

# **RCAF MUSUEM – AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROJECT**

Minutes & Action Items Meeting 3  
14 February 2006  
Meeting held at MFRC 8 Wing Trenton

## **AGENDA**

Agenda for this meeting is attached as Annex A.

## **ATTENDEES**

Nelson Lyon  
Gerry Britt  
Ralph Thistle  
Doug Chase  
Barry Cockerline  
Dick Beaulieu  
Capt (Reserve Officer) David Penley (former ATC & Nav Aids Tech)  
David Wilson

### Regrets

David Weir  
Capt Craig Rogalsky (Active ATC)  
Ray Payette

All of these active or retired ATC personnel now currently reside in the Trenton area.

## **UPDATE ON PROJECT AND FUNDING DONATIONS**

- Nelson Lyon reported that a donation of \$5,000.00 has been received in trust by RBC.
- Nelson Lyon reported on behalf of David Weir that MATCA has \$16,000.00 worth of revenue which could be accessed by this committee. Terms and conditions to be worked out in future pending development of an official constitution for this committee. When a constitution has been developed a letter of confirmation must be sent to MATCA before funds will be released.
- Regarding the development of a constitution for this committee, discussions were recently held with General Hussey. It was suggested that an name and acronym should be developed distinctive from MATCA. The issue of whether this committee should include Air Weapons controllers/Air Defence Techs was addressed since Air Weapons/Air Defence are now included in the amalgamated trades within the CF, called Aerospace Control. General Hussey suggested that Air

Weapons not be excluded but they should initiate their own distinctive project for purposes of the museum.

- Suggested that template be used to develop a constitution for this committee using “Constitution of the Canadian Military Flight Engineers Association” be studied, the latter attached as Annex B.

ACTION: COMMITTEE

## **DISCUSSION ABOUT POTENTIAL NAME FOR COMMITTEE**

A discussion was conducted to suggest possible names for committee. Although no resolutions were made the following names were suggested, all aimed at attempting to retain a focus on Canadian military Air Traffic Control heritage:

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| ▪ Association of Military Air Traffic Controllers          | AMATC  |
| ▪ Association of Air Traffic Controllers                   | AATC   |
| ▪ Association of Canadian Military Air Traffic Controllers | ACMATC |
| ▪ Canadian Military Air Traffic Control Association        | CMATCA |

ACTION WEIR/COMMITTEE NEXT MEETING

## **REVIEW OF “CONSTITUTION OF THE CANADIAN MILITARY FLIGHT ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION” AS TEMPLATE FOR NEW SIMILAR ATC HERITAGE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

Article I: Name to be changed pending final decision on name (eg. Canadian Association of Military Air Traffic Controllers)

Article II :Section 1: Sections a. – c. no change. Add a Section d. “historical displays of ATC memorabilia, photos, literature, equipment.”

Article III: Section 1: Subparas a. and b. amended to reflect Air Traffic Controllers, GCA and PAR controllers and Air Traffic Control Assistants versus Flight Engineers and Crewmen. Subpara a. also to include Comm and Nav Aids Techs who worked with ATC equipment alongside of Air Traffic Controllers. Subpara c. no change. Subpara d. change to read: “All spouses of deceased regular members shall be accorded....” Sections 3 and 4: no change.

Article IV: no change

Article V: Section 1 “Business Meetings” add that bonspiels and golf tournaments be added to “...conjunction with a reunion.” Section 4: Delete text “Ten percent of the regular members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at a business meeting.”

Article VI: no change

### Bylaws

#### Article I: Officers

Section 1: tabled to next ATC meeting

Section 2: no change to text. Barry Cocerline suggested that Regional Representatives should be active duty ATC Warrant Officers of Canadian Forces Air Traffic Control units.

