

Minutes of the Sea King Retirement Steering Committee  
Meeting on 23 Jun 17 held in the Hornets' Nest, Arundel Castle

Attendees:

Col (Retd) Ian Lightbody (Chair)  
Col (Retd) John McManus (Webmaster)  
Hon Col (Retd) Jeff Morris  
LCol (Retd) Dan Burden (Commemorative Coin OPI)  
Maj (Retd) Phil Redgrave  
Maj (Retd) John Latimer  
Maj (Retd) Peter Bey (Roger's Chocolate/Royal Canadian Mint/Canada Post OPI)  
MWO (Retd) Paul Peacey  
Col (Retd) John Orr  
Maj (Retd) Howie Ballantyne (Guest Speaker OPI)  
Capt (Retd) John Reilly  
Sgt Greg Forsyth

Absent:

Christine Hines (SAM) (by telephone)  
Hon Col Mike Sudul (Treasurer)  
Capt(N) (Retd) Kevin Carle (Public Affairs Advisor)  
Col (Retd) Wayne Krause  
Col (Retd) John Cody  
LCol Shawn Williamson (CO 443 Sqn)  
Maj Dale Arndt (Secretary/Sponsorship OPI)  
Capt Don Leblanc (Commemorative Painting OPI)  
Sue Bergeron (CFMWC Esquimalt)

1. The meeting was called to order at 1012hrs by the chair, Ian Lightbody.
2. Ian Lightbody noted in his opening remarks that the initiatives and key path was to ensure the financial cornerstones were laid. This included the signed tasking order and account set up with PSP.
3. The previous minutes were reviewed and adopted as published. The minutes would be published to the SKR18 website.

Old Business

4. NPF funding and account would be set up with Sue Bergeron. Given the draft budget of less than 250K, this could be approved locally within CFB Esquimalt. The initiating directive from the WComd should be released any day. There was some discussion on the requirement for a uniform member (likely Maj Arndt) to be the NPF authority to ensure appropriate signing authorities. These issues were to be discussed further with the CFMWC representatives at a later meeting. Sue Bergeron, will begin to attend our meetings as the CFMWC representative.

## Budget

5. Mike Sudul was unable to attend. Webmaster indicated that an updated budget would be posted to the site when received. [www.skr18.ca](http://www.skr18.ca)
6. Sponsorship. Will seek Brian Akitt's input. The decision was made to disseminate the list to the committee for review prior to submitting to PSP for action. The subject of various sponsorship levels was discussed and possible advertising or highlighting of the sponsors. This will be discussed further at meeting with PSP/CFMWS personnel. Maj Arndt briefed the current list and received three additional suggestions from the floor. It was decided by the Committee that due to potential sensitivities around sponsorship before an official commitment has been received from company or organization, a list of potential sponsors would not be made publically available, outside the Committee, until a sponsor had a signed agreement with CFMWC.
7. Challenge Coin. The OPI, Dan Burden, provided an update on the status. The "wings for the fleet" was agreed to be the most inclusive motto. The design was to include the Sea King "wheels up". Pricing and selling was to be discussed in depth with Christine Hines at the SAM due to the challenges associated with the 50<sup>th</sup> coins. The supplier, CPO2 Bungay, has been away at sea recently and unavailable.
8. Painting. NSTR as Don Leblanc was absent due to the Flying Program. Much input has been received for the painting. Suggestions will be made to the artist including the inclusion of deck crew (possibly on the deck) to ensure the Navy and technicians are represented. The possibility of multiple images was also discussed. This will be presented to the artist; however, it will ultimately be up to him to decide.
9. Webmaster. With the creation of the website, the inclusion of as much information as possible will be key to maintaining interest. Links to the site will be posted on facebook. Paul Peacey also indicated that he would contact Legion and the other similar publications with the details as well.
10. Rogers Chocolates. This item is now closed.
11. Canada Post/Royal Canadian Mint. Board is sitting or has sat on the current round of stamps/ coins. No further updates or correspondence is expected from either entity much before fall 2017. Brian Akitt to be contacted wrt any persons of interest in those offices.
12. Meet and Greet. There is some concern that one of these facilities is due for repairs in that time frame and may not be available. Maj Thornton will follow up on Maj Arndt's behalf.
13. Weather Vane. John Reilly provided an update that the maker would be will to produce a replica of the weather vane for the cost of materials. This would amount to approximately 500\$. The committee agreed that this would be a worthwhile venture. Much discussion

ensued regarding the licensing arrangements for a lottery in British Columbia. John Reilly agreed to look in to the requirements for a raffle, the ability to purchase tickets from out of province, any limitations that may need to be stipulated regarding shipping, and the best method in which to sell the tickets (on-line?).

#### New Business

14. Guest Speakers. Howie Ballantyne indicated that although the request has been made, any notification as to the availability of the key invitee will likely not be made for some time. The possibility of multiple guest speakers in a format similar to the Shearwater dinner was discussed. This would allow for an MC, Guest (or Guests) of Honour, and speakers to represent the eras of the Sea King. Several names were suggested including but not limited to: Sergei? Sikorsky, Angus Watt, Peter Mansbridge, Larry Ashley, John Orr, Kevin Newmann, Jack Knox, Chris Hadfield, Kevin West, Wayne Fairburn. OPI will follow up with further suggestions and format.

#### Items from the Floor

15. Greg Forsyth updated the committee on the work being done on “SeaKingAlley” in PB 126. This will represent 443 pictorially from 1974 to the present with names and photos from the archives. A plea for support from the committee to host several pictures on the website for identification was made. It was noted that this would not only help the project, but also generate interest from the community in the website and the SKR18 activities. Funding from SAM for the display was brought up but deferred for further discussion with Christine Hines as likely outside the mandate of the SKR18 committee.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 1130hrs. The next meeting was tentatively set to be held in the Hornet’s Nest, Arundel Castle, 1000hrs 24 Jul 17. The earlier time will facilitate easier East Coast telcon participation.

Consolidated OPI List

Committee Chair- Ian Lightbody  
Committee Secretary- Dale Arndt  
Sponsorship- Dale Arndt  
Coffee Table book- John Orr  
Coin- Dan Burden  
Painting- Don Leblanc  
Webmaster- John McManus  
Canada Post and RCM Commemoration- Peter Bey  
Guest Speaker List- Howie Ballantyne

S. Thornton for  
DB Arndt  
Maj  
Secretary- Sea King Retirement Committee

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Col (Ret'd)  
Chairperson- Sea King Retirement Committee

Attachments: 1