

**Air Cadet League of Canada  
Alberta Provincial Committee**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Operational Reports and Motions  
For the Year Ending August 31, 2008**



**October 24-26, 2008**

**Best Western Port O'Call Calgary Airport Hotel  
1935 McKnight Boulevard, Calgary, AB**

**2008 Air Cadet League of Canada  
Alberta Provincial Committee AGM  
Agenda**

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Call to Order 0830 hours

1. March on the Flags and *O Canada*
2. Moment of Silence for our Departed Members
3. Announcements / Housekeeping
4. Welcome and Introduction of Guests
5. Notice of Meeting

**Annual General Meeting**

6. Approval of Minutes from 2007 AGM
7. Nominating Committee's Report
8. Summary of Executive Committee Motions for 2007/08
9. Registrars' Attendance Report
10. National ACLC Representative
11. Commanding Officer RCSU (PRA)
12. Director of Finance's Report
  - ACC 9
  - Appointment of Auditors for 2007/08
  - Motion for Assessment
  - Budget
13. Membership Registration Coordinator's Report
14. ACO Report
15. Reports
  - Chairman
  - Vice Chairman
  - Past Chairman
  - Director, Air Resources
  - Coordinator, Membership Registration
  - Director, Camp Wright
  - Director, Camp Worthington
  - Director, Netook Gliding Centre
  - Director, Southern Zone

- Director, Central Zone
- Director, North East Zone
- Director, North West Zone

16. Questions to Directors

17. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

### **Training and Information**

18. Education Credits – Captain R. J. Vanderlee & Darlene LaRoche

19. Fund Raising - Wayne Reitsma

20. Camp Food Computer Program – Michael Clulow

21. Membership Registration – Bev Burke

22. Year End Report – Pat Sulek

23. Scholarships – Darlene LaRoche

24. Camp Wright – Wally Johnsen

25. Camp Worthington – Burt Gillings

26. Insurance – Keith Mann

### **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Call to Order: 0830 hours

1. Nominating Committee Final Report
2. New Business
3. Open Forum
4. Elections as Required
5. Next Meeting and Adjournment



**CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA  
ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26-28, 2007 EDMONTON**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Keith Mann called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 26, 2007 and welcomed everyone to the Alberta Provincial Committee Annual General Meeting. He welcomed all those attending for the first time and hoped that they would gain some valuable information.

**1. March on the Flags & O Canada**

Flags were presented by Air Cadets from 395 Squadron.

**2. Moment of Silence for our Departed Members**

Chairman Keith Mann called for a moment of silence for our departed members and for all of our Canadian Forces serving in Afghanistan and around the world.

**3. Announcements and Housekeeping**

Vice Chairman, Fred Johnsen went through the following housekeeping announcements

- Fred pointed out the fire exits from this room and we are to meet outside the front doors.
  - Fred stated that this is Fire Protection Month and he went over statistics regarding fires in the province.
  - Fred asked everyone to shut off their cell phones or put on vibrate.
  - Our Meeting will be conducted according to Bourinot's Rules of Order
  - Joe Johnson is the parliamentarian for this meeting
  - Fred advised the procedure regarding making Motions and asked members to be short and to the point.
  - Fred asked that each squadron complete data base form and return to the Secretary prior to the end of this meeting
  - Fred requested that members complete the Comment form and return to secretary
  - Fred advised the colors of voting cards: Beige for Executive, Pink for Sponsor Chairman, Yellow for Life Members, Blue for Zone Delegates, Green for Past Provincial Chairman
  - State your name and squadron number clearly and slowly at the mic as this meeting is being recorded
  - Fred reminded everyone that we are here for the Cadet's best interest
  - Bev Burke noted that Life members do not have a vote in reference to colors of voting cards and Keith confirmed this
  - Keith advised that there are Air Cadet magnet ribbons at \$5.00 each at the Treasurer's desk
  - Keith advised that our military partners are not allowed to put forth a Motion and should have their Motions put forth by their respective chairman
  - Keith advised 3 minor changes and additions:
    - Business Arising
    - 29.4 Government Grants
    - Sunday at #2 will now be A.C.I.C.O.
    - #3 New Business additions
    - Education Credits
- Trent Porter, Chairman #7 Penhold Squadron asked if we could talk about staffing under gliding and flying.

**4. Welcome and Introduction of Guests**



Keith Mann welcomed everyone especially the newest members and hoped that everyone would enjoy the day and learn something about the Alberta Provincial League.

Keith introduced the following:

National Representative Joe Johnson – National Vice President and Parliamentarian

Military Representatives - Detachment Commander Major Leo Lammers

- ACO Air Capt. Shawn Mahoney

- Prairie Region Commander Col. Mike Milligan

Vice-Chairman - Fred Johnsen

Recording Secretary - Darlene LaRoche

Keith asked everyone present to introduce themselves by name and squadron and/or position.

## 5. Notice of Meeting

Secretary Darlene LaRoche stated that the Notice of Meeting was mailed between September 14 – 17, 2007.

### MOTION

MOVED by Claude Carignan that the Notice of Meeting was properly handled as stated by the Secretary.

SECONDED by Stan Monkman. CARRIED.

## 6. Approval of Minutes from 2006 AGM

### MOTION

MOVED by Bob Clarke that the Minutes of 2006 AGM be approved as distributed with the one correction stated (below). SECONDED by Wally Johnson. CARRIED

Correction to 2006 Minutes: Regarding the Motion of 395 Parent Association, it was Ron Milham who donated the van for 395 and he also donated a Loonie in the event that it was required for the transaction.

## 7. Nominating Committee Report

Bob Bondarevich, Past Chairman, advised that the following are the slate of officers received so far for 2007/2008:

Chairman	Fred Johnson
Vice Chairman	Darlene LaRoche
Director of Finance	Carol Cox
Secretary	No nominee at this time
Past Chairman	Keith Mann
NW Zone Director	Kevin Robinson
NE Zone Director	Evelyn Hutchings
Central Zone Director	Stan Monkman
South Zone Director	Pat Sulek
Director Air Resources	Eric Steffensen
Director of Netook	Ross Hamilton
Director of Camp Worthington	Burt Gillings
Director of Camp Wright	John de Bruin

The nominations will close tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. If anyone wants to let their name stand for any position, they must complete a nomination form and advise the Past Chairman, Bob Bondarevich.

The second part of the election process is to ratify the positions of the Zone Directors: Pat Sulek, Southern Zone, Stan Monkman, Central Zone, Evelyn Hutchings, NE Zone, Kevin Robinson, NW Zone.

Bob urged members to come forward to let your name stand for the position of Secretary. Keith also gave a bit of an idea of the role of the Secretary and that we hold meetings once per month.

#### 8. Summary of Executive Committee Motions for 2006-2007

Keith brought everyone's attention to the Motion on March 3, 2007 regarding Governor's expenses. Keith explained the background behind this motion when Harold Fowler, National Advisory Board, addressed the executive earlier this year. Mr. Fowler advised that it is becoming expensive for representatives to become National Governors due to the cost of travel, accommodation and registration fees involved. He stated that good people who would make excellent Governors are being put in the position of declining due to the financial obligation of attending meetings and travel costs. Several of the provinces in Canada financially support Governors who come from their provinces and Mr. Fowler thought it was appropriate for this Alberta executive to give this consideration.

Keith turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Fred Johnson to deal with this particular Motion and left the room so a discussion could take place. Eric Steffensen, who is also being considered as a Governor, left the room.

Fred advised that it was felt that the travel costs should not be born by these individuals. He stated that it was not in anyone's best interest to be out of pocket to be a national representative.

Bob Clarke, Past Chairman stated that in view of the fact that there are several items in this motion made by the Executive Committee and that this Motion involves funds being spent and as we have not seen the financial statements and budget, he asked that this matter be tabled until we have had a chance to review the financial statement. At that time we can make a Motion to ratify all Motions made by the Executive Committee.

#### MOTION

MOVED by Bob Clarke that we defer the acceptance of the Motions of the Executive until we receive the financial statements and budget. SECONDED by Bev Burke. CARRIED.

Keith explained that the delay in providing the Financial Reports was due to the Director of Finance being in Dallas, Texas, USA on a work project, and then being informed that her son had fallen off a cliff and had sustained injuries to his spine. Carol has worked all hours of the night in order to complete these statements and they are being copied right now and will be available around lunchtime today.

#### 9. Registrars Attendance Report

Darlene LaRoche advised that there are 96 people in attendance and she advised that she will give a complete breakdown tomorrow morning. There are three Proxies. Keith advised that in order to carry a Proxy for your Sponsoring Committee it must be someone from your own sponsoring committee not another squadron's sponsoring committee. Darlene confirmed that the Proxies were in order. (Secretary Note: Breakdown follows)

#### 2007 A.G.M. ATTENDEES

##### 2007 Zone Delegates:

##### Southern Zone

Kendra Fisher

Peggy McAllister

Stan Taylor

Brian Geiger

##### NE Zone

Wally Johnsen

James Sandall

Chuck St. Clair

Leo Bessett

##### Central

##### NW Zone



Betty Bennett  
Dave Borynec  
Ed Shaw  
Mike Sorenson

Bill Baker  
Paul Spurrell  
Wilma McLaughlin

Life Members:

Allen Spielman, Bob Clarke, Evelyn Hutchings, Arla Hamilton

Past Chairmen:

Bob Bondarevich, Charlie Bowen, Allen Spielman, Bob Clarke, Ron Ilko, Bev Burke, Evelyn Hutchings

National Governor:

Keith Mann

National Executive:

Vice President Joe Johnson

Provincial Executive:

Keith Mann, Fred Johnsen, Carol Cox, Darlene LaRoche, Eric Steffensen, Burt Gillings, Kevin Robinson, Ross Hamilton, Evelyn Hutchings, Stan Monkman, Pat Sulek, Bob Bondarevich

#### SUMMARY OF AGM REGISTRATIONS

Voting Delegates	15
Life Members	4
Past Chairman	7
National Governor	1
National Executive	1
Provincial Committee Executive	12
Squadron Participants	
Prov. Squadrons	42
Squadrons Registered	30
Sponsor/Supporter chairman/vice	30
Proxies	3
CIC Officers	19
Total Registered for this AGM	108
Eligible to vote	58
Proxies	3

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10. National ACLC Representative – Vice President Joe Johnson

He thanked everyone who was in attendance and advised that the President was not able to attend and he was taking his place. Joe thanked everyone for their hospitality and that it was a pleasure to be here.

Michael Cataford, National President of the Air Cadet League of Canada, asked Joe to emphasize the Memorandum of Agreements and the partnerships between CAAHRA and CAMC, which mutually support each other's goals and is the way of the future. These Agreements are the way of the future.



Joe Johnson advised that between 5,000 – 6,000 people have been screened by Membership Registration process and this program is very successful.

Joe's main task was to update the League's Policy and Procedures Manual and he has found that many sections are now obsolete. He has now completed this task in English and it is being currently translated in French. It will be hopefully available on the website by the end of November.

#### 11. Commanding Officer RCSU (PRA) – Col Mike Milligan

Col. Milligan advised that one of his jobs is to promote the partnership between the military and league. He sees the value the league brings to the plate. From the military side, we provide the money and uniform. He thanked everyone for all that the league does for this organization. Col Milligan has had 32+ years of service including service with the navy and then to the air.

Col. Milligan is not necessary the one to deal with individual areas and he has excellent staff that handle them. He allocates his \$25,000,000 budget between all three elements.

In the Prairie Region we have started a marathon in Northern Ontario. He observed that we come from all walks of life and we are united by a common bond – that being this wonderful program. He tries to get out one week per month to visit squadrons so he can keep informed about what is happening at the grass roots. He has visited many smaller squadrons in the region. He advised that Alberta is good shape and financially doing very well. Promoting the partnership is done by working together and face-time with squadrons and league members as much as possible. Col. Milligan thanked Keith for the fine job he is doing at the League and he is looking forward to working with Fred, as incoming Chairman.

Col Milligan advised that one thing that is common throughout all elements is over-programming – specifically trying to do too much with not enough resources in funding or staffing. He advised that the Army has done a smart thing so that only the top 30% go to camp and then this becomes a greater reward for the cadets and utilizes the resources in a better manner. We are sending too many kids to camp and we don't have enough staff to properly supervise them. In the glider program we send 60 cadets to the program and staffing is a challenge to providing the program. He is working on solutions to this problem.

He advised that the identification requirements have changed in that we will require the cadets to produce two pieces of identification including picture ID.

Col Milligan is concerned regarding the no shows at summer camps and it affects everything including costs and can be quite significant. He asked that we make sure that the cadets actually go to camp.

CPU project that is the change to the curriculum and it is being phased into the training program.

He advised that some cadets are showing up at camps in military uniform including Cadpac and this is not allowed.

Regarding the Duke of Edinburgh, Col. Milligan has entered into a Memorandum with the Duke of Edinburgh organization, and with a minimum of effort from cadets it definitely benefits them. This award holds a lot of recognition for the cadet who has this award.

