

7331-2 (WOSM GMM)

10 Mar 22

**MINUTES OF THE WO & SGT MESS
GENERAL MESS MEETING 04 MAR 22**

Chairperson:

Sgt William Girard, PMC

Members of the committee in attendance:

Sgt Steve Cyr, VPMC

Sgt Genesta Wilson, Secretary

WO David Bilodeau, Housing Rep

WO Christy Goodfellow, Entertainment Rep

Sgt Chris Landry, Entertainment 2IC

Members of the committee absent:

CWO Dan Baulne, HPMC

Sgt Holly Larabie, Sports Rep

WO Ashley Moon, Sports 2IC

Sgt Gerald Andrada, Treasurer

Sgt Christian Vaillancourt, Housing 2IC

Sgt Sarah Bezanson, Advertising Rep

Members in attendance:

WO Babineau

Sgt Wilson

Sgt Houle

WO Amos

MWO Bartlett

Sgt Stark

Sgt Hoddinott

WO Francis

Sgt Lebreaux

Sgt Jellicoe

Sgt Marion

WO Perkovic

Sgt Phillips

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The meeting started at 09hr08 with opening remarks from the PMC who thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked the committee members for their hard work. Sgt Girard continued

by explaining that the Mess had a good financial year. He also mentioned that he would be stepping down from his position as PMC as he has been in the position for a year, as well as due to operational commitments. Sgt Cyr (VPMC) will be taking over as PMC. He explained that an email will be sent to the membership with voting options to approve next FY budget as the quorum was not met during the GMM. Sgt Cyr presented the agenda for the meeting and introduced the members of the committee.

2. **ENTERTAINMENT**

WO Goodfellow briefed on the entertainment slides and mentioned that they will be continuing with TGIT once a week and Toonie Tuesday twice per month. She also mentioned that if there are any suggestions for vendors to send them to the Entertainment reps and that they will continue with the current vendors if no feedback is received from the membership. It was suggested that we switch from TGIT to TGIF from Nov – Mar due to summer leave and personnel more likely to be out of the area during that timeframe. She mentioned that she would like feedback from the membership. A member in attendance asked how much the meals would cost, and WO Goodfellow mentioned that it has to be worked out with the Mess Manager. Her team is trying to cover most of the cost with a minimal charge to the member, depending on the vendor. WO Goodfellow continued on with the proposed future events to be voted on, and an emphasis was placed on the fact that the poker night would not be for money/financial gain and would not have a buy in.

3. **SPORTS**

Sgt Cyr spoke on behalf of the Sports Rep. He explained that the golf course would be opening soon, and that the \$3500 from last year was easily spent. The WOSM paid the amount for 18 holes of golf for only \$10 cost to each member, and mentioned that it was a huge hit. He is not sure of the budget for this year, but estimated a cost of \$7000 and put it out for a vote from the membership.

4. **HOUSING**

WO Bilodeau briefed the members on the housing slide. He announced that the focus will be upgrades to the games room including the addition of poker tables and also that the Fire Side Lounge will be given a more comfortable atmosphere. He also explained that the \$10,000 that was voted on last GMM will reflect on the current FY budget. Upgrades to the Mess will include an upgraded audio system, as well as new paint through RP Ops. With regards to the flooring project, the money has been approved however anything over \$25,000 must be submitted for approval through Ottawa. Mr. Paul Butt mentioned that NPF cannot use their funds for flooring. A vote was proposed for \$2000 for a new speaker system, which was approved by the membership.

