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**Annual General Meeting
Pillars 2008
Prestige Inn, Vernon BC**

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The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch was called to order at 1315 hours by Brian Vernon, President. He welcomed the delegates to the conference and meeting. He then introduced the Executive and Zone Chairs.

The secretary, Louise Prouse, asked for the approval of the minutes of the Pillars 2007 AGM as circulated. Moved by Les Corbett, seconded by Fern Daigneault.

The Financial Report was presented by Philip Sherwin as Bob Stanley was not able to attend. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Les Corbett and seconded by John Scott:

The Financial Statement be approved subject to the executive conducting a review of the handling of the interest from the trust account. The Executive will report back to the members.
Carried.

It was pointed out that the trust account was set up when the BC Branch was formed by a group of Vancouver businessmen. The rules of the trust are:

1. Only the interest can be spent.
2. The expenditure must be for the benefit of all cadets in BC.
3. The expense must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 177.

The President, Brian Vernon, spoke to the delegates about the National Army Cadet League AGM. The focus being on Enhancement and Development of Cadets.

The Dery Initiative, funding for all three cadet movements, has been put on hold as the new Minister of Defense appears to be disinterested and does not consider funding for cadets a priority. The previous Minister, Gordon O'Connor, had approved the Initiative but before it could be put into place he was replaced.

DND wants to cancel the National Star Program but the League feels it should remain in place. DND has held off on cancelling the National Star Program pending a review.

DND also wants to initiate a merit board to promote cadets and choose cadets for camp selections. This is a Corp Commanding Officers decision and is opposed by the National League.

Sam Meckback will be the new director of the BC Branch effective July 1, 2008. The BC League headquarters is shifting their headquarters to Victoria over the summer months. All Sponsoring Committees and League members will be notified when the move is complete.

The Executive Director presented his report. 33 cadet corps are represented the Pillars 2008 Conference. Tracy Waters from Fort Nelson drove 1900 K to attend.

The financial accounts are in good shape. We will produce another newsletter under the direction of Cam Cathcart the end of May/beginning of June.

Volunteer Screening, under the guidance of Bonnie Banman, is proceeding well. Roger reminded the delegates to be sure to send their applications to Bonnie and not to RCSU (Pac).

CATO17-34 has been included in your package to help with your Local Support Allocation.

New Sponsor Committee handbooks have not been completed and Roger has promised to complete these as soon as possible.

Thanks to Daphne Gagnon for all her work to collect items for the Silent Auction.

We have included in your delegate packages a "Support Our Troops" lapel pin and a contact to order these pins as a fund raiser. Also included is a list of ways Cadet Corps can support our troops in Afghanistan.

Keith Freer presented a slate of officers:

President - Philip Sherwin

Vice President - Roger Prouse

Immed. Past President - Brian Vernon

Secretary/Membership - Louise Prouse

New Zone Chairs are Dick Grubb for Vancouver Island South and Don Rodger for Fraser Valley.

All other officers remain the same.

Fern Daigneault moved to thank the Executive for their work as support during the past year. Seconded by Daphne Gagnon.

Discussion on purchasing items from Penny's of Thunder Bay was held. Many cadet crops run into difficulty when using this company. There are other options to use when ordering cadet gear.

The AGM was adjourned. Moved by David McDowell, Courtney and seconded by Daphne Gagnon.

Pillars 2008 had 65 registered and 63 attended. A refund was sent to Fernie.

The Roy Rigby Jones Award was won by 1838 RCACC, Maple Ridge.

The Charles Whisker Award was won by MCpl Stan Clark for his work with the 2290 BCR RCACC.

The President's Award for the Top Cadet in BC was won by CWO Christopher Congram of the 2827 RCACC, Port Moody.

The total receipts for the live and silent auction was \$4633.00

Presentations:

Lt. Cindy Lawless (N) gave a talk on recruitment of CIC. She previously worked at the school at Albert Head. And is CO of a Sea Cadet Corps. There is a package in place of documents needed to become a CIC Officer. Send all the documents and the VSS application to Lt Cindy Lawless at the RCSU (Pac).

During the discussion many delegates felt the length of time it takes to process a CIC application is not acceptable. They suggested that the National Army Cadet League should deal with DND to get the length of time it takes to process the applications shortened.

LCdr Gerry Pash (N) discussed public affairs. He suggested each Sponsoring Committee should appoint a Communications person or team. February 15 is Canada Flag Day. He suggested it would be a good day to have a public display and recruiting

Major-General Bob Meating, Colonel Commandant, Royal Canadian Army Cadets said we should be proud of our accomplishments. He visited the camp and sensed a lot of enthusiasm

Round Table Discussion

League membership is \$20. An application can be downloaded www.armycadetleague.bc.ca.

The "On Target" Magazine will be going on line at the national Web Site in June. www.armycadetleague.ca

Question and Answer:

What are the abbreviations? We should ask all presenters to not use them. A list of abbreviations will be sent from Port Coquitlam to the League and in turn we will send it out to all delegates.

An Orientation Day/Open house could be held in September for new parents.

In small communities truck rental is a problem. CIC/404's are restricting and CI's can only get 404's for the summer. Movements in Victoria are quite innovative and might be able to assist these cadet crops with the problem of picking up truck rentals from distant communities.

It was suggested we have the Q&A first and the AGM at the end of the day.

CO's will be sent new recruiting materials from RCSU(Pac). There are large signs to help with recruiting and can be requisitioned by the CO of the cadet unit. They can also supply banner signs.