Branch Advisory Council – L/Col Tom McGrath who heads this. It is a group of officers, who promote the cadet program. They are currently working on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2009 with various initiatives to raise the profile of cadets.

CF51 form which is required for a camp or scholarship and he asked everyone to be honest with this form. He used an example of not declaring a medication that parents think is going to hamper their chances that cadet in going to camp. This uses up time and resources and asked that all declare any conditions on the form. Court Orders must also be declared – ie ban of firearms, custody orders, etc.

Keith asked for the military perspective on Face Book and cadets using this. Col Milligan advised he is not in the business of suppressing communication but he is in the business of keeping cadets safe. The officers have a moral responsibility and to promote a professional image. He has viewed some very disturbing sites and it has gone to the local level to monitor and watch it. If you see something that is not professional then jump on it and eradicate it. At present there are no orders on this as it is so new. He believes it is a matter of common sense at the local level.



## Coffee Break

### News Clip Shown:

Keith talked about the cadet that saved a pregnant mother and we showed the news clip about this cadet from Camrose. Darrell Fiss detailed the circumstances of this event. The cadet dove into the water where a pregnant mother had fallen into the water from the canoe and she lost consciousness. He saved her using his cadet training. She is fine and thanks the cadet for saving her life.

Housekeeping note – Keith advised that there will be a 50/50 draw during the lunch hour and he encouraged everyone to participate. He has some prizes that have been donated as well. If there are any other squadrons who would like to donate to anything, let Keith know. Keith advised that the proceeds could be decided after review of the financial report. Ticket prices are \$1.00 each or 10 for \$10.00. Trent Porter offered two golf shirts for support our troops. Mark Benson from Mount Royal added one half hour discovery flight.

### 12. ACO Air Report – Capt. Shawn Mahoney

Major Lammers, Det. Commander made comments regarding Col Milligan's comments that as soon as we are officially advised regarding the wearing of cadpac and other items we will pass this information along. There will be certain items that will be authorized and he will communicate this directly to all parties and what items will be available.

Major Lammers also addressed the Vulnerable Sector screening. There are still 30-35 Volunteers who have not completed their screening and they will be advised that they are not allowed to have any participation with the cadets in the squadron until the screening is completed. He strongly encouraged them to complete this screening.

Capt. Mahoney advised that he feels we have a success going in Alberta due to the great communication between Detachment and the League.

The Detachment's funding has been greatly reduced and it means that Science and Heritage will not happen this year and also SurvivAir and Radar Atlantis are also being looked at. We have to do business better in the future. This will be decided on a case by case basis.

He will not have an ACO Conference this year and will put his efforts in the new level I training program and this training will probably take place in February – March timeframe.

Capt. Mahoney plans to provide training to the training officers to provide a better training program for the squadrons. Capt. Mark Lusk is enhancing the program to make it better for next year.

The most efficient squadron in the province is 903 Strathmore and Capt. Mahoney offered his congratulations. He said there are a lot of great units in Alberta.

Because funding is an issue, we have to do business better in the coming year. Transportation and busing costs are increasing greatly. As a team we need to do business better. If squadrons do not need transportation funds, let him know so he can reallocate those funds to squadrons who really need the financial assistance. Busing has gone up by 20%.

Capt. Mahoney is impressed with the recruiting in the province but he said we also must focus on retention of our cadets.

Capt. Mahoney said that communication is key and he urged us to come and talk to him earlier than later should any challenges arise.

### 13. Chairman's Report – Keith Mann

Keith said it was a pleasure to stand before this group and it will be his final year as Chairman. This year was a great year in Alberta. His report is in the report book and Keith wanted to just touch on a few areas.



Regarding Scholarships, we received an early exchange scholarship to Japan which we have not had in a long time. He hoped to have a written report which we will include in the Minutes. (Secretary's Note: report not received)

Camp facilities still remain an area of concern with us. Keith sent out a letter in the past to the squadrons for their input as to why they are not using the camps. Our costs of operating these camps is using our cadet money which affects our cadets in the province. We need your help in using these camps so they are put to greater use. He stated that it is not expected to use these camps exclusively but he suggested that squadrons could consider booking one exercise during the year at one of our camps.

We are very excited with our partnership with Aviation Alberta whereby we will have the mechanism in place to all parties benefit from this. Keith referred to the Memorandum of

Understanding and he said there will be opportunities for cadets and industry to profit from this agreement. However, there is no commitment to participate.

Keith thanked CFB Cold Lake for the exciting tour during Maple Flag. It was an amazing experience for the cadets who attended as well as Fred Johnson who went on tour with the cadets.

Keith advised that communication is key to the success between all levels from the squadron level to the Detachment. This organization does not work if there is a problem with communication.

Keith reminded everyone that Membership Screening is mandatory and squadrons should not delay in completing this process. The information is on the Alberta Website and everyone has all of the phone numbers of the provincial executive and Bev Burke, Membership Coordinator to contact to answer questions. Keith said the answer to who do we screen is: you screen everyone so it becomes a natural process. He also said that in working with officer staff that we must screen non-paid volunteer staff as well.

Flying and gliding program – Keith thanked everyone for their patience for the gliding dates that were cancelled due to Mother Nature and staffing problems. We are working on it and trying to work out a better solution.

Keith thanked everyone for his four years as Vice Chairman and three years as Chairman. He thanked Capt. Mahoney for his cauliflower ear due to all of the phone conversation. He also thanked all of his executive members and stated that his last seven years have been nothing but pleasure.

#### 14. Vice Chairman's Report – Fred Johnson

Fred stated the lessons learned from scholarships. We are going to work closer with detachment regarding busing so it will cut down on all of the buses. We also want to hear from squadrons who will not require overnight accommodation which will lower our costs.

Fred described his experience with the cadets at Maple Flag in CFB Cold Lake stating it was excellent.

Fred recognized #15 Medicine Hat Squadron's contribution to Camp Worthington of a \$4200 cheque which was presented to the Director of Camp Worthington for a new generator. Burt Gillings thanked them and stated that Medicine Hat Squadron rarely used Camp Worthington due to travel time and distance, but Burt commended Medicine Hat's commitment to all cadets in the province, stating their contribution was very praise worthy.

Fred advised that Suncor has donated \$2,000 again this year. Suncor supports about 15 units coast to coast and it amounts to \$200,000 per year. We are going to work on a presentation to Suncor in the future.

Fred thanked everyone for their support and he advised that he would be leaning on Keith for his experience as well as the rest of the executive committee and members of the Alberta League.

#### 15. Flying and Gliding Program Update

Keith stated that contrary to public belief at the gliding centre, it is all done to the best of our ability for the safety of cadets. It is hard to battle Mother Nature though. Communication is a key in the success of this program. Keith advised that squadrons could confirm their gliding date – communication works both ways.

Capt. Mahoney advised regarding familiar flying, it is not currently part of the mandatory program as gliding is. Within Alberta we have four gliding centres. There have been 40 staff in the past; however, there are now



twenty-nine (29) staff members who are responsible for these four centres. It creates a problem with scheduling the squadrons and the season is a short one. We are challenged with the weather and field conditions at the centres. All centres had some struggles this year. Gliding is part of the mandatory program and squadrons should try their best to have as many of their squadron participate as possible. Regarding Power, Col. Gillery advised that the squadrons must go on a gliding exercise before they will have an opportunity for power. If the event is weathered out or there are staff issues then that will be considered as a gliding date. The squadrons must have the highest number of cadets possible on the exercise. Capt. Mahoney said that communication is very important and he is working on making accessibility better by phone.

Trent Porter 7 Penhold – Regarding the staffing concerns - is it because there not sufficient funds to pay the staff or a personnel shortage. Capt. Mahoney advised that the pilots must be on paid days. Trent asked if cadets who have a glider license can assist. Capt. Mahoney advised that once the cadet is PAX rated which is 10 hours, they can be on staff. They must be on the slate of the gliding centre.

Eric Steffensen stated that the point he is trying to make is that the person must be on a squadron or gliding slate.

Major Kenn Nixon 52 CO stated that he knew of many cadets who are trying to get PAX rated and they go to the centres and spend the time pushing planes around instead of getting some air time. Capt. Mahoney is aware of this and they are addressing this issue.

Major Don St. Croix stated that all of the cadets that came out of gliding this summer have reached their PAX rating at Velleneuve. He stated that we are not told what we can not do instead of what we can do and there are outstanding issues that they are waiting on answers for. He stated that we are making steps in the right direction.

Keith stated that there was a danger with Mother Nature and turnout at the gliding centres that it became very easy for those squadrons who were financially viable and could put their money towards Fam. flying. He stated that gliding is a mandatory part of the program and cadets cannot be promoted unless they have gone gliding. Keith encouraged everyone if they have had problems that when they do up their reports to also notify their league representative.

Capt. Binnie #15 Medicine Hat advised that they had not been gliding for four years. The gliding date was changed but the squadron was not notified. On our last gliding date she received a phone call that there was no bus for the exercise. She arranged for a local bus and they went gliding.

## Lunch Break

### 16. PILAT Presentation

Keith introduced Rod Jones and Marlene Conway from Ontario who engineered the PILAT partnership in Ontario. They are here to help launch this project in Alberta.

Marlene is a Governor with ACL and is also Governor, Treasurer, and Finance Chair for Ontario ACL and she works with Rod Jones at the Ontario Aerospace Counsel – CAAHRA.

Rod Jones is the Chairman of CAAHRA group and serves as a Director with the Ontario Aerospace Counsel. He stated that one of the challenges for the industry is finding future leaders as a resource for the industry. He was an Air Cadet in his youth and was an exchange cadet to Norway. He also received his pilot's license while in the program.

PILAT stands for: Provincial Industry Action Teams

Marlene made a presentation regarding the PILAT project. This project's purpose is to assist the aerospace industry with future employees and students and for the industry and educational institutions to assist our cadets with in-kind or financial resources.

Keith advised that in Alberta we are getting more and more contacts from the industry as they become aware of this partnership.



Major Kenn Nixon CO 52 advised that he had the top Alberta cadet in his squadron and he was present when she received her reward. As they were touring the industry booths, she was highly courted as someone they would like to have in their companies. However, Major Nixon said our cadets are not as aware of the industry and careers that they can work towards.

Rod advised that in the last two years, they have raised close to \$30,000 and these funds have gone to exchange cadets coming to Canada to give them a better experience.

#### 17. Director of Finance Report – Carol Cox

Keith asked the members if they would like to deal with the Motions deferred this morning.

Bob Clarke.

Question: What are the dollars involved in the Motion regarding the Governors?

Where are these funds in the budget? Where is this money going to come from?

Keith answered that the dollars involved are \$3000. These funds are incorporated in National Expenses. We do not have detailed expenses as it comes out of general funds. This would be paid for out of general funds not casino funds. Keith advised that we are hoping to have an additional governor in Alberta, Mr. Eric Steffensen. The only difference in the budgeting is that Eric already goes to the National meeting in the capacity of Director of Air Resources and the funds for this are already allocated in the budget.

Bev Burke asked if National has gone to a different mode of operation in that are now Governors representatives of their provinces. Keith answered that Governors are not representing their province and are a member of a neutral committee. The population of cadets governs the number of Governors per province. Keith is a neutral member for the benefit of Canada however; he would express his opinions based on what his experiences are in Alberta. Under the job description, Keith would not be representing Alberta but would be a Governor from Alberta.

Bev Burke asked what is to stop National from appointing five Governors in Alberta. It is the choice of National as to who they pick. Would the provincial committee have to support more than two? Keith stated that there are too many variables to correctly answer this question and would have to be revisited at that time. Bev thought that the \$3000 was a little light for expenses. Keith stated that we took an average of costs and that one day has been knocked off of the SAM which would lower the costs. Keith answered that the maximum for the Annual would be 6 members and the SAM would be 5 members or 11 trips.

Charlie Bowen League Rep 903 is wondering why we are paying for the Governors based on the number of people attending national meetings. He said that we not getting any more information than from those attending. Keith answered that the Governors hold a separate meeting that only they attend so there is different information.

Bob Bondarevich, Past Chairman stated that there are a lot of new people at this meeting and may not know the structure of the National so that everyone understands the participation.

Joe Johnson stated that the Air Cadet League is composed of 3 levels: national, provincial and local. At the Provincial Level that is composed of today's meeting. The National level has 15 governors nominated by a committee which is composed of an advisory committee who are all past presidents of the ACL. The Board of Governors answers to the National President. They are assigned tasks on a national level and operate on a national interest basis. Joe said it is up to the different provincial committees as to whether they support their governors or not. He advised that most provinces do support the governors from their province.

Bev Burke was asked if she could afford being a National Governor and she said she could. She said she always had Alberta in the back of her mind and she was told that she had to look at the big picture on a national scale. Joe replied that there were members that they wanted on the Board of Governors but they could not afford it. Bev suggested that perhaps National should fund the Governors. Joe answered that it is very tight on a National level and we are stretched very thin nationally.

