

2051 19th Alberta Dragoons Cadet Corp. Parents' Committee
General Meeting
Dec 14, 2023 6:30 pm



Attendance:

Cyndy Boone,
Sid Lyle,
Erwin Ortiz
Mark Bird

Jenn McCarthy,
Mike Wilson,
Luke Skaarup
Alber Amenaghawon

Tricia Funk,
Cynthia Lenders
Capt S Russell

Yvette Werenka,
Ashley Desilets
Shellie Becker

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6:33

Officer Report:

- Winter closure planned for December 22, 2024 to Jan 4, 2024.
- Summer training information session by Cpt Russell Dec 14, 2024 at 8:00 pm. Cadets to apply for summer camps as soon as possible in early 2024.

Activities:

- Reindeer games planned for December 21, 2023. Cadets and their family/friends encouraged to participate. Pot luck planned for snacks.
- Jan 13, 2024: Cold Dragoons at Gold Bar Park from 9:00-4:00 pm. This will be an all day outdoor event. Hot lunch will be provided. Cadets are asked to dress for the cold.
- Jan 21, 2024: Cadet appreciation night at Edmonton Oil Kings game. Payment due Dec 21, 2023. Cadets are to wear dress uniform. Option for cadets who play instruments to participate in a band performance prior to the game.
- Jan 27-28, 2024: Biathlon Provincial competition. We have cadets who have qualified for Provincials this year. Cpt Russell discussed plans to add a training plan/budget for Biathlon for 2024/2025 cadet year.
- Feb 24-25, 2024: First Aid training. Cadets are to sign up on the website. Event is paid for by DND so \$1500 saved in instruction cost will be re-allocated to Biathlon team equipment prior to Biathlon provincials.
- There are now 2 marksmanship teams and regional competition is upcoming. Cpt Russell discussed the need to purchase sights for upcoming competitions in an effort to increase accuracy with aging equipment. Potential to purchase core-owned air rifles- more information will be shared when available.

- Cpt Russell discussed that dress uniforms will be focused on between Jan-June. Cadets are encouraged to access YouTube resources to help them prepare their dress uniforms. Potential uniform workshop night upcoming. Parent volunteers will be needed to help with sessions or equipment.

Review and approval of previous minutes:

- October 19- motion to approve by Cynthia Lenders, 2nd Shelley Becker, none opposed
- November 16- motion to approve by Luke Skaarup, 2nd Ashley Desilets, none opposed

Treasurer's Report by Jenn McCarthy:

- Actual vs budget report shared with parent's committee. Jenn shared update on transferring funds between accounts based on what the funds are used for. Jenn provided update on switching banks vs switching the type of account that is opened. Corps requires a business account for EMTs. Plan made to remain with BMO but switch to a business account to allow for EMTs, Jenn to contact BMO to set same up. Parent update: potential for government benefit to cover bank fees due to military affiliation, Jenn to f/u with BMO to determine if corps is eligible for benefit.
- Motion to approve Treasure's report by Jenn McCarthy, 2nd by Shelley Becker, none opposed.

Business:

- Committee- Vice Chair position vacant, no volunteers and will be carried over.
- Casino chair required- F/U with AGLC required to change the previous casino chair contact to allow a new chair and to receive casino information. Shelley Becker agreeable to take role. Jenn McCarthy to contact AGLC to determine the date for the upcoming casino.
- Inventory count completed for the year.
- Veteran's Food Bank food drive completed. Almost 200 lbs of food and clothing donated. Cyndy thanked everyone who donated.
- Campaign Monitor Software- campaign monitor can be done through Wicks, no changes required at this time.

Awards:

- Top Cadet- to be nominated by Cpt Russell
- Top Staff and Top Volunteer- to be nominated by parent's committee. Plan made for all parents interested in assisting to meet Dec 21 during parade to complete nominations.

Apparel/Swag by Cynthia Lenders:

- Hoodies are in and will be distributed after meeting is complete tonight.
- Sid Lyle has ordered cadet name tags- discussion about Cpt Russell/Cpt Gloss distributing tags to senior cadets. Second order for name tags for new cadets will be completed in early 2024. New cadet list will be compiled in August so name tags can be ordered for new cadets to be distributed early in the new cadet year.
- Discussion re: ordering water bottles for each cadet vs ordering stickers to place on cadet's own water bottle. Stickers currently in canteen would be appropriate, further discussion required about distributing the current stickers to cadets.

Fundraising:

- Corps finances covered with current bank balances. No fundraising goals identified. Further fundraising discussions will occur when an identifiable issue requires additional funds not accounted for in the current budget, ie: special teams equipment, competitions, extra activities.

Date of next parent's committee meetings:

- Jan 25, 2024
- March 7, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 23, 2024

All dates confirmed.

No further discussion- motion to adjourn by Tricia Funk, 2nd by Luke Skaarup, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.