



# AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA

## EC Teleconference ROPs



April 13th, 2011

### MEETING INFORMATION

**Meeting Date:** April 13th 2011

**Start Time:** 1900hrs

**Location:** Teleconference

**Purpose:** Regular Scheduled Meeting

### ATTENDANCE

Grant Fabes	Present	John Walker	Present
Joe Johnson	Present	Sarah Matresky	Present
Bob Robert	Present	Don Berrill	Present
Ken Higgins	Present	Yves Therrien	Absent
Thomas White	Present		

### AGENDA

#### 1. Administration

##### 1.1. New Items for Agenda – Grant Fabes (1 minute)

G. Fabes added items 4.2 RGS conversion course and 4.3 Transport Canada letter. J. Walker added 3.4 Glider Acquisition and 4.4 Q/OV PC Aircraft Insurance. G. Fabes also indicated that 3.2 should read 'G. Fabes' and not 'B. Robert.'

##### 1.2. Approval of Agenda – Grant Fabes

**Moved By:** T. White

**Seconded By:** K. Higgins that the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

##### 1.3. Approval of Record of Proceedings – EC Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011– Grant Fabes

**Moved By:** J. Johnson

**Seconded By:** J. Walker that the Agenda be approved **as amended**.

Carried

#### 2. Information

##### 2.1. President's Report – G. Fabes

G. Fabes noted that his serial report was embedded in the supporting material. In his report he informed the EC that he met with two members of Freedoms Wings Canada (FWC) and the Youth flight Canada Foundation to discuss the possible tie-in with their involvement in the "Soldier On" Programme (He has spoken to LCol Therrien and he will be providing G. Fabes with specific details on this programme.) and physically challenged Air Cadets. He also agreed to facilitate a meeting between FWC and COPA to explore the potential application/involvement of the COPA FOR KIDS Programme to their clientele.

He added that on April 7<sup>th</sup> he was given a tour of the NAV CANADA Gander Area Control Centre. He also took this opportunity to speak to both a member of NAV CANADA management and the Canadian Association of Air Traffic Controllers concerning possible MOUs with both these groups.



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### 2.2. President's Report – G. Fabes continued

While in NL, G. Fabes was interviewed on April 8 by Rogers TV for their Skyways show (Air Cadet Movement; our 70th Anniversary) and on April 9 both he and Bob Drummond had a taped interview prior to the start of the Provincial Effective Speaking Competition (the local community channel recorded the Competition in its entirety and will be broadcasting it at a later date).

G. Fabes also added that a "Thank You Volunteers" letter was forwarded to all League members and Provincial Committee Chairs, with the request that they in turn forward to all SSCs, and it was also posted on the National website.

### 2.3. Executive Director's Report – S. Matresky

The ED indicated in her written report that the National Office is busy with preparations for the AGM and Friday is the deadline to register. It is also the deadline for submitting meeting requests as the programme needs to be prepared soon. She added that she is preparing for a teleconference with the Registration and Screening coordinators on Sunday and is pleased with the quick responses provided by everyone involved. The PC websites are also underway. The audit is going very well and the new auditors are providing great service. They are, as anticipated, having some difficulty with the Trust Accounts.

### 2.3 Finance Committee Report – B. Robert

B. Robert reported that the League is in good shape financially and we had a favourable year-end. He had nothing further to add at this time as everything regarding the audit was covered in the ED's report.

### 2.4 Provincial Chairs Report – D. Berrill

D. Berrill reported that the next PC Chairs meeting will take place at the AGM and they are looking forward to furthering their discussions from the teleconference of February 28th. D. Berrill added that he will be stepping down as the Chair of the Provincial Chairs in June and therefore the committee will have to elect a replacement.

### 2.5 DCdts Report – Y. Therrien

Y. Therrien sent his regrets.

## 3. Business Arising

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### 3.1 SPU 2008 Quo Vadis– G. Fabes

G. Fabes reported that Jan Reidulff continues to work on producing a report on how the 2008 SPU will be wound down in its present format but with the goals remaining in tact and non-completed aspects being designated as action items and assigned to a particular committee or VP.

### 3.2 PPM 3.6 Sponsors/Sponsoring Committees – G. Fabes

G. Fabes provided a summary of the work down to-date and praised Bob Burchinshaw, Fred Johnsen and Ken Higgins for their involvement in producing the document, which was distributed on April 4. The EC agreed to recommend to the BOG that these revisions to the PPM be approved.

### 3.3 BCPC March 14<sup>th</sup> Letter re: League Foundation – G. Fabes

G. Fabes explained that this letter was written as a reaction to the letter sent out by the Foundation to the PC Chairs early this year. G. Fabes said that he does not want to answer for the Foundation and that the Foundation should provide its own reply to the letter. It was determined that a response should however be sent on behalf of the National level of the League as the letter was addressed to both parties. K. Higgins added that the response should ask for BC's indulgence in the transition of the Foundation. B. Robert read aloud a draft reply that he is preparing to send to the BCPC Chair.