Charlie Bowen, League Representative 903 stated that in the past when the Governors when to the AGMs or/and SAMs they filled in the expense claims they would give them a tax receipt for those expenses. Is the



National going to do that for the Alberta Committee so that Alberta can write it off? Joe answered that you can not do that.

Charlie stated that we put forward the names we would like for Governor and perhaps that person isn't doing a good job – so national is choosing the Governor but the Alberta Committee is paying. He felt it was not fair. Keith stated that if someone wasn't doing a good job then they could write a letter to National and state their case.

Ty Veering from 524 has no problem paying for Governors going to meetings.

Claude Carignan 533 Chairman stated that we are sending 11 people to go to national meetings. He questioned expenses in the budget. Bev corrected that it is 11 trips not people. Claude thought that we shouldn't have so many people attend these meetings and do more through technology. Keith stated that they are looking into cost efficient ways to reduce national expenses. Keith also stated that there are more than a dozen meetings to attend at the national level. We want to get as much representation as we can at these meetings and it is not feasible for only 2 members to attend all of the committee meetings. The benefit with a Governor is that we now have an extra person to attend committee meetings when the BOG is completed. Alberta would have a voice at more meetings at National. Keith stated that in regard to restructuring meetings, they want at least one face to face meeting and that may be the case in the future. The SAM has been reduced by one day.

Bill Baker 506 Barrhead – He didn't see a problem with Governor's expenses but questioned the other delegate's expenses. Carol advised that \$7508.31 was the total expenses for last year's SAM and AGM for our delegates. Keith advised that \$3000 for a Governor's expenses is an estimate only.

Fred Johnson stated that it was a real learning curve at the meetings and throughout the year there were tasks that were worked on during the year. He stated that he felt it was money well spent.

Bill Calloway 88 – His comment is that the executive was in the best position as to the benefits of this and we should trust them to make the correct decision.

Charlie Bowen asked about the SAM being cut by one day. Keith advised that there have been many cuts to the SAM and there will be no dinner and it is replaced with a stand up reception estimated to be \$9.95 per person.

Burt Gillings stated that when this first came up at the executive he was not in favour. A couple of weeks later he attended a meeting in Gimli and he learned so much by going and you are able to have better understanding and perspective about it. He stated we need representation at these meetings.

Scott Phillips 88 Squadron stated that when he looked at the model, the local level is self funded; the provincial level has assessments and then national. Ultimately it is funneled down to the squadron level. In terms of the squadron assessment it comes down to pennies per cadet and we should trust the executive to make the decision.

Bob Bondarevich asked for this to be closed and call for the question.

## MOTION

MOVED by Kevin Robinson, SECONDED by Pat Sulek that Motions as per the motions in the Report Book be adopted. CARRIED. Bob Clarke, Charlie Bowen opposed

Carol reviewed the Financial Statements as per her Report.

Carol stated that there have been significant problems in submitting our ACC9s and we are one of the worst in Canada. As an incentive, the executive is proposing that a penalty of \$2.00 per cadet added to the assessment fee will be levied after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Darcy Leiter asked what is meant by filing on time. Carol advised that the filing of the ACC9 and submitting it is one thing. She stated that the invoice for the assessment for 2007/2008 has not been sent out. They should be sent out in early December.

Daryl Forbes 187 said that if you want to offer incentives, you should do it in a more positive manner – ie. drop \$2.00 off the assessment fee. We have to remember that this is a volunteer organization.



Bill Calloway stated he is an accountant in public practice and he is offering his assistance in preparing the ACC9s

Bob Bondarevich stated that it is a national requirement to get these ACC9s in on time.

Joe Johnson stated that it is not only a national requirement it is also a requirement of the MOA that all ACC9s would be completed by Oct. 31 each year. National has to justify it with DND then.

Eric Gullich 504 stated that a mandatory requirement is that the ACC9 must be accompanied by year end bank statements. The national committee is asking for this. If this question can not be answered then why do we have to turn them in?

Bob Bondarevich states that it is for reconciliation of the records and double check that the ACC9 is accurate.

Claude Carignan asked if the ACC9 is a reporting system or an accounting system. He stated that if they want to audit squadrons. Carol advised it is a reporting system. He asked as this is a new format which we received in Sept

Janine Page 538 asked what the proper date is for these forms. She asked for training on the ACC9 and Carol will be talking with Pat Sulek and getting back to you.

Shannon McKenzie 781 questioned how this would work and Carol stated she will show so many cadets a certain figure and if paid by December 1<sup>st</sup> then a credit of \$2.00 would show. Carol will send out assessments in December.

#### MOTION

MOVED by Carol Cox that the assessment be \$ 35.00 per cadet and anyone who has filed their ACC9 by December 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a credit of \$2.00 per cadet on the ACC9. SECONDED by Rob Bauhaus.

CARRIED.

#### MOTION

MOVED by Carol Cox that we appoint the auditors of Dole and Company for next year. SECONDED by Eric Steffensen. CARRIED.

Carol pointed out on the budget that we will not have casino funds coming in until 2008/2009. Keith stated that what is challenging about this budget is the casinos can be between 18-24 months and we must plan for the year that we do not have a casino and can only depend on funds carried over from the past year.

Carol reviewed the Budget and described the capital reserve fund.

Rob Bauhaus 903 Strathmore asked where the capital expense would come from. So it would come out of the surplus and deferred revenue would be revised.

Stan Taylor asked what the discrepancy in the gliding zones. Keith advised that 2 gliding centres have no buildings or facilities and we are paying only for tie downs (parking fee). With reference to Netook and Velleneuve we have facilities to maintain.

Eric explained that Peace River and Vulcan is a donation and there is really no charge. Vehicle maintenance is also included in the other two gliding centres. The vehicle expenses are under Air Resources and we get a lot of work done for free.

Ross Hamilton stated that Netook is a facility cost.

781 chairman Shannon McKenzie asked what is all included in Air Resources. Eric Steffensen answered what costs are in this category. Keith stated that the largest expense is the support vehicles – being the winch and chase vehicles up keep.

Charlie Bowen 903 asked re Provincial Effective Speaking Competition. Keith stated we will be discussing that shortly.

Shannon McKenzie 781 asked for clarification on this AGM expenses. Carol Cox detailed the registration fees are not netted out so the amount is around \$14,000. Keith advised that we pay for guests, 12 zones delegates, provincial executive and all of the meals. Keith stated that the registration fee does not cover the expense of each person at the AGM.



## MOTION

MOVED by Carol Cox that this budget be accepted as presented. SECONDED by Ross Hamilton. CARRIED.

## MOTION

MOVED by Bob Clarke that in the interests of shortening this meeting that all of the reports contained in the Report Book from pages 20 – 29 with the exception of the Membership Registration Coordinator's Report, be accepted as contained in the Report Book. SECONDED by Bill Baker. CARRIED

### 18. Past Chairman's Report – Bob Bondarevich

#### 18.1 Discounts

Bob wanted to draw attention for cadets to purchase items that he has made arrangements for special pricing for us. Bob has negotiated with Visions for a discount for anyone who would like to purchase anything there, please contact Bob and he will arrange it.

#### 18.2 Effective Speaking Competition

With respect to Effective Speaking Competition you may have seen that the executive are entertaining changing the venue and date of this competition. Charlie Bowen stated that he may have said change the date, and Bob Clarke and Hugh Boyd have also suggested that the date be changed.

Keith stated that it was easier to have the Effective Speaking Competition at the same time as the scholarships, but this is not fair to the cadets who are participating in scholarship boards as well as Effective Speaking. The competition will be held in Red Deer on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We have a facility in Red Deer but the rest of the details are a work in progress and have not been finalized.

Claude Carignan advised that this date is at the end of Spring break. The answer was that each school division has different dates.

The Past Chairman is the one that runs this competition. Bob thanked Charlie Bowen for helping out when Bob was not able to do so.

#### 18.3 Nominating Committee

Bob is suggesting that we make a change to the Nominating Committee as it was felt that our members were not aware of the needs of the executive. Bob stated that the committee believes that the members, such as zone directors, need to be active in seeking out members to sit on the executive. He is proposing that the current members make their intention known to the chairman of the Nominating Committee by May 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. It was felt by Bev Burke that we know in advance of the requirements needed.

## MOTION

MOVED by Bob Bondarevich that all Provincial Executive committee members shall give notice to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee" regarding their intention for elected positions on the Alberta Provincial Committee on, or before May 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. Failure to provide notice will result in the incumbent being removed from the list of candidates for election.

(Secretary Note: This Motion is a change to the Constitution and must be given 60 days notice prior to the AGM and therefore will not be voted on at this AGM but at our next AGM 2008)

Bob feels that the Nominating Committee is really not effective. He proposed that the Advisory Board now be incorporated to include the Nominating Committee as one committee. Bob would like to charge the new chairman with the possibilities of merging the two committees that would be far more effective than our current committees.

With tasks being passed to the Advisory Board that it would be effective to develop a strategic succession plan that would meet the needs of the province now and in the future for the betterment of this organization.



Bob stated for those Past Governors who have dedicated their time and resources to the best youth program in the world he offered his thanks and gratitude.

#### 19. Membership Registration Coordinator's Report – Bev Burke

Bev advised that she had nothing further to add to her report in the Report Book. Keith asked if there is anyone who has screening forms ready they can be given to Bev Burke today. Keith asked for those who have not been screened to stand up and there were only a few that had not been screened.

(Secretary Note: All agenda items 20-29 have been approved by Motion as contained in the Report Book)

#### 30. Business Arising

Camp Usage – covered earlier in these minutes

Disaster Claim Update

Keith stated that the funds received were around \$17,000 which came in handy as we had to pay an additional \$8,000 to put the damn back in so the river will not run through the camp.

Burchell and Dale Scholarships

The Robert and Mary Dale Scholarship were won by WO I Gabriel Fortin from Delta BC (\$3000) and the Burchell scholarship (\$8000) was won by WO II Melody Dechamp from Georgetown ON. Keith advised that the number of Alberta applications were only second to Ontario and he asked every one to keep up the good work.

Government Grants

Keith introduced Janet Fletcher from Alberta Sport, Recreation Parks & Wildlife Foundation Grants who has been a great help to our organization and has assisted us on many applications.

Janet advised us about available grants for our organization. Specifically, the development initiatives program is most applicable to the league. It is to support Albertans working in areas of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife for project and program related endeavors. They do not fund operational and administrative costs. Some cadet programs that have been funded are: expedition equipment (\$3000), biathlon equipment (\$5000), and harnesses and ropes (\$2200).

Non profit organizations can apply like us. This is not a true matching grant but you must share some of the costs. Computers or office related equipment is a low priority and debt reduction will not be funded.

There are 3 deadlines: Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline has the fewest application. The application must be mailed only and it takes 60-90 days to process each application. The further information is available on the website: [www.asrpwf.ca](http://www.asrpwf.ca).

A direct link to funding programs is: [www.tprc.alberta.ca/asrpwf/programs/funding/index.asp](http://www.tprc.alberta.ca/asrpwf/programs/funding/index.asp)

Sunday, October 27, 2007

Keith Mann called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

#### 1. Nominating Committee Final Report

Bob Bondarevich gave the final report as follows:

Chairman	Fred Johnsen
Vice-chairman	Darlene LaRoche
Director of Finance	Carol Cox
Secretary	Position not filed
Director of Air Resources	Eric Steffensen
Director of Camp Worthington	Burt Gillings



Director of Netook  
Director of Camp Wright

NE Zone Director  
NW Zone Director  
Central Zone Director  
South Zone Director

Ross Hamilton  
John de Bruin  
Wally Johnson  
Evelyn Hutchings  
Kevin Robinson  
Stan Monkman  
Pat Sulek

#### MOTION

MOVED by Bob Bondarevich that as a group of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Director Finance, Director of Camp Worthington, Director of Netook, and Director of Air Resources be acclaimed. SECONDED by Claude Carignan. CARRIED

#### MOTION

MOVED by Bob Bondarevich and SECONDED by Paul Spurrell that all Zone Directors be ratified as listed above. CARRIED

Bob Bondarevich asked Ron Ilko, Maj. Leo Lammers, Capt Monroe, and Robert Harris to be the scrutineers. A confirmation of the number of members who could vote was taken.

An election took place for the position of Director of Camp Wright and the person that was successful is Wally Johnson.

#### MOTION

MOVED by Bob Clarke and SECONDED by Bill Baker to destroy the ballots. CARRIED

#### MOTION

MOVED by Al Spielman that the Financial Statement be accepted as presented. SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED

#### 2. ACICO – Capt Randy Fisher

Keith introduced Capt. Randy Fisher who briefed us on the position of ACICO.

