St SE, Calgary, AB

**Date:** Tuesday 31 May, 2022

**Time:** 1930

**Meeting called to order by:** Rhea Winters, Chair

### In Attendance

Maj. Geyza Vargyas, Rhea Winters, Andrea Poomba, Kevin Knight and 13 other people. Quorum was reached.

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No Additions to the Agenda

### MOTION TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MINTUTES

Motion to approve minutes from January meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> – Manny Mangat

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lisa Nishikawa

### CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- Thank you to everyone for coming. We really need a Secretary this year, please consider taking on this position. The job descriptions will be put up on the website, as soon as possible. There is a lot of exciting news to share with you, will let Maj. Vargyas share that with you.

### VICE CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Nothing to report as Manny was absent.

### CO'S REPORT

- Masks are now optional for cadets and volunteers however officers and staff must mask as well as any visitors
- Overnight cadet activities are now allowed however with two weeks left in the training year; none will be planned.
- FAM flying continues to be discontinued for this training year, only scholarship flying will be allowed over the summer
- Gliding will resume in September. Squadrons get either one or two gliding days based on their size. We have received one day in past years. In September gliding spots will be offered first to level 4, 3, and 2 cadets because they were missed during covid.
- Swimming is now allowed, the CO just has to get prior approval for a swim night, this is the covid protocol the captain has to follow. In the past swimming was an event he could approve himself.
- In September, leadership training and teambuilding will occur over a weekend with senior level cadets. Task Procedure training and other fun activities are planned. The goal is identifying the cadets' strengths and put them in the positions that are best suited to them and of benefit to the squadron. Not all cadets will be regularly teaching.
- If your cadet is approved for a summer camp, cadets (or their parents) will have to prove that the cadet has had two covid immunizations before the CO can sign off on their attendance. CO will check if AHS vaccination proof will be required as well before cadet can attend camp. For example, in 2019 proof of AHS vaccinations was required before cadet could board bus to camp

- Camp acceptances will start coming out in June, be aware that your cadet may receive camp acceptance up to an hour before the bus leaves for that camp, perhaps best to have everything packed just in case. Cadets are ranked by percentage of attendance when camp applications are submitted.
- Level 1 and 2 summer camp is mostly online with one overnight activity planned. Attendance is mandatory for all days of the camp. Dates of the camps will be posted as soon as they are available so parents can plan accordingly.
- Squadron strength is 116 cadets, down about 35 cadets from the beginning of the year.
- Need to get going on recruiting, CO would like to see the squadron grow by at least 50 cadets next training year, SSC to get signs up along roads, contact schools to get the word out and any other means to attract kids to our squadron
- Sept. 6 – First day back for returning cadets, admin day to get everyone registered
- Sept. 13 – Recruiting night, new and potential cadets and parents are invited, regular training night for levels 2 to 5
- Uniforms – Supply Officer Mirza is continuing to hand out uniforms to cadets. Currently short on shirts, CO will see if other squadrons have surplus to share. Goal is to have all cadets in uniform for the June 11 banquet
- Band – will start in September, before the pandemic shut down there were 26 band members ready to go, the marching band will be formed and trained and there will be music played every Tuesday.
- Cadets are cleared to participate in fundraising but the CO must approve all fundraising activities involving the cadets
- Next training year will be very busy! Looking to bring back as many programs and activities as possible, aiming for pre-pandemic “operational tempo”
- Brief list of fall events: September – admin night, recruiting night, Battle of Britain; October – FTX, orienteering, range day; November – Remembrance Day, band; December – Mess Dinner, band concert
- Training plan for next fall is already laid out, working on getting the daily training schedule finalized and assigning personnel to each activity. Once it is ready, it will be posted on the calendar. Sept to early January is complete, in the fall the January to June schedule will be finalized and posted so parents can plan in advance for cadet activities.
- FAM flying and gliding will resume in September
- Sign ups – currently online for cadet activities, CO would prefer cadets write their own name on sign up sheets.
- June 11 Banquet – cadets and officers only this year, location: Delta Marriot at corner of Macleod Tr, Southland Drive and Bonaventure Drive SW. 6 to 9pm parent drop off and pick up only. Officers will be in their mess kit and cadet uniforms will be regular pants, boots and jackets with a white dress shirt and bow tie for all cadets. In the event a cadet does not have a uniform, formal attire is recommended: no jeans or runners. Awards and presentations will be given out in addition to mingling and dinner. Awards include top cadet by level, most improved cadet, promotions are up to date in Fortress and those advancing to next levels will be promoted. The head table will be seated at 6:30pm
- Next year Mondays will be optional training with Flag Party and Band running all year, Effective Speaking will return (may be partially on zoom due to space constraints). Mandatory training will be on Tuesdays.
- Next Tuesday, June 7 is the last day of mandatory training for the year and will be a range day. Cadets to wear comfortable clothing and marksmanship badges will be earned.
- There was no ACR this year as the cadets were unable to practice marching and the CO will not hold a ACR if the cadets cannot show off their marching skills. Next year will return.
- If the banquet, June 11, falls on a graduation or other important event, please attend that. The banquet will be back next year but a graduation is a one-time event the cadet should fully participate in and enjoy.