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#### 3.4 Glider Acquisition – G. Fabes

J. Walker explained that the Aviation Committee found a glider in Carolina that was worth pursuing. When J. Elias contacted DND to make arrangements to have the glider inspected, he was informed that DND was looking to purchase a glider from K&L (ready to fly) and they were not prepared to look at anything else in the meantime. There was some concern: a) is DND now in the business of buying gliders? and b) are they now telling the League what it should and should not buy, taking over control of the situation. Y. Therrien was aware of the investigation into the purchase with K&L, and it was in fact discussed between the League and DND. What the League is attempting is to get K&L to purchase a used glider and DND would pay to SERP it and when they delivered it, the League would have a serviceable glider. Y. Therrien was not aware that his staff said that they were 'not looking at anything else' in the meantime. J. Walker stressed that these gliders are scarce enough that we need to keep all of our options open. Y. Therrien will advise his staff to take a look at the glider in Carolina and J. Walker now believes that the situation has been remedied.

#### 4. New Business

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##### 4.1 Cadet-Legion Accord – G. Fabes

G. Fabes reported that the Legion has approached the ACL and the Navy League with a proposal to sign an Accord similar to the one they have with the Army Cadet League. The Accord would essentially put down on paper what we have already agreed to in principle with the Legion regarding sponsorship of squadrons, Poppy Funds, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, etc. D. Berrill added that they are signing a similar Accord with the Ontario Provincial Command in the near future in Sault St. Marie. S. Matresky further explained some of the support the Legion provides and how it would be written into the Accord.

**Moved By:** J. Johnson

**Seconded By:** J. Walker that the Cadet-Legion Accord proposal be sent to the BOG for approval.

Carried

##### 4.2 RGS Conversion Course – G. Fabes

G. Fabes explained that the minutes of the National Flying Training conference that took place in Winnipeg in November stated that it was 'decided' that the conversion course would no longer be offered. G. Fabes questioned whether the committee has decision making authority to cancel this course. He asked for input on the present process of conversion and the statement of the course not being a possibility after 2011. Several points of view were expressed in the discussion that ensued regarding the wearing of wings on the uniform; what type of wings should be allowed; 'Cadet Wings' being worn only by cadets who have taken the course through the cadet programme; and the significance of wings in the eyes of the cadets.

##### 4.3 Transport Canada Letter – J. Walker

J. Walker explained that the ACL received its letter of exemption from Transport Canada at the very last minute, but he was pleased to report that it arrived in time so that no weekend training had to be cancelled. The period of exemption is normally for five years, however this time the League was only extended an exemption for a period of 18 months. The reason provided by TC is that regulations have changed and they look at the exemption as a temporary solution, not a long term fix. S. Matresky added that she believes that the new people handling the League's file at Transport Canada do not entirely understand the operation and therefore she and Maj. Brent Cook will be sitting down with them in the summer to discuss a solution to this unique situation.



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#### 4.4 Q/OV PC aircraft insurance – J. Walker

J. Walker said that he is seeking guidance in this situation. He understands that DND pays the insurance on the League's standard aircraft and if any of the PC's choose to step outside the boundaries of standard aircraft, the Provincial Committee is responsible for paying the increased insurance premiums. J. Walker received an email from Q/OV regarding the invoice sent by the National Office for the increased premiums on the Super Dogs and they are reacting to the invoice as though it was a surprise. J. Walker would like to confirm that what he understands is correct. Discussion about the ACGP MOU ensued and the following motion was made:

**Moved By:** J. Walker

**Seconded By:** B. Robert that any PC that has exceptional or non-standard aircraft are responsible for incurring the additional insurance costs.

Carried

#### 5. Conclusion

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##### 5.1 Reports of the Vice-Presidents – Various

B. Robert asked about the deadline for submitting reports for the AGM. S. Matresky confirmed that the deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

K. Higgins also wanted to acknowledge all of the hard work done by F. Johnsen and B. Burchinshaw (see item 3.2). K. Higgins has been looking into webinars for the members and he and the Members Committee are planning a few conference calls and are preparing a business plan for the project as the anticipated cost is around 25K. He added that B. Robert's finance article is also available on the website in E&F and it is certainly worth a visit. K. Higgins also mentioned that S. Matresky will be meeting with the Registration and Screening Coordinators via teleconference on Sunday to discuss procedures. S. Matresky added that she has been very pleased with the support and timely feedback of the group.

T. White asked about the invitation to Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick for the AGM. S. Matresky confirmed that it was sent.

##### 5.2 Good and Welfare of the ACL – All

J. Johnson informed the President that J. Ash will not be at the AGM this year and therefore a new Parliamentarian will need to be appointed for the Saturday Assembly.

##### 5.3 Next Meeting – G. Fabes

The next meeting will take place June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 at 1900 EST. G. Fabes thanked everyone for their participation on the call.