

**Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting  
of the  
Royal Canadian Air Force Association  
held at the  
Travelodge Hotel Saskatoon, Saskatoon, SK  
19 to 20 October 2013**

Present

For a list of accredited delegates/attendees, and proxies see Annex A

**Saturday – 19 October 2013**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Actions and Comments</b>
	8:00 AM - Administrative Remarks.	Executive Director
<b>I</b>	Call to Order and National Anthem. The meeting opened at 8:15 AM.	National President
<b>II</b>	Appointment of Parliamentarian and Scrutineers. None required.	National President
<b>III</b>	Acknowledgement of Notification of Annual Meeting. The Chairman acknowledged the various forms of notification of the Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Bannister. Carried;	National President
<b>IV</b>	Adoption/Approval of the Agenda. Danny Gosse and Sam Newman motioned to approve the agenda. Joanne Peckham raised a point about ratification. The chairman explained ratification is a process unions depend on, for matters involving an arbitrator and another (third) agent known as a principal. In other words, since ratification is a process relevant to issues involving three parties, ratification is irrelevant to association matters which always involve only two parties. Association matters do not call for an arbitrator; where a direct democracy applies (one member one vote) only the board of directors and the members are involved. Therefore, ratification is not relevant, and serves no purpose. Opposing an issue by leveraging ratification is not an acceptable option to the association's resolution process itself. The national president explained that a paper is available on the inapplicability of the ratification process, to associations, that fully	National President

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	explains the ratification issue, and there will be some reflections on the issue during a brief presentation later in the morning. The motion to approve the agenda carried.	
V	Recognition of Special Guests, Dignitaries from other Veterans' Organizations, Past National Presidents, Liaison and Contact Officers. The chairman recognized no PNPs present, and recognized CWO Colleen Halpin, the contact officer for North Bay, Sault Ste Marie and Renfrew.	National President
VI	Recognition of Members-at-Large and motion therefrom to permit the MAL Director to serve as their proxy. The chairman also recognized one MAL member and asked if the member would delegate his vote to the MAL Director. So decided.	MAL Director
VII	Roll Call of Accredited Delegates and Quorum Check. See Annex A.	Executive Director
VIII	Honorary National President's Opening Remarks and Report on the Activities of the AAC. The Honorary National President spoke to the assembly covering the events of the past year, the state of the Air Force, and the work related to the bomber command clasp over the past year.	Honorary National President
IX	Introduction of New NEC Members (Ontario Group – Ronald "Les" Ball) (Prairie Group President – Herb Harrison) (Alberta Group President – Robert Clarke) and acknowledgement of outgoing NEC members Dave Donovan, Duncan Campbell and R.J. Roe.	National President
X	National President's Keynote Address. The National President opened the meeting with a presentation of his own. He briefed assembled delegates on the status of the association, using a powerpoint presentation to bring his message to everyone. The presentation served as an orientation for many delegates who have never had an opportunity to explore the nature, scope and mission of the association. A copy of the presentation is uploaded to the rcaassociation.ca	National President

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	website.	
XI	Motion to Accept Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting held in Hamilton, ON. Don Hogan, Bud Berntson (111), approved the adoption of the minutes.	
XII	First Call for Elections/Nominations. Sandra Carter nominated Joanne Peckham to the Board of Directors. The nomination was accepted and a vote will be held at the next meeting of the association when elections are expected.	
XIII	Resolutions. Discussion ensued regarding the frequency of annual general meetings. Jack Shapka seconded the resolution regarding biennial meetings. The national chairman explained the dues increase process, and this presentation was well-received. Delegates agreed with the need for last year's dues increase, and they also agreed with the timing. What delegates requested was that future issues be the subject of better communication efforts, a point with which every member of the NEC agreed.	
XIV	<p>Executive Director's Report</p> <p>2012-2013 Budget Finalisation and the Audit Statement (AFAC). Motion to accept the audited statements for 2012-2013 was made by Mr. Bob Dimillo and seconded by Mr. James Scherb. Carried. A motion to secure the services of McCay-Duff for the 2013-2014 audit was made by Mr. Art Darnbrough and seconded by Mr. Al Low. Carried;</p> <p>2013-2014 Budget Proposal and the 2014-2015 Budget Proposal. The executive director briefed assembled delegates on the budget proposal for the current fiscal year (2013-2014) and the following year, emphasizing that the AGM was currently underfunded by some \$15,000 and there were no funds allocated for NEC non-AGM travel at the current time. In the absence of any proposals from assembled delegates, the Executive Director indicated changes to the staffing model would most likely be necessary. Mr. Newman asked if a study was available to</p>	Executive Director