5. **TREASURER**

Sgt Cyr spoke on behalf of the Treasurer. He briefed that the budget for next FY has current unencumbered funds of \$235k, that we are expecting a revenue of \$139k (composed of member

dues, Mess events, etc.) and expecting \$233k of expenses for events, sports and housing projects which was to be voted on by the mess membership. He then explained that we are going to be down by \$94k out of the current unencumbered funds, which will leave us with a balance of \$141k by the end of the FY. Since the quorum was not met during the GMM via MS Teams, a vote was sent out to the membership via email to approve next FY budget. The vote passed with 96 members in favour, and 1 member against. Mr. Paul Butt (NPF) mentioned that the Mess POS system needed to be changed out, but the cost will come out of the Bar Operations budget. The VPMC agreed as it has no impact on our Mess budget, and would like to address this by the end of this FY.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Sgt Cyr advised the membership that the following mess positions will be opening up to volunteers: Secretary, Housing, Entertainment 2IC (Sgt Landry will take over as Entertainment Rep), and Sports Rep. He also discussed addressing outstanding mess coins, and that there is lots of work to be done WRT advertising. The committee will work to be better at communicating mess events.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

There was no open discussion brought forward by the membership.

8. ITEMS VOTED ON

Since the meeting didn't meet the quorum. An email with a voting option was sent. 97 Members approved and 2 members rejected the fiscal year budget.

Entertainment

Poker Night, Coffee Break in April

Vote: Allocate \$1000 for Poker Night and \$300 for Coffee Break

Verdict: In favour

Patio Opening Party in May

Vote: Allocate \$4000

Verdict: In favour

Coffee Break in June

Vote: Allocate \$300

Verdict: In favour

Summer Bash Party in July

Vote: Allocate \$6000

Verdict: In favour

Bingo Night, Coffee Break in August

Vote: Allocate \$1000 for Bingo Night and \$300 for Coffee Break
Verdict: In favour

Mess Dinner in September
Vote: Increase from \$5000 to \$8000
Verdict: In favour

October Fest, Coffee Break in October
Vote: Allocate \$4000 for October Fest and \$300 for Coffee Break
Verdict: In favour

Poker Night, Remembrance Day in November
Vote: Allocate \$1000 for Poker Night and \$500 for Remembrance Day
Verdict: In favour

Kids Christmas Party, Coffee Break in December
Vote: Allocate \$6000 for Kids Christmas Party and \$300 for Coffee Break
Verdict: In favour

NYE Party, SNCO at home in January
Vote: Allocate \$10,000 for NYE Party and SNCO at home (the committee will need to sit and decide what we want to do and confirm plans with the Officer's Mess).
Verdict: In favour

Valentine's Day in February
Vote: Allocate \$4000 for Valentine's Day Event in February (Committee is open to holding an actual function such as a dance or comedian as restrictions lift, open to suggestions from membership)
Verdict: In favour

St. Patrick's Day, Coffee Break in March:
Vote: Allocate \$4000 for St. Patrick's Day and \$300 for Coffee Break
Verdict: In favour

Sports

Golf Passes for April
Vote: Allocate \$7000 for Golf Passes
Verdict: In favour

Golf Tournament, Kids Sports Day (Tri-Mess Event) for June
Vote: Allocate \$5000 for Golf Tournament and \$750 for Kids Sports Day (will not interfere with other base tournaments, Junior Ranks kid's sports day is in talks).
Verdict: In favour

Sport Trip in August

Vote: Allocate \$4000 for Sport Trip (i.e. Blue Jay's Game, Food/Drink)
Verdict: In favour

Ski Pass Reimbursement for November

Vote: Allocate \$1250 for Ski Pass Reimbursement (member will show proof of purchase of Ski Pass and be reimbursed by the Mess)

Verdict: In favour

Sport Trip in January

Vote: Allocate \$4000 for Sport Trip (i.e. Hockey Game Trip)

Verdict: In favour

Hockey Tournament in February

Vote: Allocate \$3000 for Hockey Tournament (voted last GMM but did not happen)

Verdict: In favour

9. **CLOSING REMARKS**

Sgt Cyr reiterated that a vote would be sent to the mess membership via email to approve next FY budget. The meeting ended at 10h18 with the PMC and VPMC thanking everyone for their participation.



Sgt Cyr
Warrants & Sergeants Mess VPMC



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