It stands for Area Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer. They used to be known as provincial cadet advisors. This position has been around since 1980 and came to fruition in

Alberta in 1989. It is a national position and it transferable across all three elements: air, army and sea. There are four positions in Alberta with two positions currently vacant. This position assists squadrons in many areas if they are having any challenges as well as assisting at SurvivAir, Scholarship Boards, Investigations, Public Relations, Parades, and Sponsoring Committees, etc.

This position also can interview individuals for the position of Commanding Officer and the League can also put their input in as well. Keith said you should form a panel comprised of the League Rep, Sponsor Chair and a military member and this is where an ACICO can be of assistance. It is recommended that the military member be a neutral person with little connection with the person being interviewed.

#### 3. New Business

##### 3.1 Insurance Update

Keith will be sending out electronically to all zones for what insurance covers in your squadron. Keith is often asked what extra insurance is required on a squadron level and he said the only insurance extra you need is liability for your squadron building. Lorie Gordon stated that her squadron has had difficulty in getting this liability insurance and she asked what she can do. Joe Johnson suggested that if you have an insurance



company that will not give liability insurance then they should contact our national office for assistance and the national can give proper information to the insurance company.  
If you are listed as a member of a squadron then you are covered by directors and officers liability insurance, however, that member must be screened.

### 3.2 Selection Boards Review & Changes 2008

Fred advised that there is a new form DND 2226 (07-2007) and Fred asked that all old forms be destroyed. Fred will be sending a PDF version to all zone directors to be distributed. Oshkosh has been added as well as Staff position, which will be treated as an advanced scholarship and will be worth 5 points. Photography has been removed from Tech. Scholarship. When a Commanding Officer signs the form they are saying that all information is complete. The deadline is Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.

There is a scholarship database spread sheet will be extremely helpful and Fred asked that it be completed and sent to Vice chair, Zone Director and a hard copy with the submitted scholarships. Each qualified cadet is allowed to apply for 2 scholarships. Any applications that are over quota will be returned to the squadron. This is the most important form for the cadet career.

Keith stated that in regard to the Oshkosh trip is being treated like an exchange scholarship except it is not boarded. The Area Training Officer makes the selection. Keith clarified that the Oshkosh scholarship must be completed and given to the League not sent to Winnipeg. The League, will in turn forward them to Winnipeg. Keith will verify the deadline date for this scholarship.

Regarding the Staff position, Keith confirmed that it was an executive decision to award it 5 points and it is considered a "cadet course" within advanced training.

The boards are in Ponoka on Feb 23, 2008.

Fred called on Capt. Michael Curtis to talk about the Oshkosh trip where he was one of the officers who escorted the cadets on this three week trip last summer. It was an amazing experience for all involved. The trip commences in Toronto. They went to Hamilton to see the Heritage Air Museum, Niagara Falls, Pennsylvania, Dayton Ohio and saw the National Airforce Museum which houses all aircraft ever flown, Wright Brothers Museum and the home of the Wright Brothers bicycle shop, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Chicago – Harbour tour on a jet boat, Chicago zoo, Navy pier, Gurney Illinois – world's largest roller coaster park. They arrived at Oshkosh where there were 12,000 aircraft on the ground. They spent 6 days touring all day there and did not see all that was there to be viewed. They had a flight in a 1929 Ford Tri-motor aircraft. Michael said that this tour was one of the most extensive, interesting and memorable that he has ever experienced and one he will remember for the rest of his life. He encouraged cadets to apply because it is worth it. If you want to contact him do so at [www.24air.net](http://www.24air.net) He also encouraged officers to apply as escort officers as it was worth it.

### 3.3 Education Credits

Keith stated that we are still working on this area and we have been a long time working on this matter. Keith asked Darlene LaRoche to head up a committee along with Stan Monkman and Kevin Robinson as members. Darlene advised that a committee has been formed with all three elements and they will be meeting on November 15 to go over proposed criteria and marking system that would be acceptable to Alberta Learning and our cadet program. We are aiming at a getting education credits for each local headquarters for local training to start with. Kenn Nixon said that RJ Vanderlee had a package in this regard and Darlene advised that Capt. RJ Vanderlee was a member of this committee.

### 3.4 Contingency & Band Grant Replace – Local Support Allocation

Keith advised that there are grants available to all squadrons. Capt. Shawn Mahoney advised that we now have a local support allocation in the amount of \$600 per unit plus \$15 per cadet based on last year's Fortress average (CATO 17-34). This grant covers such items as transportation, rations, training aids, temporary accommodations, temporary facilities, rental for facilities for cadet units, entry fees, electricity, pens, paper



and supplies, and musical instruments. The unit must submit receipts and if they are doing a trip. What is not included is: contribution to provincial or national leagues, expenditures incurred for gifts and capital expenditures. This is a bonus over and above what is received now. He emphasized that receipts must be submitted within 30 days. Shawn advised that if you don't need these funds, please advise him and he will then be able to give to squadrons who need it.

Regarding internet service provision – if a unit already has internet service, the unit will not pay for the monthly internet service fee once this program is up and running. The central provider will be Bell. The installation of internet service will not be covered by Detachment – that will be up to the sponsoring committee, however, once the service is installed, they will not pay for the monthly fee. Major Kenn Nixon advised that Nevelle Head must have information by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Information will go to the unit on this matter shortly.

3.5 Keith advised that part of the registration package was a copy of the National catalog. Keith encouraged everyone to support this for gifts. It is available to view on the website. The only drawback is the delivery fees, and Keith is suggesting that we have a central location and do as one group order to cut down on the handling charge. There will be more information in this regard in the future.

### 3.6 Gift Crystal

Keith asked Pat Sulek to speak on this gift item. Pat explained that crystal could be used for aging out cadets or as a graduation gift. We are working on having a glider and tow plane inside. We are trying to keep this at a low cost and we will be sending out information on this when it is finalized.

### 3.7 Missing Comrade Ceremony

Pat Sulek stated that this ceremony is available to anyone including instructions and a CD containing the music. For those of you that want one please let her know, and she will see that you get a copy. It will be also available on email. Major Kenn Nixon stated that it is also available in French if needed.

### 3.8 Southern Zone Biathlon

Keith asked Peggy McAllister to read the partial list of the winners:

As of yesterday these are the following partial results:

Calgary Zone of the Cadet Tri-Service Biathlon Competition

Boy's team

1<sup>st</sup> place - 344 RCSCCS Calgary Sea Cadets

2<sup>nd</sup> place - 878 Banff/Canmore Air Cadets

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 2137 Calgary Highlanders Army Cadets

Girl's team

1<sup>st</sup> place – 878 Banff/Canmore Air Cadets

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 2137 Calgary Highlanders Army Cadets

3.9 Keith advised that if anyone missed the information on grants, he has copies of the information. Cadet magnetic ribbons are still available.

3.10 Bev Burke drew the tickets for the various prizes and the winners were Michael Cluclow, Kevin Robinson, Norman Kuzik, Evelyn Hutchings, Charlie Bowen, Mary Skidmore, Paul Spurrell, Capt. Mahoney, Nancy Marshall, Daryl Forbes, Capt. Munroe, Gift for Discovery flight from Mount Royal College was won by Rosemary Morasch, 187 Foothills League Representative.

50/50 Draw was worth \$847 so one-half was won by Janine Page 538 Chairman.



Keith thanked sponsors from squadrons 903, 878, 781, 395, 604, and 7, Mount Royal College, and Executive Committee for their contributions of prizes for the draws.

#### MOTION

MOVED by Trent Porter, 7 Penhold Squadron that the 50/50 precedes go to the veteran's food bank, Edmonton. SECONDED by Ron Millham. CARRIED.

#### 4. Open Forum

- Trent Porter Sqn 7 asked if there was training available for new sponsoring committees and Keith answered that there is training available and they are to contact their zone directors.
- Stan Monkman stated that it is difficult to find squadrons in the phone book as they are all listed differently. He suggested that squadrons list themselves under Air Cadets and then their name or Royal Canadian Air Cadets and then their name.  
Stan Monkman advised that he has been to a lot of ceremonies and he suggested that we address the Legion correctly as The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No.xx don't refer to them as "the Legion". Betty Bennett stated that sometimes the Legion doesn't use the correct terms as well and especially addressing the "Royal Canadian Air Cadets"
- Barb Nichols 533 Edmonton asked is there any education credits being offered in the high school. Keith said that we are trying to get credits for what the cadets do at their LHQ but currently we can only get credit for staff positions at the 3 summer centres.
- Janine Page said that Father Lacombe offers these credits for LHQ training.
- Barb Nichols 533 Edmonton said that high schools are working at taking a look at some of the courses at cadets which will count on their marks
- Keith stated what we are trying to do is to get credit for the basic training first so that it is province wide.
- Major Kenn Nixon stated that in the city of Calgary there is a wide range in cadets receiving credits due to their involvement with Air Cadets. These credits are being classed as work credits.
- Keith encouraged you to talk to your school principle to advise them of the cadet program entails and see what is available for credits for your cadet.
- Darcy Leiter 810 Squadron advised that for the last 3 years they have been involved with United Way The Great Human Race which generates about \$3000 for about 3 hours work. The public relations have been excellent. 664, 395 also participate. It is their position that a portion of the funds be directed back to the League. Darcy is available to help coordinate this.
- Capt. Munroe 810 Squadron advised that you tell the cadets it is a physical fitness exercise. The United Way receives 20% and you can name the League to the United Way as the recipient of the funds. The United Way takes care of the collection of funds, etc. Darcy has a proposal and he will email it to the zone directors. Capt. Munroe said the cadets collect pledges for a walk or run which is organized by the United Way with participation at the race as optional. Capt. Mahoney asked for clarification on the safety of the race for our Cadets.
- Keith said that once you receive the information it would be a good idea to inform the ACO's office to ensure cadet safety
- Trent Porter 7 Penhold asked if the 45 days for paperwork was necessary and Capt Mahoney confirmed yes they do need it.
- Claude Carignan 533 asked if cadets are in uniform and going door to door collecting funds, do they have to officers present? Claude questioned that this might be too much fund-raising by cadets instead of working on training.
- Capt. Mahoney stated that in Taber they have a logo at the town entrance so that people know Air Cadets parade in that town.
- 781 is having a Chinese New Year dinner on Feb. 1



- Paul Spurrell donated his prize of the fundraiser for 604 to Past Chairman Keith Mann for all of his hard work.
  - Keith advised that the next AGM will be held at a similar time next year and it gives our auditor more time to get the paperwork completed. The next meeting will be at the discretion of the executive.
- Keith thanked Joe Johnson for attending our AGM and he also thanked our military partners for their contribution to our meeting. Keith encouraged the sharing of information between our military folks and the league members. Communication is a wonderful thing.
- Keith reminded everyone that the Effective Speaking Competition will be held in Red Deer on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Keith thanked all who attended and supported him as Chairman and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Respectively Submitted

Darlene LaRoche  
Provincial Executive Committee  
Secretary

**MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**  
**September 2007 – August 2008**

**October 27, 2007 Executive Meeting**

MOTION: MOVED by Pat Sulek that we accept #24 Red Deer Squadron's proposal for the Effective Speaking Provincial Competition.

SECONDED by Kevin Robinson. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Evelyn Hutchings that the Chairman, Vice-chair and Director of Air Resources go to the SAM.

SECONDED by Keith Mann. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann that the four members of the executive, being Fred Johnsen, Keith Mann, Darlene LaRoche and Kevin Robinson along with the two top Alberta cadets with their officers attend the signing of the M.O.U. on November 14, 2007. He will apply for more seats for others to attend.

SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED

**December 1, 2007 Executive Meeting**

MOTION: MOVED by Evelyn Hutchings that Harvey Ellery be the League Representative for 533 Squadron.

SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Stan Monkman that Ron Hockridge be the League Representative for 42 Wetaskiwin Squadron.

SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Stan Monkman that Lorna Hall be the League Representative for 12 Squadron.

SECONDED by Burt Gillings. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings that we give an Honorarium of \$500.00 to Mrs. Montgomery.

SECONDED by Ross Hamilton. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Carol that Fred Johnsen, Chairman, Wally Johnsen, Director of Camp Wright, Maj Lammers, Det. Commander rescind the Camp safety Officer/Operations Coordinator appointment of Troy Davies and that the position of Environment Safety Officer be rescinded which is the appointed position that Phil Quaghebeur holds. These parties are to remove all personal belongings under executive supervision as soon as possible with a time-line to be determined by Fred Johnsen, Chairman. This letter rescinding their services is to be hand delivered by Fred Johnsen and Burt Gillings or by a member of the Executive.

SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Jen Snider that prior to the letter being delivered that a complete independent inventory and verification of the assets at the camp be done. Members of the executive will supervise this verification of assets.

