

NEC GENERAL MEETING VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE

14 DECEMBER 2018

1. Call meeting to order/Opening
2. Approval of minutes of previous General Meeting

Don Hogan asked to have the secretarial notes struck from the minutes. Terry seconded the motion by Don. Bob DiMillo also criticized the secretarial notes that were included. Stephen raised a comment about page 5, regarding when best to present the medal to air cadets, at their graduation parade or at a parade later in the Fall. Henri asked a question regarding intellectual property. Terry moved to approve the amended minutes, and Serge seconded the motion.

3. Correspondence – Stephen shared that 420 Wing has shared their audited financial statements for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Stephen indicated he would like to discuss them under the heading “Old Business”. Michael Roy raised the issue of the Red Arrows performing throughout North America next year, and the letter from 700 Wing President vying for participation of the Red Arrows in the Edmonton Air Show. Dean explained Group Presidents are encouraged to reach out to their Wings asking if any of them would like to represent their local community (airshow) and request the participation of the Red Arrows. Group Presidents are then encouraged to seek the NEC/Chairperson’s support by a letter signed by the Chairperson and sent to the Red Arrows asking for participation.
4. Confirmation of NEC positions/Appointments – Terry Vice-Chair, Guy – Veterans’ Liaison; Henri – heritage; Don – Membership; Greg - ; Bob – Air Cadet Liaison; Serge volunteered to serve as Treasurer for the RCAF Association; Stephen still in talks to appoint Major Bowes-Lyon to the board of directors; Terry Chester asked if we still were working on getting Sandra Carter appointed to the board. Stephen suggested he call Sandra one more time to confirm whether she would still like to join the NEC. Terry moved to accept her appointment to the NEC, and Serge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Terry moved for the NEC to acknowledge the formal appointment of Serge De-Serres to the NEC. Guy seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Committee positions – Awards – André, Guy, and Terry Chester; Nominations - ; Resolutions -

REPORTS

NEC Updates

Terry moved to accept reports by exception. Michael asked about Booklet 108 and Dean provided an update to the issue of including remarks about the wearing of Air Cadet medals on Association dress.

1. Chairman/President's Report
2. Honorary National President's Report/ Advocacy Committee
3. Vice Chairman/Vice president's Report
4. Treasurer's Report/Financial Update
5. Executive Director's Update
6. Veterans' Liaison
7. MALs
8. Membership (Email - Don Hogan 5 Dec 18)
9. Communications
10. Aviation Heritage
11. Air Cadets
12. Ceremonial
13. RCAFA Trust Fund

Group Updates

- Atlantic Group
- Quebec Group
- Ontario Group
- Prairies Group
- Alberta Group
- Pacific Group

Other Reports

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

CDA/CDAI Conference Ottawa – 12/13 Feb 2019

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-up from BGM – Action items, quorum, costs, host/location for 2020

Terry exclaimed the BGM in Calgary was the best organized GM, but worst-attended. He said he is writing a paper that he will share a draft of, with the rest of the NEC members. .

Bob DiMillo indicated 447 Wing has expressed an interest in hosting the next BGM.

Vimy Dinner Ottawa – 2 Nov 18

Air Force Day on the Hill – 28 Nov 2018. Stephen shared with everyone the successful event of Air Force Day on the Hill, emphasizing how we benefited from the presence of LGen Christopher Coates, Deputy Commander NORAD.

420 Wing – update and path forward. Stephen is “waiting on the 2018 NEC policy re issues with Wings (From NEC meeting 12 Oct 18) Stephen asked if we can formally adopt the policy. Henri moved and Terry seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of delegate selection and support – Email ED 4 Dec 18

Terry’s paper is expected to address some of the issues in the ED E-mail.

Future AGM plan (Face-to Face and Electronic)

Direction of Wings and Groups for NFPCA compliance – Bylaws/Elections. Dean will share a one-page guidance document on how best to hold elections.

Sponsorship issues – advocacy events in Ottawa – Vimy Dinner, Air Force Day on the Hill and the Dawn Patrol Breakfast. Stephen encouraged NEC members to think about expanding, or evolving one or more of these events, perhaps to hold them in different locations, at different times, in different venues, etc...

Terry suggested the Halifax Forum; Provincial and Municipal air shows may be others. Serge noted the suggestion. Terry emphasized how important it is to volunteer to speak as often as possible, at every opportunity – not necessarily about the association, but perhaps about the air force in general.

RCAF liaison challenges. Terry suggested we reach out to John Roeterink, Special Advisor to the Commander RCAF, to re-engage with the Honorary Colonel list.

Herb asked if he can reach out to the 15 Wing to have a liaison officer appointed to the (Prairie) Group. Yes.

RCAF 2024 nothing more to report.

CONCLUSION

Set next NEC General Meeting (Teleconference – Feb 2019). Good.

Terry moved to adjourn the meeting

End of Business and Closing.