



AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA

EC MEETING ROPs

February 12, 2014

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Date: February 12 2014
Start Time: 1900hrs

ATTENDANCE

Tom White	Present	Don Doern	Present
Ken Higgins	Present	Don Berrill	Present
Keith Mann	Present	Marcel Bineau	Present
Fred Johnsen	Present		
Sarah Matresky	Present ACL ED		

1. Administration

1.1 Opening Remarks – T. White

T. White welcomed all members of the Executive Committee on the call.

1.2 New Items for Agenda – T. White

There were no new items for the Agenda

1.3 Approval of Agenda – T. White

Moved By: F. Johnsen

Seconded By: D. Doern that the Agenda be approved as submitted.
Carried

2. Information

2.1 President's Report – T. White

The President reported the following in his report submitted in advance of the meeting:

I first want to welcome Sitraka Raelimanohisoa to the National Office. She is filling the position left vacant at the office. A photo and brief bio will be coming shortly. I want to thank Marcel Bineau for accepting the job of trying to straighten out the supervision issue. A working group comprised of D Cdts and Marcel (representing the three leagues) will review the Cadet Supervision issue in approximately three in-person meetings. Unfortunately on Jan 27th we accepted the resignation of Governor Gary Pinsent. Gary was a valued member of the BoG. He continues his work with the NLPC. I feel it is important that the Executive Committee discuss the "Initiating Directives" issue and put off submitting a response until after this meeting.

2.2 Executive Director's Report – S. Matresky

S. Matresky reported that:

- She recently met with the Colonel and the other two Executive Directors for their weekly meeting. A meeting is expected to be arranged between the VCDS and the three League Presidents on April 2nd 2014 with a possible NCC later in the spring. The VCDS would like to meet with the three presidents at least four times a year.
- Because a meeting is being arranged for the EC to meet face to face in the near future, she is recommending that communications increase between the three presidents (the three EDs already communicate regularly, but it would be to our advantage if the Presidents spoke more regularly).
- The Colonel is looking into the company 'BackCheck' as a possible option for screening CIC officers.
- The matrix for Renewal has been circulated and the Colonel would like our collective feedback on whether or not we agree with how they have been inserted. The document is intended to generate discussion and determine where we need to work.
- The Command and Control structure for the Cadet Program should be approved by April/May.



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2.3 National Finance Committee Report – D. Berrill

D. Berrill reported that the finances are in good shape. More to be discussed in item 3.3 under Budget Review.

2.4 Provincial Chair's Report – M. Bineau

M. Bineau said that he would be getting in touch with the Provincial Committee Chairs to push submissions of the ACC9's. He asked if all chairs received the CRS report and renewal booklet. S. Matresky confirmed that they should have received it, and if not it is available on the website. Most day-to-day communication from National is done through the Chair of Chairs position.

M. Bineau added that he is pleased to be the League representative for the Cadet Supervision Working Group taking place at the Directorate of Cadets. The EC was concerned that the ACL will be representing all three elements, but S. Matresky said that the other two leagues support us in our initiative, and since we have taken the lead before they are entrusting the ACL to continue while they pursue other avenues.

3. Business Arising

3.1 EC Committee Face-to-Face Meeting 3 President Discussion – T. White

S. Matresky specified that this agenda item was a follow up to the email circulated about the Executive Committee meeting in person along with the EC of the Army and Navy to collaborate on Renewal matters. T. White said that he would communicate with the Presidents of the Army and Navy Leagues to determine the best time for a meeting amongst the three Leagues' executive. S. Matresky suggested the Army's AGM as a possibility as the majority of the Navy's EC is located in Ottawa and therefore would cut down on travel costs.

3.2 Relationship with Army and Navy Leagues – D. Berrill

D. Berrill said that further to the preceding agenda item, the Air Cadet League needs to consolidate its position and then work with the other two Leagues to consolidate a collective position in light of the Renewal Plan that is taking place. His concern is that waiting for their AGMs in April is too far in the future the Air Cadet League is operating virtually unaware of the positions of the Army and Navy Leagues. S. Matresky added that the three Executive Directors are communicating very well (with each other and with the Colonel) at the National Level, but that it needs to go beyond that and communication between the three Presidents needs to improve and she suggests that they speak regularly.

D. Berrill agreed to prepare in point form the ACL's position with desired results for the outcome on the various Renewal initiatives. F. Johnsen and M. Bineau will send D. Berrill notes from a previous exercise where the ACL formulated a collective position.