SECONDED by Carol Cox. CARRIED



## January 12, 2008 Executive Meeting

- MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann that two thousand be used for Glider Pilot/Passenger qualification. There should be two, four thousand scholarships for Continuing Career in Aviation.  
SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Darlene LaRoche that the form presented by Fred Johnsen be adopted.  
SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann to approve concept of the Gift Cube and for the Alberta Provincial Committee to purchase three hundred fifty Gift Cubes.  
SECONDED by Burt Gillings. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Kevin Robinson to charge nine dollars per cube.  
SECONDED by Evelyn Hutchings. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Pat Sulek to adopt the squadron year-end report to the league reps. It is to be implemented at the next zone meeting.  
SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Carol Cox to use the Port A Call Inn for the 2008 AGM.  
SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings to accept all Director's Reports as written.  
SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings subject to approval from 878 and the family, a flag pole be put in place at Camp Worthington in memory of Cadet Lall Sopp.  
SECONDED by Keith Mann. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Darlene LaRoche that info package be adopted as presented and be put on the Cadet Web site.  
SECONDED by Kevin Robinson. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann to dispose of the Camp Wright truck at the best possible financial advantage.  
SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Pat Sulek to ratify the electronic vote to accept Jennifer Snider as the new secretary.  
SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Carol Cox that we allocate the ten thousand dollars from Aviation Alberta be put into a separate GIC.  
SECONDED by Stan Monkman. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Darlene LaRoche the fourth delegate to represent Alberta at the next AGM meeting is Carol Cox.  
SECONDED by Wally Johnsen. CARRIED

### **February 2, 2008 Executive Meeting**

- MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings to make Norm Cartier Assistant Director of Camp Wright.  
SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann to order one hundred five year League Recognition Pins.  
SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Eric Steffensen in junction with property insurance, include the vehicles presently insured by Guardian Insurance.  
SECONDED by Carol Cox. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann to task the chairman with exploring the options, regulations and requirements for renewing the lease.  
SECONDED by Burt Gillings. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Ross Hamilton to accept all Director's Reports as written.  
SECONDED by Carol Cox. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Evelyn Hutchings to nominate Jason Everette as a league rep for 868 Fort McMurray.  
SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann moved effective by end of meeting today, for non cadet users, have a three dollar per person per two day exercise surcharge above the cadet rate for both camps.  
SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings to do a feasibility study to replace the existing stoves.  
SECONDED by Evelyn Hutchings. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann to send two representatives from Alberta to the Gliding Conference 14-15 March 2008.  
SECONDED by Wally Johnsen. CARRIED

### **April 5, 2008 Executive Meeting**

- MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings that we allow a maximum of \$3000 to have the assessment done on our properties by Perry Appraisals Associates Ltd..  
SECONDED by Keith Mann. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Eric Steffensen that sell the winch at Gimli for \$3000 or best offer.  
SECONDED by Burt Gillings. CARRIED
- MOTION: MOVED by Eric Steffensen that we sell the 1989 Dodge Ram Wagon (15 passenger) vehicle for best offer.  
SECONDED by Burt Gillings. CARRIED



MOTION: MOVED by Eric Steffensen that we purchase a half-ton truck for use at Netook and Vulcan (southern zone) which is road worthy.

SECONDED by Wally Johnsen. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Kevin Robinson as recommended by the Camp Director that we purchase new stoves not to exceed \$5300 plus GST for Camp Wright. Kevin stated that we take the funds for this purchase from the capital asset fund and reserve fund as well as any donations that we may receive for this purchase.

SECONDED by Eric Steffensen. CARRIED

### May 3, 2008 Executive Meeting

MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings that the Alberta Provincial Committee shall proposed to DND and the National Air Cadet League of Canada to restore some of the optional training such as canoeing, rope bridges, obstacle courses to the Air Cadet program. Retention is a huge problem and this would help to retain cadets.

SECONDED by Ross Hamilton. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings that a letter be sent to the National Office that we are unalterably opposed to the Air Cadet League charging of any fees to any cadet for any registration or membership.

SECONDED by Pat Sulek. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Ross Hamilton that the fire extinguishers be replaced for Netook.

SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Eric that we buy a proposal share in the amount of \$250 of the glider that was destroyed in Saskatchewan to be used for parts to repair other gliders.

SECONDED by Carol Cox. CARRIED

### July 19, 2008 Executive Meeting

MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings to commission Sandy McFadyen as the Alberta Provincial Committee Executive Recording Secretary.

SECONDED by Stan Monkman. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Stan Monkman that the previously approved \$2,000 allocated from the Alberta Aviation Scholarship Fund, be shared equally between the following 12 cadets at \$166.66 each:

F/Sgt Forget D	F/Sgt Gouda, P.	WO1 Homes, S.	Sgt Johnston, M.
Sgt Lexvold, J.	WO2 Loran, N.	F/Sgt Millions, C.	WO2 Nolan, N.
F/Sgt Ries, N.	WO1 Howard, R.	WO2 Stoesz, D.	WO2 Toye, M.

SECONDED by Keith Mann CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Stan Monkman that Bob Thompson be approved as the new league representative for 88 Squadron.

SECONDED by Keith Mann. CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Pat Sulek that the following individuals be approved as new league representatives: Keith Peden for 781, Sandra Jackson for 52, Paul Fisette for 604, and Geraldine Sheane for 15.

SECONDED by Stan Monkman CARRIED



MOTION: MOVED by Burt Gillings that the Alberta Provincial Committee actively discourage the use of Styrofoam and paper cups at Camp.  
MOTION not supported.

MOTION: MOVED by Carol Cox that the \$5,000 donation for the Netook lawnmower be moved into a GIC.  
SECONDED by Keith Mann CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Pat Sulek that we place an order for order the same amount of cubes and bases.  
SECONDED by Stan Monkman CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by Keith Mann accept a proposal from 783 Calgary Wing, Air Force Association of Canada donating \$5,000 every two years.  
SECONDED by Burt Gillings. CARRIED



**RCSU (Prairie) Detachment Edmonton  
ACO (Air) Annual Report - September 2008**

**General**

1. The 2007/2008 Training Year was another year of positive achievements for the forty two air cadet squadrons in Alberta. This report summarizes some of the highlights and key areas of focus, which we feel are bringing significant value in moving the Alberta Air Cadet program forward towards our goal of training excellence.

**Fiscal Support**

2. The ACO (Air) section expended \$415,000 towards Mandatory Support Training and other optional activities conducted by air cadet squadron Local Headquarters (LHQ) in the fiscal year ending 31 March 2007. Mandatory Support Training is funded prior to funding consideration being given to optional activities. The focus for funding optional activities is on value added training activities.

3. The ACO (Air) section expended \$105,000 on Regionally Directed Activities this past Fiscal Year (FY). The funding was expended on the Raider Atlantis leadership program, Zone Sports & Drill and the SurvivAir competition.

4. The ACO (Air) section expended \$57,000 of the Local Support Allocation funding. The Funding was expended on items ranging from optional training activities to the support of the squadron administration.

**Additional Initiatives**

5. Some new or on going initiatives of note are:

- a. The Unit Training Plan Template software tool was updated to include the new Cadet Program Update information. This software tool will assist units in the development of their yearly training plan. In support of this update, a training session was held at NAIT for our CIC officers; and
- b. The continuation of Exercise Raider Atlantis and SurvivAir, which gets bigger and better each year.

**Most Proficient Squadron**

6. XXX RCACS has been selected as Alberta's Best Air Cadet Squadron for 2007-2008. Congratulations to CO, staff as well as the sponsor, and the cadets of XXX RCACS.

7. Of course, hard work and wonderful accomplishments are happening throughout the Squadrons in Alberta. Great appreciation is extended to all of the CO's, LHQ staff, sponsor organizations and other supporting groups for the hard work and dedication, which make the Air Cadet program the success that it is.

## **Closing**

8. The Cadet Program Update will present some interesting changes and challenges as it begins to roll out. As with any change process, patience is a requirement, and we will continue to work together to ensure a smooth transition as we lead up to the implementation of the new Level One program in the fall of 2008.



## CHAIRMAN 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Just completed my first year, as your Chairman and I would like to thank the executive committee for the outstanding support they have given me, which kept me focused and has made my first year on the job much easier. Without that support we would not have enjoyed the successes we had over the past year. I would be remiss if I did not thank all the volunteers at the squadron levels who contributed thousands of hours in support of their individual squadrons. I would also offer a resounding thank you to the staff of the Edmonton Detachment for their excellent support and contributions to the success of the Cadet Program in Alberta.

Over the past year as will be further expanded by the various directors, included below are some of the highlights we achieved in the 2007/08 period:

- At Camp Wright we had a change of guard and usage by the squadrons has increased thanks to Wally Johnsen's hands on organizational skills. New kitchen equipment was purchased and we are still in the middle of completing the lease renewal. We have some major repairs coming at us, the Director will be looking for volunteers to assist with the work, and we are soliciting donations to cover some or the entire repair costs.
- Camp Worthington has seen some major improvements and repairs thanks to the hard work by Burt Gillings. We would like to see more squadrons using this Camp – remember the Camps belong to all of you.
- Netook Gliding Center is in good shape and being very well used thanks to Ross Hamilton and Eric Steffensen. Ross is currently looking for donations to replace the worn out lawn mower and require some work to the runway.
- Keith Mann and his team changed the effective speaking venue this year to a stand-alone program in Red Deer with great success thanks to their hard work.
- Scholarships were a resounding success thanks to the organizational skills of Darlene LaRoche and the support of numerous volunteers; we have some issues with not boarding Oskosh Scholarship and have raised our objections with the national office.
- Education credits have been established for the cadet program across Alberta, through the hard work by Darlene LaRoche, Stan Monkman, Capt. Rob Vanderlee and their team.
- We initiated a review of our facility insurance – lead by Keith Mann, which resulted in significant reduction in our premiums and with better coverage.
- Survive Air took place at Camp Wright this year and was a resounding success – thank you to all who volunteered with the Cadet Detachment to make this event happen.
- We had a required engine rebuild completed on one of our tow planes at significant savings over previous years – thanks to Eric Steffensen in sourcing out a new vendor.
- Congratulations go out to Eric Steffensen and Keith Mann for being appointed Governors with Air Cadet League of Canada - their expertise will add significantly to this decision making body.

- Financially we are on track thanks to the due diligent of our entire executive especially Carol Cox in keeping us in line. We are scheduled for a Casino in Edmonton 10 & 11 February 2009, I will be soliciting the Edmonton area squadrons for volunteers.

ACC 9 returns are still not where I like to see them – I feel that nothing less than 100% is acceptable – we have introduced a change this year that will see the Zone Directors knocking on squadron doors collecting the ACC9. If any squadron is having problems completing their ACC9 please contact your Zone Director for help.

I participated with the Vice Chairperson, Director of Finance, Director of Air Resources the Semi Annual Meeting, which took place in Ottawa, and the Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada held in Quebec City which I felt were very informative and most importantly we were able to express Alberta's views, concerns, recommendations on the proposed changes that are coming.

I attended numerous squadron functions including Annual Cadet Reviews, Change of Commands etc; my compliments go out to all squadrons that I visited for their excellent organization of these events and to the cadets for their awesome turnout. Visiting these squadrons reconfirmed my commitment to the best youth program in Canada.

For the Air Cadets

Fred Johnsen  
Chairman



## VICE CHAIRMAN 2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT

This was a very interesting year for me in my new capacity as Vice Chairman and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I resigned as #15 League Representative to Medicine Hat in December and will remember with fond memories my time and friendships made there. Along with my new duties, I did continue to assist the provincial executive as the Secretary for the fall and part of 2008.

### Semi-Annual Meeting

In November 2007, I attended the Semi-Annual Meeting of Governors and Committees in Ottawa, and participated in several meetings and presentations. I felt that these meetings were extremely beneficial and I learned a great deal from attending. I believe I have a better understanding of the issues that face us on a national level.

### Education Credits for Cadets

During the fall of 2007 and spring of 2008, I attended several meetings regarding Education Credits for the Cadet program. There were representatives from all three elements (Air, Army and Sea) at these meetings and a great deal of credit for the final information package goes to Captain Robert Vanderlee, an officer with 878 Banff/Canmore squadron as well as a teacher in Canmore. I was able to present this initiative at the National AGM in Quebec City and it was very well received across the country. The details of the Education Credits for Cadets will be presented at the Alberta AGM this fall.

### P.I.L.A.T.

I also attended, as a team member of P.I.L.A.T, meetings held in Calgary in the fall. We were able to sign the first in Canada, Memorandum of Understanding with Aviation Alberta in November 2007. What a proud moment for all as this cooperation between us will benefit so many Air Cadets in the future.

### Scholarships

With the assistance of the Chairman, Fred Johnsen and Past Chairman, Keith Mann and Pat Sulek, handling the volunteers, as well as the Detachment staff and Capt. Shawn Mahoney ACO Air, I believe we had a very successful scholarship boards this year. I also want to thank all of the volunteers and officers for assisting with the boards to further the dreams of our Air Cadets. It was much appreciated.