Section 3: no change

Section 4: no change

Section 5: tabled till next ATC meeting

Section 6: tabled till next ATC meeting

Section 7: no change

Section 8: no change

#### Article II: Committees

Section 1: tabled till next ATC meeting

Section 2: no change

#### Article III: Admissions

Section 1: first sentence change to read: “Application for regular and associate memberships may be made by letter or by applying directly to an officer of the National Executive Committee.

#### Article IV: Dues

Section 1: no change but annual fee of \$20.00 was suggested, final decision to be determined

Section 2: tabled till next ATC meeting

Section 3: no change

Section 4: no change

#### Article V: Amendments

No change

## **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

Doug Chase

- We have a copy of Bruce Wellmans’s “Short History of Canadian Military Air Traffic Control” created at the CFATCU school at Cornwall

- Discussion: noted that the Wellman work is quite personalized and much like a memoire, and that we may wish to consider a more objective history to be compiled.

#### Dave Penley

- Several ex-Nav Aids techs have been contacted for future planning of restoration of ATC equipment and vans. Some interest has been expressed. Contacts have been made with Brian Meeds and George Davis employed at SPAR Aerospace contracted to AMDU at 8 Wing Trenton
- Reported that an empty ATCON (Quad) van exists at 8 Wing and may be sought for the museum collection.
- Reported that several Quadradar systems may be held within the CF inventory and disposed on in the future, may be sought for collection.
- Reported that Airforce Association magazine “Airforce” will run an announcement about our RCAF Museum ATC project in their “Airmail” column in spring 2006 edition.
- Reported that at least one announcement has been posted on the “Len Lecuyer” RCAF –ATC website regarding the RCAF Museum ATC Heritage project.

#### Barry Cockerline

- Reported in response to discussion query that no air cadets are currently involved with the project and recommended that air cadets not be permitted to join the committee or related association.
- Reported that a lawyer in Kingston Mr. Earl Marlin has consulted with Air Traffic Controllers in the past and may be a good resource for our committee in some aspects.

#### Dick Beaulieu

- Reported that several ex communications and Nav Aids techs may be able to help restore vans and equipment.

#### Gerry Britt

- Reported has photo albums filled with ATC pictures, will bring to next committee meeting for help in sorting and cataloguing.
- Gerry, Art Kirchner, and Larry Nancarrow will help with some preliminary sorting.

#### Dave Wilson

- Reported that museum outdoor park space is being allotted and paced off for both the ATC cairn and projected van locations.
- Cautioned that at a minimum the van (s) exteriors must be renovated and presentable before they are placed in permanent museum field locations.
- Indicated that the two vans acquired to date are in a corroded state, and that their locations adjacent RCAF road make them an eyesore. Suggested they should if possible be stored indoors to prevent further deterioration.

- Reported that current work is focused on the Cairn portion of project. Questioned committee as to whether we want soil samples from historical ATC bases and sites placed in the projected ATC time capsule in the cairn. Discussion was held but no resolution made. Indicated that all text plates will have to be bilingual
- Noted that all donations made to the ATC heritage project will be held in trust by the RCAF Museum.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES**

To get maximum exposure for our project the minutes for this meeting, and subsequent meetings, will be posted to [www.rcaf-atc.org](http://www.rcaf-atc.org) As well, they will be distributed to MGen Hussey, MATCA, and Wing Air Traffic Controller Officers (WATCOs) nationwide.

ACTION:WEIR

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place at 12:15 on Thursday 16 March 2006. Meeting location tentatively planned for MFRC location subject to confirmation.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:30 p.m.**

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Annex A  
of Minutes  
Committee Meeting held at MFRC 14 Feb 06

## **RCAF MUSUEM – AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROJECT**

Agenda for Third Meeting

14 February 2006

1. Update on project and recent funding donations
2. Development of Draft Constitution for RCAF Museum Air Traffic Control Project
3. Round Table reports
4. Other Business
  
10. Next Meeting

Annex B  
Of Minutes  
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(insert copy of Constitution of Canadian Military Flight Engineers Association  
Constitution)