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	<p>support conclusions that the retail process was not profitable. The executive director confirmed a Balanced ScoreCard analysis had been done, confirming that very fact. Copies were requested, and a promise was made to make those available for the upcoming Group AGMs. A motion to approve the budget proposals was made by Earl Forestell and seconded by Mr. Bud Berntson. Carried;</p> <p>Membership-Association Management Software (AMS) (Database). Delegates received an update on the AMS, and were urged to continue encouraging members to log on to their personal profiles and update their personal information at their leisure. Each member who participates by taking personal ownership of these processes, saves the shrinking staff valuable time and resources. It is no longer feasible nor efficient to continue burdening the staff with address changes and other processes that can be personally managed by the members themselves. Staff and Head Office Issues. The executive director explained that with only three staff members, where there had been nine, it is no longer feasible to continue relying completely on out-dated processes, especially when faced with the advent of new technology that provides members with the information, convenience and support they need. Discussion ensued about processes Membership Chairs could follow to provide much-needed assistance to the small staff. Group Presidents supported the distribution of a spreadsheet format that participating membership chairpersons could use to continue sending in their monthly and annual reports.</p> <p>Airforce Magazine. Production of the association's magazine seems to be progressing well, if the growing collection of testimonials can serve as any indication.</p> <p>Constitution Re-write Process. The results of four constitutional sub-committees have been</p>	

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	<p>published in the AGM information booklet. Delegates were briefed on the significance of these deliberations, and how these four outcomes, including the name change for the association, will guide production of the articles of continuance, which must be submitted and approved before 17 October 2014. A motion to approve of and accept the items in the Executive Director's report was made by Mr. Hank Siemens, and seconded by Mr. Bud Wilds. Carried.</p>	
<p><b>XV</b></p>	<p>RCAF Association Trust Report. The RCAF Association Trust Fund is currently without a project, for 2014; anyone who might wish to suggest where the Fund should direct its attention is encouraged to write to the Chairman, Mr. Ted Mahood at <a href="mailto:ted.mahood@airforce.ca">ted.mahood@airforce.ca</a>. Motion to approve the RCAF Association Trust Fund report was made by Ms. Pat Sulek and seconded by Mr. Dave Ronson. Carried;</p>	<p>Chairman, RCAF Association Trust Fund</p>
<p><b>XVI</b></p>	<p>Aviators of the Year Luncheon</p>	
<p><b>XVII</b></p>	<p>Commander RCAF Presentation</p>	
<p><b>XVIII</b></p>	<p>Resolutions (Continued as necessary) or Second Call for Elections/Nominations</p>	
<p><b>XIX</b></p>	<p>Constitution Re-write and Articles of Continuance Process. The Chairman explained that every member can participate in the constitutional process. Participation consists of reviewing articles of continuance proposals and revisions, and sending comments, suggestions and the like, in writing to the NEC/Executive Director, and those submissions will inform changes to articles of continuance, amplifying text, rules and regulations, in the same way that modifications to current Booklets have tended to be undertaken. Articles of continuance will now be submitted, and a supporting constitution &amp; by-laws produced. Thereafter, any modifications will be the subject of dedicated sub-committees that may form on the urging of delegates to a meeting of the association.</p>	
<p><b>XX</b></p>	<p>4:00 PM Adjournment for the Day</p>	

**Sunday – 20 October 2012**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Actions and Comments</b>
<b>XXI</b>	<p>8:30 AM – New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AGM 2014. The national president explained the next AGM will be held in Ottawa.</li> <li>- Association Coins and Membership Marketing. The national president explained an upcoming offer of association coins commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCAF and the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCAF Association. Mr. Chester added these coins could be used to motivate a membership recruitment campaign.</li> <li>- Decade of Commemoration. The national president explained the concept of a decade of commemoration, which begins in 2014 with events marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, followed by many events to commemorate anniversaries for various air force squadrons and formations, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of confederation in 2017, ending in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the RCAF.</li> <li>- 2014-2015 Trust/Association Charitable Projects. The national president encouraged delegates to suggest new projects for the RCAF Association Trust Fund.</li> </ul>	
<b>XXII</b>	<p>Representatives from the Bomber Command Museum of Nanton, AB set up their portable display of the names of all of the Canadian veterans of the strategic bombing campaign who never came home. They also provided delegates with a short briefing on their museum. Delegates responded with a motion to donate \$2,000 from bomber command funds toward the museum. Mr. Peter Ayotte motioned, and Mr. Dave Watson seconded.</p>	
<b>XXIII</b>	<p>The Saskatoon AGM featured a presentation</p>	

	from Vintage Wings' Chairman of the Board, Todd Lemieux. Todd explained the significance of this past summer's Yellow Wing project, and the important contribution made by the RCAF Association. Our contribution of \$35,000 helped fund flights for 100 cadets, but also helped Vintage Wings reach their goal of flying 550 cadets	
<b>XXIV</b>	9:45 AM - Closing Remarks and Adjournment	National President

Dean C. Black, CD, CAE  
Executive Director and Secretary

Approved/Not Approved

Terry Chester, CD  
National President and Chairman

Annex A to  
 Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
 Dated December 2013