The scholarship electronic information databases received from each squadron were used in a variety of ways for several reports. They are used to schedule the actual boards, determine the transportation and accommodation requirements, confirm the quotas by squadron, and assign the marks and final provincial rankings for submission to Prairie Region. It is essential then, that all information is completed in a complete, timely and correct manner (including complete addresses) so that a complete form can be submitted to Prairie Region who then sends it on to our national offices. Although our application numbers were slightly down from the previous year, I believe this in ratio to the number of Air Cadets and the slight decline in Alberta enrollment.

The scholarship results are as follows:

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Applications</u>	<u>Alberta Quota</u>
Oskosh	25	4
Power	62	23
Gliding	66	28
SLC	29	26
AATC-AO	23	5



Tech	24	5
Athletic Instructor	26	17
Survival Instructor	47	23
IACE	19	6
Total	321	137

The above totals do not reflect 16 applications that were either pulled for various reasons (over squadron quota, failed exam, incorrect level, qualified on another scholarship, etc.) or the 5 no shows on that day (2 cadets were boarded after due to illness). Total applications would be:  $321 - 16 = 305$  applications. There were 56 cadets who applied for 2 scholarships, with the total number of cadets at 247.

We were short applications for Senior Leaders, sending only 23 cadets with a quota of 26. In Athletic Instructor our quota was 17 and we submitted 17 scholarships, however, the one cadet declined the scholarship so we ended with 1 short as we had no spares to fill the vacancy. All other scholarships were filled for our Alberta quota and I sincerely hope that those Air Cadets who received a scholarship understand how much time and effort went into this process. There will be new information coming out at our AGM regarding the scholarship program for the upcoming year.

#### Gliding Conference

In March, I traveled with Eric Steffensen, Director of Air Resources, to Gimli, Manitoba for the Gliding Conference. I learned a great deal from these dedicated pilots, officers and instructors who always have the safety of our Air Cadets as their priority. The staff at Gimli are committed to keeping our gliders and tow planes well maintained and in safe working order and they work hard at doing so.

#### SurvivAir 2008

This year's exercise was held at Camp Wright and Burt Gillings and I represented the provincial executive at the exercise. There were approximately 450 Air Cadets, officers, staff and volunteers at the camp for the weekend. We had perfect weather for the exercise and all Air Cadets had a great time as the camaraderie was very evident everywhere you went. This was also true of the officer staff and volunteers. Thanks to the volunteers who worked hard to keep everyone well fed.

#### Maple Flag 2008

I think one of the highlights of this year was attending with the top 8 scholarship Air Cadets, the Maple Flag exercise at 4 Wing CFB Cold Lake. We were treated like VIPs and the base staff bent over backwards to ensure that the cadets saw as much as possible of the air operation of this exercise as well as lots of hands on experiences on the Hawk flight simulator, CF 18s, a trip in a Griffin Helicopter (doors open), range and numerous briefings. It was breathtaking being on the inner runway during the launch of fighter jets from around the world – what an experience! It was a very busy day and our thanks to 4 Wing Cold Lake officers for taking the time to make this tour so memorable for all.

#### AGM, Quebec City 2008

It was informative and enjoyable to attend the AGM this year held in Quebec City. There was a lot of business conducted and lots of information shared at various meetings. There are so many people working to make this organization the best it can possibly be and you don't always hear their name in recognition – they do it for the Cadets. I enjoyed the national Effective Speaking Competition and was very pleased with all of the provinces' winners. Our hosts were wonderful and we had a chance to experience historic Quebec City and entertainment. Merci beaucoup!

#### Other



It was with pleasure throughout the year that I attended Mess Dinners at #15 Medicine Hat and #187 Foothills as well as the 781 Chinese New Year Gala and fundraiser. I attended the Southern Zone Sports and Drill Competition, Honour Band, several Annual Reviews and graduation parades at Penhold Summer Training Camp. I am always so proud to watch our Air Cadets demonstrate such outstanding leadership and organizational skills at these functions. I am also proud to be part of a partnership with our CIC cadre and thank them for all of their hard work throughout the training year.

Respectively submitted,

Darlene LaRoche  
Vice Chairman

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 TO AUGUST 31, 2008**

The ACC9's and the Assessments fees were received on a more timely basis this year. Therefore, I would like to thank all the Squadrons who submitted their ACC9's and who paid there Assessment Fees it was greatly appreciated.

At the time of submitting this report, I still 7 squadrons who have not filed there 2006/2007 ACC9's and 6 squadron who have not filed there 2005/2006 ACC9's. This means that we have received 83% for 2006/2007 and 86% for 2005/2006.

Any squadron that has not filed an ACC9's from any previous year can still file them using the new form.

The ACC9's for 2007/2008 **MUST** be filed using the new 2007 version of the ACC9. If an old form is submitted it will not be accepted.

This year you are to submit the ACC9 to your Zone Director, who will in turn pass them on to the Finance Director.

A reminder when submitting your ACC9

- Use the 2007 version of the ACC9
- The form must be signed by the CO and dated
- The form must be signed by the Sponsoring Chair and dated.
- The information form must accompany the ACC9

The Assessments fees are going to remain the same as last year \$35 per cadet and if you have filed your ACC9 by December 1, 2008 you will receive a credit of \$2 per cadet shown on your Assessment invoice.

The audited Financial Statements and the 2008/2009 Budget will be available at the AGM.

Carol Cox CGA  
Director of Finance  
Alberta Provincial Committee



## PAST CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

This year marked the revamping of our Provincial Effective Speaking Competition to a stand alone event. For numerous years the competition was held as part of our Annual Selection Boards, limiting the numbers of people who could attend and over loading some Air Cadets with speeches and scholarship interviews on the same day. Lead by a core group of volunteers, the event proved to be very successful; generating what we hope will be a renewed interest in the Effective Speaking program province wide. We would encourage the squadrons, if you are not already doing so, to include effective speaking into your program and thus improve the communication skills of your Air Cadets as they prepare for future interviews and application processes. Congratulation goes out to F/Sgt. Courtney Andruszko from 604 Moose squadron in Calgary for winning the Alberta Competition and going on to win the silver medal at the National Competition. A special thank you to all the volunteers at the Squadron, Zone and Provincial levels who work so hard to make the program as successful as it is.

We are very pleased to announce that 783 Calgary Wing Air Force Association of Canada has agreed to become Official Sponsor of the Provincial Effective Speaking Competition. As such for the next 2 years they will cover the costs of putting the Competition together.

On the Honors and Awards side of things, we are once again somewhat disappointed by the low numbers of nominations we received for awards this year. It is crucial to any volunteer based organization to properly and appropriately recognize the dedication and hard work of our members. At the time of writing this report we are looking at a review of our awards and the process of application, as well as proposing additional awards. You will hear more on this during the business session of our meetings.

Another first this past year was the creation of two \$4,000 scholarships for those serving cadets during the current year who are going on to further education towards a career in Aviation. These scholarships are funded through a very generous donation from our good friends at Aviation Alberta. Winners will be announced and presentations made at the Banquet. It is our hope that these scholarships will become an annual award for many years to come.

Good luck and best wishes to everyone for another great cadet year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Mann

## MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - OCTOBER 2008

- 778 active members screened and approved by National
  - 95 membership registrations expiring September to December 2007
  - 53 members no longer involved – expiry dates beyond 2008
  - 8 members have not been registered on the National database because of insufficient information

For the most part it seems that the registration process is active in most Sponsoring Committees but there are still two who have never had a member registered.

Squadron membership lists were provided to the Zone Directors in late August so that squadrons had the information early in the cadet year. Please advise me as soon as possible of those members who are no longer active with your squadron.

Incomplete membership registration packages continue to be a problem. It is essential that the form be legible, completed fully, signed where necessary and that the completed interview form, reference check form and Police Records Check document accompany the application otherwise, it cannot be processed. Alberta membership registration information is submitted to the National office on the second and third Friday each month. Once approval is received from National, a membership card is issued and sent with a letter directly to the member.

This year we had a couple of members transfer from other Provinces and one Army Cadet League member transfer to the Air Cadet League. Issuing Alberta cards for transfers is a simple process. They must provide a photocopy of their membership card and complete the Air Cadet League renewal form so that we have current contact information for them. An Alberta membership card is immediately issued and National notified of the change.

As a reminder, my contact information is as follows:

Mailing Address:	2820 – 11 Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1K 0L4
Residence Phone:	(403) 327-4495
Business Phone:	(403) 320-3822
Email:	<a href="mailto:bevannburke@shaw.ca">bevannburke@shaw.ca</a>

Respectfully submitted



Bev. Burke  
Membership Registration Coordinator



## **DIRECTOR OF AIR RESOURCES ANNUAL REPORT - 2008**

### **Glider Familiarizations and Training**

1. The number of Glider Familiarization and Training flights flown during the calendar year 2007 is below the 10-year average mainly because of staff shortages and winch engine re-occurring problems. Of note, the statistic reporting of the spring and fall flights has changed from the Cadet Training year to the Calendar year.
2. The Southern Zone Familiarization flying at Vulcan had to be cancelled this spring after the first weekend because of the continuing winch engine problems or power surges. This fall, it is planned to use a DND winch in the Southern Zone at the Vulcan airfield. High River airport may also be evaluated this fall for possible use instead of Vulcan to co-locate with 187 RCACS who are building a facility at the High River airport. Last fall the Peace River gliding centre had to be stood down because of insufficient qualified staff to run the program. The gliding centre became active again this spring and hopefully additional qualified staff will be available for the future.

### **Winch Upgrade Program**

3. Since the last annual report, the Winch upgrade program focus has changed significantly. Rather than overhaul the old winches (three ACL winches in Alberta), new trailer mounted winches are being built at Base Winnipeg Military Workshop. The winches are owned, maintained, insured and licensed by Military which lessen the financial responsibility of the Air Cadet League Provincial Committee. Alberta will be allocated three winches and located at Grande Prairie, Southern Zone (Vulcan or High River), and at Netook. The Provincial Committee will retain the responsibility for providing the support vehicles.
4. ACL Winch 3 that was used in the Southern Zone this spring has been declared surplus by RCA Ops O because of the engine reliability. An attempt will be made to sell the winch and truck, either separately or as a unit. Winch 2 truck was declared surplus at Gimli and subsequently sold for \$500. Winch 1 located at Grande Prairie will be surplus either this fall or next spring once replaced by a DND winch.

### **Equipment**

5. Glider RVH completed the SIRP program last winter and was returned to Grande Prairie for the Spring Gliding. Scout OBW engine was overhauled last spring at a cost of \$18,400 plus \$920 GST, for a total of \$19,320. Scout SSV engine overhaul is forecasted for next year and glider FDR is scheduled for the SIRP this winter.
6. A newer retrieve truck (2000 Ford 150) has been purchased for \$4500 (money donated by 604 RCACS). It is equipped with a trailer hitch capable of towing the winch trailer and it is planned to use the vehicle in the Southern Zone. Special thanks to 604 RCACS for the donation.
7. The Luxens (parents of a 185 RCACS cadet) donated a 1994 GMC Suburban which had a transmission fault. The transmission was removed and rebuilt with the use of the facilities at the Olds College and technical direction and assistance from Bruce Heaton. The cost for the transmission repairs was approximately \$1,500 and the vehicle is located at Netook. Thanks to Bruce Heaton and Ross Hamilton for their assistance.

### **PPS and GPS Cadet Retention at Gliding Centres**

8. The Cadet Pilot retention and CIC career path at the Gliding Centres continue to be discussed and various means to ensure qualified staffs is available for the ACGP are being evaluated. Some of the programs include advanced gliding incentives and instructor work-up time before the Spring Gliding period. As an incentive for Cadets to continue to participate at the gliding centre after receiving their wings and become front seat or rear seat passenger carrying qualified, a monetary incentive is offered in some regions to help offset their travel expense. Alberta has followed suite and this year twelve cadets in Alberta will receive \$166 each provided from the Alberta Aviation Scholarship Fund for attaining Passenger carrying qualifications.



### National Flying Committee National Flying Committee

9. The ACGP is under a review process for long term planning. The review includes the Familiarization Program, the Glider and Power Scholarship program, aircraft and support equipment, personnel, the Contract for Goods and Services and funding. Other National Flying Committee items of a general interest were:
- a. The ACGP fleet consists of 75 2-33 gliders, 15 L-19s and 16 Scout tow aircraft and 15 winches.
  - b. Flight Safety Summary for the year 2007 recorded 121 tow and glider aircraft air/ground incidents and two glider air accidents and one glider ground accident.
  - c. The ACGP Familiarization Flight statistics for the year 2007 recorded 47,517 Glider Flights which is down from the 10-year average of 53,512 flights. Glider Pilot Licenses issued in 2007 were 289 compared to the 10-year average of 299.
  - d. Structural Inspection and Repair Program (SIRP) was funded for 6 gliders and two tow aircraft in 2007/2008. The tow aircraft have a ten-year SIRP cycle and the gliders have a twelve-year cycle. Funding is \$8,500 per aircraft plus NDT costs.
  - e. DND is in the process of purchasing three commercial winches and are also building winches within DND resources to replace all the old ACL winches. Completion date is the spring of 2009.
  - f. All the Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs) for the Tow aircraft will be replaced and funded by DND by the spring 2009. The replacement ELTs are required by Transport Canada regulations.
  - g. There are new glider radio and cockpit boom microphones undergoing trials and when approved and installed, they should improve safety, etc.
  - h. Next year, 2009, will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Power Flight in Canada and all Regions/PC Aviation Committees are ask to fully promote this event by keeping it front and center at all cadet activities/functions. On 23 Feb 09, there will be a special event in Baddeck, NS to commemorate this significant event in our aviation history. An initiative by DCdts SSO Air was approved to send the Top Cadet of the Pilot Scholarship from each of the five Regional Gliding Schools to this special event. This event will be coordinated at National level and a DCdts OPI will provide further details at a later date to the five winners.

