



AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA

Extraordinary Teleconference of the BOG

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MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Date: April 17th 2013

Start Time: 1900hrs

Location: Teleconference

Purpose: Extraordinary Meeting of the BOG

ATTENDANCE

Edgar Allain	Absent	Darlene LaRoche	Present
Don Berrill	Present	Lloyd MacIntyre	Present
Chantal Boily	Present	Keith Mann	Present
Bob Burchinshaw	Present	Gary Pinsent	Present
Don Doern	Present	Bob Robert	Present
Ken Higgins	Present	John Scott	Present
Tom Holland	Absent	John Walker	Present
Fred Johnsen	Present	Tom White	Present
Chantal Boily	Present		

Jerry Elias	Absent Chair, Aviation Committee
Thomas Taborowski	Present Chair, PC Chairs Committee
Sarah Matresky	Present Executive Director
LCol. Y. Therrien	Present SSO Air

1. Administration

1.1. President's Opening Remarks – K. Higgins

K. Higgins welcomed everyone to this extraordinary meeting of the Board of Governors. He thanked everyone for their participation and indicated that the SSO Air will be giving a presentation on the Flying Program.

2. Information

2.1. SSO Air's Report on Flying Program – Y. Therrien

The SSO Air gave the following presentation: (see slide show)

2.2. Discussion: Report on Flying Program – All

Y. Therrien reviewed the slides and indicated the following:

- The CRS would like to see all money for expensive programs that benefit few cadets redistributed more evenly.
- The program has become more for the adults and less for the cadets. The ratio of adults to cadets has changed and is now in favour of the adults.
- Any new ideas for the flying program must meet the criteria set out by the government
- No decisions have been made. He wants to propose this solution before cuts are made and everyone he has talked to likes the idea.



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- If his plan is to take effect, the gliders have to stop flying right after summer camp so he can dissolve the infrastructure. The tow planes would continue flying for the next 3-4 years and continue the FAMIL flights for Air Cadets in Spring/Fall. Cadets would also be flown in helicopters and other aircraft as well. The idea is that the gliders will be retired come September.
- Starting right away after the summer, cadets would start the RPP course and continue with the PPS course as well.
- Committees will need to be struck to dissolve fleet of gliders and money reinvested in the flying program (Australia may be interested in purchasing). He sees the National Flying Committee playing a major role in this.
- The goal is to have more cadets flying cadets.

J. Scott offered to chair the Aviation Committee and feels his background would be beneficial as he has experience specifically to do with the training of pilots.

D. Berrill asked if Y. Therrien can give the League a rough estimate of the cost savings of his proposal. Y. Therrien indicated he is having a difficulty pinpointing the true cost (uniforms, buildings etc.). Current program is about 15M and the full license is about 2.5M. He feels that the new proposed program could be carried out for approximately 5-6M.

D. Berrill also asked if there is something in the proposal that addresses the FAMIL glider flights that take place for Air Cadets every year. Will there be money set aside for the cadets to fly their peers? Y. Therrien replied that the FAMIL flights will be conducted by anyone he authorizes (CIC, League members, cadets, flying club etc.). He sees the supervision situation remaining the same.

D. LaRoche believes the new proposal will aid in retaining cadets and keep their interest in the program. She is concerned about the sale of the gliders but feels that the proposal is a viable solution and is in support of the project.

D. Berrill asked that if OPC wanted to have its own gliding school, would it still be considered an 'approved activity'? Y. Therrien said yes, but the school would still have to meet the 242 standard.

C. Boily asked if they've considered how the program will look with the new plan in place. Are we headed towards a LEAN organization? She added that she would like to see numbers on what the program actually costs and the cost of the new proposal as well as the savings. She thanked M. Bineau for all of his work on this initiative.

Y. Therrien said that the League will also need to take into consideration how much it will be saving with this new proposal and consider how much it could reinvest back into the program.

K. Mann added that Y. Therrien is looking for the League's approval in principal and in all fairness the League should give Y. Therrien some time to gather hard numbers for presentation at a later date. There is much fleshing out to do.

B. Robert commented that he likes the proposal (he liked it when it was first proposed 2002). He asked if there will be enough savings in other areas of the cadet program to satisfy the CRS. He also suggested the League strike a study group to focus on this issue. Y. Therrien sees the Air Cadet League as advocates in this situation who will say to DND that money saved in the Air Cadet Program should not be redistributed to other elements as the Air Cadets make up over half of the entire Cadet population. It should instead be reinvested in the Air Cadet Program.

All Governors were in favour of supporting the proposal.

T. Taborowski said he will have to speak with the Chairs on the issue as the aircraft is owned by the provinces. He feels that two working groups should be set up. One would work directly with Yves to roll out the new initiative while the flying committee

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looks at disposing of assets and obtaining new ones etc. He asked that the information on this be released as soon as possible to the PC Chairs.

Y. Therrien said that he would discuss at a later date who will give a briefing at the AGM.

The BOG approves in principle the presentation proposed by LCol. Therrien

MOVED BY: D. LaRoche

SECONDED: G. Pinsent

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