Last Name	Name	Affiliation (Wing No./MAL)	Accreditation (Accredited or Fraternal)	Affiliation	Membership No.
Morrison	Ronald J Morrison	102	Accredited	awardee	237490
Berntson	Bud Berntson	111-1	Accredited	111	ber25961
Gosse	Danny Gosse	200-1	Accredited	200-1	Gos26875
Scherb	James Scherb	403-1	Accredited	403-1	293700
Czernkovich	Nicholas Czernkovich	408	Accredited	408/437	361740
Sinnett	Earl Sinnett	410-1	Accredited	410	sin50799
Nichols	Jack Nichols	410-2	Accredited	410	nic50548
Darnbrough	Arthur Darnbrough	413-1	Accredited	413	dar46974
Peckham	Jo Anne Peckham	413-2	Accredited (RVP)	RVP	pec45633
Carter	Sandra Carter	413-3	Accredited	413	363590
Melenson	Larry Melenson	413-4	Accredited	413	228830
Cullin	A Edward Cullin	415-1	Accredited	415-1	76730
Patry	Rita Patry	422-1	Accredited	422	257160
Dimillo	Robert (Bob) Dimillo	424-1	Accredited	424-1	088060
McKinnon	Rene McKinnon	427-1	Accredited	427	mck63000
Newman	Sam Newman	427-2	Accredited	427-2	246350
Ronson	Dave Ronson	428-1	Accredited	428-1	376920
Cuffe	Gerry Cuffe	429	Accredited (RVP)	awardee	076520
Russell	Ted Russell	429-1	Accredited	429	288130
Healey	Clyde Healey	432-1	Accredited	432	hea46594
Coxon	Robert Coxon	441-1	Accredited	441	073520
Thompson	Cecile Thompson	444-1	Accredited	444	tho36774
Grahlman	Bill Grahlman	447-1	Accredited	447	128450
Burgess	Sherry Burgess	600	Accredited	600	bur48264
Montreuil	Louis Montreuil	602-1	Accredited	602-1	235960
Brower	Marlene Brower	602-2	Accredited	602	044710
King	Wayne King	702-1	Accredited	702-1	174880
Low	Alan Low	703	Accredited	703-1	low27124
Sulek	Pat Sulek	783-1	Accredited	783-1	247940
Watson	Dave Watson	783-2	Accredited	783-4	362400
McDermott	Gilles McDermott	784-1	Accredited	784	219200
Roy	Michael Roy	784-2	Accredited	784	Roy47041
Daws	Reginald L.Daws	879-1	Accredited	awardee	082250
Paddison	Stanley Paddison	883	Accredited	883-1	pad17464
Hogan	Don Hogan	888-1	Accredited	888-5	152000
Shapka	Jack Shapka	888-2	Accredited	888-6	sha49970



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Wilds	"Bud" Wilds	888-3	Accredited	888-1	349600
Hogan	Jan Hogan	888-4	Accredited	AWARDEE	151990
Siemens	Henry Siemens	890-1	Accredited	892	sie02932
Darling	Brian Darling	NEC	Accredited	NEC	080000
Ball	Ronald Leslie Ball	NEC	Accredited	NEC	018110
Harrison	Herbert J.Harrison	NEC	Accredited	NEC	141320
Clarke	Robert Clarke	NEC	Accredited	783-3	CLA20755
Chester	Terry Chester	NEC	Accredited	NEC	che50097
Bannister	Ronald Bannister	NEC	Accredited	NEC	18920
Campbell	Lloyd Campbell	NEC	Accredited	NEC	cam45727
Cloutier	Gaston Cloutier	NEC	Accredited	NEC	000080
Black	Dean Black	NEC	Staff	Staff	032130
Spradbrow	Greg Spradbrow	NEC	Accredited	107	310200
Vallieres	Guy Vallieres	NEC	Accredited	NEC	334200
Murphy	Ralph Murphy	NEC	Accredited	NEC	000010

### Proxy Distributions and Declarations

Wing	Proxies Permitted	Proxy Issuer	Proxy Holder
105	1		
107	2		Greg Spradbrow
110	1		
150	1		
200	1	Present	Danny Gosse
250	1		
302	1		Guy Vallières
306	1		Guy Vallières
338	1		Guy Vallières
394	1		Brian Darling
401	1	Frank Lindsay	Jo Anne Peckham
404	1		
416	1	Bonnie Yhard	Jo Anne Peckham
418	1	Murray Hope	Jo Anne Peckham
420	1	Doug Raine	Jo Anne Peckham
433	1	Dan Duchene	Bob Dimillo
434	1		
443	1		
450	1		
484	1		
500	1	Ed de Caux	H Harrison

801	1		
808	1	Tracy Gillis	Bud Wilds
886	1		
899	1		
902	1		
904	1		Dean Black
971	1		Dean Black