### Miscellaneous

10. This summer, the Penhold Air Cadet Summer Training Centre conducted their Glider Familiarization for the Basic cadets at Netook using a winch as the launch vehicle. The program was very successful for both for the ACSTC cadets and for the staff cadets building flying experience to become instructors.
11. This past year, I attended the ACL SAM, the Gliding CO conference at Gimli, ACL AGM, and the GPS and ITAC Graduation at Gimli. All the conferences were interesting and informative. Last June at the ACL AGM, I was appointed the National Flying Chairperson, which should prove interesting and challenging especially with the initiated ACGP review. The Gimli graduation parade on the 15 August was excellent, 61 new glider pilots and 55 ITAC cadets graduated. Besides attending the parade, ACL representatives from the Prairie Region and NW Ontario met with LCol Steve Bannister the new RCA Ops O on the following day. The ACGP long term strategic plan review items were discussed at the meeting to compile a combined input for the National level.
12. The ACO Air, Capt Shawn Mahoney RSU Det Edmonton, Zone Supervisors and Staff are sincerely thanked for their contribution and support to the Air Cadet Glider Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Steffensen  
Director of Air Resources



## CAMP WRIGHT 2007/08 ANNUAL REPORT

As my first year as your Director of Camp Wright comes to a close, I have enjoyed the challenges and have the pleasure of working with great team of volunteers that came on board once we changed the way we operate and maintain the Camp. There were some growing pains but the end result is that our attendance is up year around; we have units coming back that have not been here in numerous years and have other groups using the camp when cadets are not.

I would like to thank the following; without their support we would not be where we are today:

**From 570 squadron:**

- **Norm and Bonnie Kuzyk (Bonnie coordinates the Camp Bookings, Norm does maintenance).**
- **Sheila and Dave Bella-Tate – maintenance.**
- **Todd Severson – maintenance, grass cutting & snow clearing.**

**The folks at 524 - especially their CO Capt. Ken Horoshko.**

**The folks at 395 – especially their parents group.**

**The folks at the Cadet Detachment,**

**Alberta Provincial Committee,**

**Director of Camp Worthington,**

**All the Squadrons and Units that use the Camp.**

We introduced some cost cutting measure through reduction in travel costs by car-pooling, using rental vehicles. We shut off water to one building and shut of heat in non-essential buildings resulting in lower propane usage. Disposed of the high maintenance camp 1991 pickup and introduced an additional charge to non-cadet groups using the camp. Added a water haulage fee to cover the cost of transporting drinking water – which was more cost effective than attempting to maintain the 1991 gas guzzling pickup.

We hosted a very successful Survive Air at the Camp and I would like to thank the Detachment Staff for the condition they left Camp on conclusion of the exercise and I would also like to thank all the volunteers who supported the training staff.

We replaced two of the old propane stoves in the kitchen, which were a serious fire safety hazard.

We updated the Camp Rules and regulations, and applications forms are available on the Provincial Committee Web Site.

570 Squadron (Norm & Dave) repaired/replaced the floor in cabin 1. We have several other cabins that need repairs – we are looking for squadrons to take on some of these repairs.

We are in the process of finishing a major site cleanup, we have already filled two large construction waste bins with old furnishings and scrap metal etc.

We have some repairs coming in the future that we cannot over look:

- Leaking roofs on a cabin and mess hall - we have done some temporary repairs.
- We have a cabin roof starting to sag.
- We still have the sewer system freezing issue.
- We need new chairs for the mess hall, becoming a safety issue (splinters etc.) – tables were replaced a couple of years ago by 395 squadron.

- The officer's mess cabin - some of logs at the rear of building are rotting out.
- The mess hall will require new windows – the existing windows showing signs of rot.
- It is also recommended we get rid of the mattresses – health hazard; and replace them with boards and have user groups bring air mattresses or personal foam mattresses.

The Provincial Chairman is in the middle of completing the lease renewal with Alberta Sustainable Resources and we are in negotiation with University of Athabasca as they requested to setup an observatory to study northern lights – stay tuned, as this will significantly improve security to prevent unauthorized entry and the resulting vandalism that we have experienced.

Remember this is your Camp we are just the gatekeepers – please use your camp – if you have any ideas for improvements – if we agree - be prepared to spend some time implementing the recommended improvements/changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Johnsen  
Director, Camp Wright



## CAMP WORTHINGTON ANNUAL REPORT

2007 – 2008 Training Year

This has been a very disappointing year for Camp Worthington. We started out in the fall of 2007 with 23 bookings. Of those, only 14 weekends were utilized. Total revenue from the camp this year was \$6573.00. A total of 470 cadets and staff attended the camp during this past raining year. Both of these numbers are considerably lower than in past years.

There were 3 “no shows”, 3 weather cancellations, 2 cancellations due to lack of officers, and 1 cancellation due to conflict with a tour to Comox.

While the weather cancellations and the tour cancellation are to be expected, the cancellations due to lack of officers and “no shows” are, in my opinion, unacceptable.

They are a disservice not only to the camp itself, but more importantly to the cadets, as they deprive the cadets of being able to properly complete their training year.

The Alberta Provincial Committee started Camp Worthington as a centennial project in 1967. It belongs to the air cadets of this province. To not use the camp for squadron training is to deny our cadets the use of something that they own.

During the course of the year we purchased a small utility trailer, which is used to haul building material and extra firewood. We have obtained a supply of firewood free of charge, which is used to augment the wood, which is purchased for the camp.

The camp has lost a significant amount of firewood due to theft this spring. As a result of that we are having steel mesh doors built for the woodshed at a cost of approximately \$400.00. Hopefully this will solve the problem.

High spring water levels in the Clearwater River continue to be a concern. While we did not experience any flooding of building or damage to the camp this spring, we did come very close. During the winter the footbridge was anchored using steel cables attached to nearby trees. These were successful in preventing the loss of the bridge this spring.

Camp Worthington's water supply continues to be “fit for human consumption”. This brings into question the increasing use of bottled water by squadrons using the camp. Not only is it unnecessary, but it is also a waste of squadron funding. Also of concern is the increasing use of disposable cups, plates and utensils. I do not believe that this is the type of lesson we should be trying to convey and am of the opinion that their use should be discouraged. The same standard should also be applied to such items as dishwashing soap; both of our camps should be encouraging the use of products, which are biodegradable.

On the September long weekend, a group led by Major Mike Curtis spent the weekend at camp, clearing downed trees and restring a power line that was down. They did a tremendous job and I am very grateful for their help.

The new cabin, which we have been working on for far too long, is very near completion. Hopefully, the siding will be completed before freezeup and that will leave only paint and stain for next summer.

In late August the septic tanks were cleaned and a large amount of garbage was retrieved. This included but was not limited to the following; several flashlights, more than one pair of jockey shorts, water bottles and

other non biodegradable items. It is important that squadron officers tell their cadets that these types of items DO NOT belong in the septic tanks.

Camp Worthington is in overall very good operating condition, and I am very grateful for all of the help and encouragement received over the past year.

Respectfully submitted

J. Burt Gillings  
Director



## NETOOK GLIDING CENTRE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

The Netook Gliding Centre offers Spring and Fall gliding primarily for squadrons in the Central and Southern Zones of Alberta. The facility is also important as a storage area for aircraft and associated equipment. The Provincial Committee maintains a secure enclosure within the main hanger for archives, records and other League items. Penhold Cadet Camp made use of Netook for FAM Flying this past summer.

The farmland portion of the property continues to be leased by Notley Farms. The yearly farm lease income is an added source of income for the Provincial Committee. The Notleys maintain the grass runways and taxi areas, and as usual do an excellent job at keeping the runways in good condition even though the weather often refuses to cooperate. With Penhold using the runways this summer, scheduling maintenance during July and August has been somewhat of a challenge. Clover has once more become a problem on the runways and taxi areas; therefore a control program has now been initiated. Maintenance costs will be high again this year.

The residence caretakers (Stanley and Audrey DeLong) are doing an excellent job of maintaining the infield and providing security. They are in the process of purchasing the residence from the previous tenant, so hopefully they will be there long-term.

The Annual Appreciation Flying Day was held on Sunday August 31. Unfortunately the weather was a repeat of last year. Again the flying was weathered out but the barbecue took place as planned. In attendance included: Netook Operations staff, League associates, and a few guests. This gave a rare opportunity for staff and others associated with Netook or the League to exchange views and concerns.. Thanks to Ken Nixon and Pat Sulak for being our barbecue hosts.

**As a reminder:** The Annual Appreciation flying day has three purposes: (1) Saying Thank You to those who assist us in the operation of, or improvements to, the Netook Gliding Centre (2) Familiarizing League people and others involved with the Air Cadet organization with the operations and facilities (3) Public relations of generating local community support and goodwill towards the Netook Gliding Centre.

Thank you again to all who assist in the regular operation and maintenance of the Netook Gliding Centre. These include: the flight centre crew; the Notley family (lessees); caretakers Stanley and Audrey DeLong; Military and League personnel who have been involved in the operations of Netook; individuals and businesses who have assisted us in many different ways; special thanks to Neil Olsen who is always available to help.

Ross Hamilton, Director of Netook Gliding Centre



## **SOUTHERN ZONE ANNUAL REPORT 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It has been a great honor again, to serve as the Southern Zone Director.

Southern Zone has had another very busy and successful year.

We held another successful Effective Speaking Workshop on Oct 13 at the Forest Lawn Legion, who are a terrific supporter of Air Cadets. There were 16 cadets in attendance at the workshop. The Effective Speaking Competition was held March 8 at the Forest Lawn Legion with 13 cadets participating. My thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clarke and Maj. Kenn Nixon for their assistance again this year at the competition and workshop. The competition was very stiff this year, and F/Sgt Andruszko from 604 Sqn was first place winner, with Sgt Sahar Ibrahim from 52 Sqn second place and F/Sgt Raymond Wang from 604 Sqn third place. We are all so very proud of F/Sgt Andruszko for representing Alberta and placing second at the National Competition.

Sports and Drill Competition was well attended on April 25-27 with 52 Squadron doing an excellent job of hosting the competition. Their parent volunteers and officers worked very hard to have the competition a memorable and enjoyable experience, for which we are all very grateful. They also introduced Orienteering as part of the competition, which was very well received. My thanks for the many League members who ventured down to lend their support to our cadets that weekend.

This year saw three of our League Representatives step down. Mrs JoAnna Howard, Mrs. Kendra Fisher, and Mr. Stan Taylor. Their dedication, enthusiasm and support of the Air Cadet movement were exemplary, and they will be greatly missed. Fortunately we have four eager new League Representatives to carry on in their place, and we welcome Mr. Paul Fisette, for 604 Sqn, Mrs. Geraldine Sheane, filling an existing vacancy in 15 Sqn, Mrs. Sandra Jackson for 52 Sqn and Mr. Keith Peden for 781 Sqn, to join our merry band of League Representatives.

We again had a great turn out of Cadets for the Battle of Britain Parade Sept 16 held at the Cenotaph in Calgary. The Air Force Association take great pride in this event and are always very pleased to see that the Air Cadets have a strong presence, and are so supportive of this very special parade.

SurvivAir was a great success, and we sincerely thank our Military partners for coming through with the funding for this event. Our cadets need this type of activity to create leadership roles, to attain new friendships, create memories and over all camaraderie. Hopefully this event can be maintained next year.

This year saw 42 cadets from Southern Zone receiving scholarships. The dedication, hard work, and commitment by their officers and parent volunteers through out their preboards really were evident in the caliber of cadets presenting themselves at Ponoka.

This year I was privileged to attend many Air Cadet Reviews from squadrons in the southern most part of the Zone. It was a very moving and uplifting occasion, to watch the squadrons' cadet's faces light up when they received their awards, and the sheer pleasure and pride they all had when parading past the Reviewing Officer. My most memorable impression was the attendance by family and friends of these smaller squadrons. Their support was overwhelming, as there were more than double the family members than there were cadets on parade.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my gratitude to all Southern Zone League Representatives, Squadron Chairs, and the many squadron volunteers for making this year such a success. Without your continued



support, and commitment, our organization would not survive. I also would like to give my sincere thank you to Mrs. Peggy McAllister for her continued job of keeping me on track at zone meetings, being my right hand, and being such an efficient secretary over the past year.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Sulek  
Southern Zone Director

## CENTRAL ZONE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

T'was a very good year!