## TREASURERS REPORT

All is well and up to date. Chequing account balance: \$529. Casino account balance \$28,704. We need to do more fundraising next year as we used the casino account to make up the shortfall.

## DIRECTORS REPORTS

### FUNDRAISING and EVENTS:

Banquet is all set to go, if the cadets have any dietary restrictions, please let her know  
 Spring Bacon raised \$1200; welcoming ideas for fundraising for next year, re-vamping how fundraising is organized; looking forward to having the cadets more involved; ideas discussed included: parent focused activities like silent auction night, wine raffles; cadet involved activities like bottle drives (both door to door and scheduled pick ups), and bikeathons; poinsettia sale at Christmas; meat packs for camping; 50/50 raffles, airline ticket raffles; tag days; using online options like Patreon, affiliate sales, coordinate with Corporate Sponsorship director. Will focus on balancing cadet involvement with fundraising with their regular activities so they don't get burnt out. Cadets cannot participate in fundraising during summer or winter stand downs.

### SCREENING AND SECURITY:

Mike Spady absent, Rhea gave report, he is up to date with some submissions to be completed. Please everyone get screened! The more screened parents the better the SSC will function and it is the only way to be allowed around the cadets. The process to get started is on the squadron website

**CASINO:**

position currently vacant, please consider taking on this role, it is very low time investment except during the actual casino event, around every 18 months or so

**CANTEEN:**

Thank you Kelly for stepping up into this directorship! As the water here in the hall is not safe to drink, the canteen has water bottles available two for twenty-five cents. If your cadet has \$2 on Tuesday nights, it is plenty of money to satisfy their needs.

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND GRANTS:**

Grants and Corporate Sponsorship – position currently vacant, please consider taking on this role, help out the squadron by raising money outside traditional fundraising avenues.

**SSC ADVISOR REPORT**

He represents the Air Cadet League of Canada, via the Alberta Provincial Committee, providing access and coordination with the provincial and national levels. The CO's report pretty much covered everything. Some squadrons in the provinces went from 60 to 3 kids post pandemic, so Juno Beach is in excellent shape in comparison.

Rhea Winters the Chair, ended the Parent Meeting at 8:15pm

**The AGM was called to order by Kevin Knight at 8:16pm**

The elections will be held for the four executive positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

**The Chair Election**

As there were no nominations received by either email or phone call for the position of Chair and as Rhea Winters has allowed her name to stand again for election we will proceed.

Kevin made the first call for nominations from the floor. The second call for nominations from the floor was made. The third and final call for nominations was made and no nominations were made. Nominations were closed.

Rhea Winters was acclaimed as Chairperson for the 2022/23 year.

**The Vice-Chair Election**

As there were no nominations received by either email or phone call for the position of Vice-Chair and as Manny Mangat has allowed his name to stand again for election we will proceed.

Kevin made the first call for nominations from the floor. The second call for nominations from the floor was made. The third and final call for nominations was made and no nominations were stated. Nominations were closed.

Manny Mangat was acclaimed as Vice-Chair for the 2022/23 year.

## **The Treasurer Election**

As there were no nominations received by either email or phone call for the position of Treasurer and as Andrea Poomba has allowed her name to stand again for election we will proceed.

Kevin made the first call for nominations from the floor. The second call for nominations from the floor was made. The third and final call for nominations was made and no nominations were spoken. Nominations were closed.

Andrea Pomba was acclaimed as Treasurer for the 2022/23 year.

## **The Secretary Election**

As there were no nominations received by either email or phone call for the position of Chair and as Rhea Winters has allowed her name to stand again for election we will proceed.

Kevin made the first call for nominations from the floor. The second call for nominations from the floor was made and Ian Walker was nominated. The third and final call for nominations was made. Nominations were closed.

Ian Walker was appointed as Secretary for the 2022/23 year.

The SSC director positions will be addressed in September in a Parent Meeting. Ian will get his volunteer screening process started as soon as possible as he needs to be screened by Aug. 31

There were no questions for Kevin.

Motion to adjourn the AGM by Katherine Saunders and seconded by Nigel

## **The AGM was adjourned at 8:34**

Rhea resumed the Parent Meeting at 8:35.

The next parent meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 13 at Shepard Hall at 7pm

Perhaps it should be the 20th as the 13 is the open house recruiting night?

Motion of adjourn the parent meeting by Hessa Kaa? And seconded by Ian Walker.

Parent Meeting adjourned at 8:45

## **NEXT MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 1900 at Shepard Hall.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Time: 1955

By: Kaia Kjar

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ian Walker