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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PILLARS CONFERENCE 2007
Prestige Inn, Vernon BC**

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At 1315 hours the Cadet Bugler Blythe Haywood called the 35th Annual General Meeting of the ACLC, BC Branch to order.

The President, Brian Vernon, welcomed the delegates to the conference and meeting.

The Executive Director, Roger Prouse, introduced the Executive and the Zone Chairs.

The Secretary, Louise Prouse, moved the approval of the minutes from the 2006 Pillars AGM as circulated. Seconded by Mike Godsiff, President of the 2422 RCACC, Nanaimo Sponsoring Committee.

The Financial Report was presented by Philip Sherwin as Bob Stanley, Treasurer, was unable to attend due to a family commitment. He advised the delegates that we had hired an accountant, Judy Mordy, on an as need basis. The National Office of the Army Cadet League did not give us a grant the past year. Previous years we had received \$5,200.00. Discussion followed. Financial Report was approved by Agnes Keegan, Treasurer of the 2290 RCACC, Vancouver Sponsoring Committee and seconded by Les Corbett, Zone Chair, Vancouver Island North. Carried.

The Presidents Report was given by Brian Vernon. He commented he liked the term of a Sponsoring Team as opposed to Sponsoring Committee as the members worked together as a team. His report was enclosed in the delegate's package.

The Executive Director, Roger Prouse, presented his report "Review 06-07".

New Business

Gene Lake, Vice President of the Army Cadet League of Canada, and our past president pointed out that there was no need to have an election of officers every year and he proposed we not have an election this year. A round of applause followed.

Commander Rick Mountford, CO of the Regional Cadet Support Unit, spoke to the delegates. He suggested that there be greater communication between the Sponsoring Committees and the CO's of each of the Cadet Corps. We should strive

to understand the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and the roles of the CO's, Sponsoring Committees and the League. Fortress and finance will play an important role on how the Sponsoring Committees are reimbursed for their expenses. Training will be provided to the Co's. The Selection of the CO's for each Cadet Corps is put forward from the SO2 (Land) but he gets the last word and values input from Sponsoring Committees. If the Sponsoring Committees have any concerns they should put it in writing and he will be pleased to enter into discussions with the Sponsoring Committees. All Cadet Corps should have a succession plan. Thanks to all the Sponsoring Committees.

Motion to Adjourn at 1415 hours was moved by Brian Vernon.

Notes on the Round Table Discussions

Cadet Sponsoring Committee – Les Corbett and Cathy Bach

Cathy gave out her 3 packages, organization of the sponsoring committee and direct access grants.

Make an email list of the Sponsoring Committees and send it out from the League Office. It was suggested we form a blog. The IT person at the League office feels this is not feasible.

Recruiting papers from the Cadet Corps are taking a long time to be processed and occasionally get lost.

The SO2 (Land), Major Lacey, answered to this concern.

Mike Godsiff, Nanaimo, discussed Espirt de Corp and Paint Ball Competitions within the Cadet Corps. Discussion followed and some Sponsoring Committees do put on Paint Ball events.

Cadet Pat--- do the cadets pay for their own or do the Sponsoring Committees pay for the Cadet Pat. Both cadets paying and Sponsoring Committees paying happen. Some discussion on how to get the Cadet Pat returned in good condition from the Cadet Corps that has the Sponsoring Committees paying for the Cadet Pat.

Anita Barney, Victoria discussed her phone fan out system. The Admin. Officer when they sign up a Cadet hands the cadet over to the Sponsoring Committee with the parent to discuss parent involvement. Another Cadet Corp has the new Cadet come to the Sponsoring Committee first and they have the parent and cadet sign the documentation and discuss parent involvement.

Some discussion on Vehicle drivers and whether they should have the volunteer screening badge was held. Most Sponsoring Committees are using the vehicle Log and prefer to have the drivers screened.

Volunteer Screening – Bonnie Banman, Roger Prouse and Capt. Malczynski

Bonnie Banman reminded parents the Volunteer Screening Applications must be sent to her, not to RCSU or Ottawa.

Capt Malczynski pointed out that there are two types of volunteer screening. Type one for volunteers who are not paid for their work. An example of this would be the members of

the Sponsoring Committee, drivers, etc. They need to fill out the documentation that goes to Bonnie Banman and is available on the League Website. The second type is the Volunteer who is paid by the RCSU and trains, works with cadets. An example of this person would be first aid trainers, shooting coaches, etc. They need to fill out the League Volunteer Screening application and receive their badge, then fill out the RCSU paperwork and send it into Capt. Malczynski.

Recruiting Cadet, CIC and Volunteers Daphne Gagnon and Major Dan Davies

Dan Davies stressed it is very important to get out into your community. Use small community newspapers to showcase your cadet events such as fundraisers, special parades, etc. Go to your local politicians and get them involved in these activities. Every Jun in Fort St. John it is "Cadet Month". Dan can be reached at davies.dj@cadets.net

Daphne Gagnon gave out 3 handouts. She stressed Marketing – to take a negative thought and make it positive. Recruit through your Cadets. Have pipers at your tag days. Promote your cadet corps at every opportunity. Ask radio talk shows for a ½ hour segment to discuss the cadet movement and how it can benefit your child. Use an alumni program to solicit cash, time and skills.

The meeting was reminded the Saturday Reception will begin at 1830 hours. The breakfast and Cadet Expo will be at 830 hours in building G20 of the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre.

Brian Vernon summed up the meeting by expressing we had a great interchange of ideas and asked for a show of hands if that format was acceptable to the delegates.

He moved the Army Cadet League, BC Branch cease to use military ranks for their members, seconded by Roger Prouse.