The first major order of business was to get the scholarships up and running. All units co-operated by keeping me apprised of individual unit activities and by having all their scholarships in and on my desk by the DD date (military parlance for drop dead i.e. deadline). Eighty-eight applications were submitted with very few errors or omissions. This made my work that much easier. Also, just before the scholarship deadline, OSHKOSH was the hot topic. There were 10 applications. There was one problem and that was with the courier; on two occasions the courier lost the package and directed it to the wrong location. In the end the applications ended up where they were supposed to be and on time.

Overlapping the scholarship exercise was effective speaking. I congratulate all the sponsoring committees and support clubs who encouraged and stimulated their cadets into participating. This year the Provincial Effective Speaking 'speak-off' did not compete with the scholarship boards in Ponoka but had its own dedicated weekend. Separating the two exercises was, I believe, the chief factor in the increased numbers of Zone effective speakers – 15 scheduled speakers! The largest number for many years! Unfortunately, on speak-off day, the weatherman did not co-operate and two speakers were unable to attend. At the beginning of this exercise in October/November, units were advised that cadets may present in either official language, thus three very qualified bilingual judges were on hand. All three judges expressed how impressed they were with our cadets: their demeanour, their expression, their presentation and their enthusiasm. Looking at the individual scores, the cadets gave the judges a very difficult time as the scoring was very, very close. Congratulations to FSgt K. Jackson of 42 Sqn, Sgt Kirsten Callaway of 88 Sqn and FCpl Gwen Rudosky of 810 Sqn.

The end February scholarship boards brought all our top provincial performers together and once again, rejuvenating this grey-haired old airman. If only we could capture on video tape the pride and enthusiasm these cadets demonstrate while being interviewed then integrate that as part of a recruiting video, I am certain we could generate more interest in air cadets not only to young people but also to corporations who are looking to sponsor or donate to youth organizations. Having said that, the cadets demonstrated great personal pride both in and out of the interview room, the adults or interviewers benefitted also in that they came away with a renewed pride of being part of the air cadet movement.

Our next big zone exercise was the sports and drill weekend. This year, 810 Sqn Edmonton hosted the event at Edmonton Garrison. What a success! Nine of 12 units participated! Despite the fantastic snow fall that weekend both days were packed with fun and friendly competition. 810 Sqn pulled out all the stops to ensure we lacked for nothing. Cadets were accommodated in the Field House (read: gym) and dined in the Garrison Combined Mess. According to cadets' comments, that in itself was one of the highlights. The Guardians of 810 Sqn under the leadership of Darcy Leiter and their squadron staff definitely earned all the accolades that weekend. The sponsor members worked quickly, efficiently, quietly and consistently behind the scenes to make this annual gathering a memorable event. My congratulations and many thanks go to the entire unit. Thank you also goes to the players (read: cadets) who played 'within the lines' to keep the competition on a fun level. This competition is designed for the cadets and as such it is they who should benefit from the experience. Marching away with gold for precision drill was 810 Sqn; 42 Sqn took gold in compulsory with 831 Sqn taking silver. In sports: senior basketball – 42 Sqn took gold with 88 Sqn taking silver; and in senior volleyball – 185 Sqn took gold with 88 Sqn taking silver.

As a point of interest, this spring at our Zone meetings it was decided that because the facilities at Edmonton Garrison are first class, the Zone should try to attain use of their venue each year if possible. Currently, the



hosting unit is required to find a suitable, local venue, an increasingly difficult exercise as not all locales have large enough facilities to house 200 plus cadets and escorts and play concurrent games of basketball and volleyball. If we can get the Garrison to agree then all S&D competitions will take place there. The venue stays the same but the host unit changes. It is believed that with good organization, the host unit can set up the weekend through 'remote control' so to speak. It will take some tweaking but should make hosting that much easier i.e. not having to beg a local school for use of their gyms. Hopefully, by the time you read this, talks with Garrison will be underway.

Something else that happened this year within our zone – we elected a Zone Assistant Director in the name of Roger Thompson. An Assistant Director is a first for the province! The Assistant Director will take on the roll of Director when s/he is unable to attend a meeting/function or retires. Roger Thompson volunteered for the position – my thanks and appreciation to him. This sets up leadership for the Central Zone for many years to come.

Throughout the year I had the chance to visit many of the units. Each visit was a particularly enjoyable experience, meeting the various parent and sponsor groups. Unit sponsorship is about half split meaning about half the units are sponsored by the local Royal Canadian Legion, Lions Club or other service organization and the others are self-sponsored. All units are basically healthy but some more so than others. Our Zone meetings are excellent venues for the exchange of ideas, of problems and of successes/failures i.e. "tried that, it didn't work as well as we expected." Twice during the year we moved our Zone Meeting away from Ponoka: once to 185 Olds where we experienced the fun of trying to fly their DREAM FLYER and once to the NETOOK GLIDING ZONE as many of our zone representatives had not visited the site. Unfortunately, the weather precluded flying operations that day but we gathered in the NETOOK classroom regardless.

Some units are having growing and organizational problems. This is normal because persons newly elected into parent support or sponsorship clubs sometimes have little or no 'background' files to assist transition. I'll stress it here and at our meetings: file keeping is most important to success. Files provide a history of business, happenings or of the unit and gives the newby reference points to work from. Behind the scenes, I and the League are working to provide as much assistance as we can by liaising with sponsors and committees. We stress that the Air Cadet League is requisite to a viable air cadet squadron.

The year ended with my attending ACRs at 7, 42, 65, 287, 88, 810 185 and 644 Squadrons. Our Zone Assistant Director, Roger Thompson attended 572 Sqn ACR. From the newest ACs to the senior Warrant Officers, the cadets demonstrated that special pride and skill in performance. Every parent, regardless of the position their sons or daughters hold on parade, should be mighty proud of their children. I have learned that attending an ACR is not a time to watch your waistline – the banquets and dinners that follow were an absolute delight. Observing the cadets march forward to receive individual medals, awards or promotions, one could see and almost feel the glow. Publically recognizing individual and/or group performance within the unit is most important to the life of the unit.

To end, my heartfelt thanks to the Provincial Committee for all your support. For the outstanding co-operation, I am indebted to all Central Zone League Reps, Sponsor Chairs and representatives for helping make this year a success. Your support, your input, your sharing of ideas and opinions, your expertise in your particular areas and your regular attendance to our meetings have greatly aided all within the zone. I thank you and look forward to another year of working with you.

Stan Monkman  
Director, Central Zone



## DIRECTOR OF NORTH-EAST ZONE

### 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

The North-East Zone had a good year, thanks to the many volunteers who always step forward when there is a need.

The Scholarship forms were in mostly on time, with fewer missing items or errors.

There was a good representation for all scholarships with the exception of Senior Leaders. The SLC course is one that will benefit a cadet no matter what path in life is followed, and I strongly urge the squadrons to stress the value of this course too.

As always, it was a pleasure to sit on a Selection Board on February 23 and meet the young people who are working so diligently to be good citizens in their communities.

The Provincial Effective Speaking Competition was separated from the Selection Board weekend, so our zone delayed our competition from the usual January time frame to March 16, to be closer to the provincial competition. Thank you to Eric Dudzicz and his committee from the Friends of 504 Blatchford Field Royal Air Cadet Squadron who so capably organized the event. We had eight cadets from five squadrons registered, but two squadrons did not show up due to weather. The speeches were very well done, with marks very close. The winners were:

- 1) Sgt. Theiss from 395 Edmonton squadron
- 2) Cpl. Nagtegaal from 533 Sabre squadron
- 3) Flt/Cpl Simpson from 504 Blatchford Field squadron

The first place winner was going to be in California on board an aircraft carrier when the provincial competition was scheduled, so our fourth place winner, Flt/Cpl Mahoney ably stepped up. They all did very well at the competition and I am glad I did not have to decide on the winners.

The Zone sports competition was held April 12 at Ross Shepherd High School. Due to a security scare last year, our zone implemented a screening system, with worker and visitor placards, also a sign in and out sheet. Thank you to Claude Carignan and his volunteers from the Sponsoring Committee of 533 Sabre Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron for designing and organizing the system. It worked very well. The winners at the competition were:

Volleyball-Junior-bronze-504 Blatchford Field Squadron  
-silver-395 Edmonton Squadron  
-gold-533 Sabre Squadron  
-Senior-bronze-868 Rotary Northstar Squadron  
-silver-395 Edmonton Squadron  
-gold-533 Sabre Squadron

Basketball-Junior-bronze-533 Sabre Squadron  
-silver-504 Blatchford Field Squadron  
-gold-341 Mundare Squadron  
-Senior-bronze-533 Sabre Squadron  
-silver-395 Edmonton Squadron  
-gold-341 Mundare Squadron

Nine out of ten squadrons participated and all enjoyed the event. Thank you to the referees who volunteered their time and expertise to make the event a good experience for the cadets, particularly Max Scharfenberger



and Murray Gauthier who each looked after a sport. Capt Amber Wenzel-Novakowski was the OPI and will be a hard act to follow.

The Drill competition was held on April 13 with four squadrons participating. I hope that more squadrons will take part this year as cadets do seem to enjoy participating in this team effort. Thank you to Major Don St. Croix for allowing us to use his facility for the competition and also to Leo Bessette for arranging it with him. The winners were:

Compulsory Drill-silver-395 Edmonton Squadron  
-gold-533 Sabre Squadron

Precision Drill-silver-533 Sabre Squadron  
-gold-504 Blatchford Field Squadron

Seven of the ten squadrons have had or will soon have a change of command. It is good to see the continued interest in delivering this program to the community. Thank you to all retiring or "redirected" C.O.s and their staff for their hard work and dedication, and to all of those continuing in their positions. You serve a valuable service to the cadets and to their community.

We were short a few League Representatives last year. It looks as though that problem will be rectified this year. Thank you to all who have served in this position, some for many years. Every person filling a role in this organization does a valuable service and you are to be commended for your continued dedication.

Respectfully Submitted  
Evelyn Hutchings  
Director, North-East Zone

## ANNUAL NORTHWEST ZONE REPORT

Meeting in Whitecourt on November went well, we meet at a new location, we are now having our meetings at Living Waters Catholic Regional School Division, in Whitecourt. This is a great location to meet.

January in Whitecourt, Zone Effective Speaking was held with 3 cadets presenting. Two finalists went on the attend Provincials in Red Deer.

I attended Boards and enjoyed myself as always. It is always great to see the calibre of young cadets that are applying for scholarships. Congratulations to all Cadets receiving scholarships this year we had impressive results for the Northwest Zone.

We were struggling with whether or not to cancel sports and drill for our zone due to lack of venues available but 577 Grande Prairie Squadron stepped up to the plate and volunteered to host the event this year in addition to hosting it next year. My thanks go out to their Staff and Parents for stepping up to host it. All participating Squadrons had a great time. My thanks go to Bill Baker for hosting while I was away.

On the 3 November I attended the annual Fall Banquet at 124 Squadron Peace River. I handed out 9 long service medals while I was there. In attendance were the CO and staff of 504 Squadron along with a few of that Squadrons Cadets. 124 Peace River Squadron is eagerly awaiting their joint trip with 504 to the United States in the next few weeks.

I attended 577 Squadron Grande Prairie on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November for my first visit of the year to introduce myself to staff and cadets there. They have a strong parent council there as well as an awesome sponsor.

I attended 712 Squadron on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November for their oath of loyalty night and handed out 1 long service medal. I also conducted some screening interviews while there.

High Prairie was placed on probation due to a drop in numbers following the passing of their CO however they have been working very hard under the leadership of their new CO Verna Ogg. I visited their Squadron in February and met the new CO and visited with the cadets. During my visit I presented 2 long service medals. I am very pleased that 539 High Prairie Squadron is progressing very well and my hat goes off to the efforts of everyone at the Squadron as well as DND and Sponsor for the awesome efforts in helping this Squadron get on their feet again.

A donation of \$2800.00 was given to 721 Squadron Whitecourt for the purchase of a Flight simulator system. This was well received by the cadets, staff and parent association as it will give them an opportunity to expand on their ground school.

526 Barrhead Squadron has their first cadet heading to Provincial Rifle competition this year.

721 Whitecourt Squadron has their first cadet accepted to the Honour Band.

In March I attended 733 Drayton Valley Squadron and presented 6 cadets with Long Service Medals.

In May I attended 230 Athabasca Squadron for my first trip up and met with the CO and the new Sponsor Chair and Treasurer.

Respectfully

Kevin Robinson  
Northwest Zone Director