3.3 2014-15 Budget Review with EC Input – D. Berrill

D. Berrill reported that the IACEA budget was adjusted to reflect the ED's travel to the conference. He asked if the EC had any additional items to add to the budget at this time. As the EC had nothing further to add, D. Berrill said he would write up the notes to the budget for onwards transmission to the BOG at the March teleconference. Once it is approved by the BOG, it will be forwarded to the general assembly for consideration.

3.4 ACL Fundraising on behalf of the Three Leagues – D. Berrill

D. Berrill said that during his visit to Ottawa in January he discussed with the three Executive Directors the opportunity to collaborate on a fundraising initiative with the ACL taking the lead. The Leagues were advised that Marks and Tim Horton's were interested in supporting the Cadet Program and therefore the ACL suggested that they submit a proposal to these corporations on behalf of everyone. Proceeds would be split equally and information on the subject was included in the supporting material for the teleconference for information. P. Barabey would solicit Marks as he has a contact at the corporation.

Moved By: D. Berrill

Seconded By: K. Mann that the material be accepted as information.

Carried



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4. New Business

4.1 Working Groups – Renewal Phase 1 – S. Matresky

S. Matresky raised a concern about several items that were sent out to the Board in which she did not receive any feedback. In particular, there were several requests to name representatives to the various working groups currently underway as well as input required on some of the Initiating Directives. Discussion ensued about what was still outstanding and who would represent the League at some of the Working Groups. It was decided that T. White would contact C. Hawkins to participate in the Public Awareness Working Group. Names of a representative for the Program Support Model were discussed and P. Barabey's name was suggested along with P. Dowling and D. Berrill.

T. White to follow up with P. Dowling and C. Hawkins and M. Bineau to follow up with P. Barabey and send an email to the EC to confirm.

Moved By: D. Berrill

Seconded By: D. Doern that the EC proceed as indicated.

Carried

4.2 Review of GoC Summary Approach – D. Berrill

D. Berrill said that the document included with the supporting material was circulated before the holiday season by D Cdts and he wanted to inquire about whether or not the EC was in agreement with the content and their direction. Of particular interest was the section noted with an asterisk such as: engagement of volunteers, personnel and transportation. S. Matresky added that in view that the document was circulated in mid-December, it may be too late to comment. It was suggested that S. Matresky forward the EC's comments to D Cdts at any rate.

4.3 Command and Control Structure – D. Berrill

D. Berrill stated that it may be necessary for the ACL to look at their internal structure at the same time that DND is reviewing their Command and Control Structure as there may be reason to realign the League to collaborate more efficiently with DND. D. Doern agreed and added that the point was made in his position paper (4.6). He believes that the League needs to better establish itself in order to be a true partner in the cadet program. Discussion ensued about staffing and funding of the provincial offices (Déry Initiative).

4.4 Initiating Directives – D. Berrill

This item was covered earlier in the Agenda there was nothing further added.

4.5 Strategic Plan Update – S. Matresky

S. Matresky indicated that a question was raised about when the SPU goals would be reviewed to determine if the League was on track with its objectives. S. Matresky added that there are mid-point review dates built into the document and goals would be reviewed at teleconferences that correspond with these dates.

4.6 Position Paper on Partnership – D. Doern

D. Doern indicated that much of the content had already been discussed during the meeting, but summarized that there is often a misconception about the Partnership with DND and the role of the League. When speaking about the Cadet Movement (premier focus), there is a partnership but on the organizational level - there are some issues. It is the League's role to ensure that its side of the 'Partnership' is working and the position paper discusses that this area needs more attention. More focus is required on providing support to the PCs to develop the SSCs. Too often the League is focused on addressing cadet operation issues. Discussion ensued about what is written in the MOU and what should be written in the new MOU. It was added that when the new agreement is written, the League needs to maintain a professional posture. T. White suggested it be circulated to the BOG for the next meeting.

Moved By: D. Doern

Seconded By: K. Mann that the paper be received as information.

Carried



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5. Conclusion

5.1 Reports of the Vice Presidents

F. Johnsen indicated that the policy for screening validation was for a 10% sample of the database and in view that there is a new person in the screening position and in view that the database has been overhauled. S. Matresky will proceed with only a 5% sample for this year.

K. Mann stated that he is in the process of placing the order for the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Pins.

5.2 Good and Welfare of the ACL – All

Updates were given on the health conditions of various members.

5.3 Next Meeting – T. White

The next BOG meeting will be held March 12 2014

5.4 Motion to Adjourn Meeting – T. White

There being no further business K. Mann seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2109 ET.