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

Minutes & Action Items Meeting 8 28 February 2007 Meeting held at MFRC 8 Wing Trenton

# ATTENDEES

David Weir Ralph Thistle Doug Chase Grant Anstey Gerry Britt Barry Cockerline Dick Beaulieu

<u>Regrets</u> Dave Penley Nelson Lyon Bob Doan Bill Nurse

The meeting commenced at 12:05

## **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Thistle will confirm if ATC consoles etc are still in storage at Mountainview.

Weir noted that there was indeed a letter sent to the museum executive last November outlining our requirements and that Bob Doan would be our Liaison Officer. A copy of this letter has now also been sent to the Curator.

MATCA funds are approximately \$14,763 as per Weir/Landin telecon. Weir is to draft a letter for the next meeting that could be posted online and sent to active and retired ATC personnel. The letter is to give a synopsis of our association and solicit support to obtain the MATCA funds that are being held in limbo.

Weir will contact the WATCO to confirm if the 8 Wing ATC section in Trenton want to take one of the older portable Control Towers from the Musuem Air Park before it is disposed of. The other Portable Unit will be used for storage of our association's equipment until such time as it can be used in displays.

Anstey demonstrated the portable LED lighting that we have acquired for future use. There is approximately 600 ft of this airfield lighting that could be used for our exterior display. Anstey noted that the Skykeesh Portable Tower should possibly be moved in the spring. Moving the unit away from RCAF Rd may prevent damage from vandals.

Chief Holloway of the "glass house" will be approached by Anstey to hold decommissioned radio and radar equipment, especially faceplates, for future displays in the museum and airpark.

For future reference it was noted that the Museum DA Account number is EY0125

Chase reported on putting together a history of each base where there were ATC operations over the years. This will be an ongoing project with support needed from retired and active ATC personnel across the country. He also noted that we could have a limited number of reports from individuals, from each generation, about what a typical day or shift would have been like in their ATC Unit. The Ernie Lund history could serve as an example.

In Penley's absence Weir noted that we need to submit and solicit stories from ATC personnel of various ages for a book of anecdotes. The book will not only preserve our heritage but also be a form of revenue generator for future displays.

# **DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES**

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

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 12:00 on Wednesday March 21st 2007. The meeting location is tentatively planned for the MFRC subject to confirmation.

## MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:15 p.m.

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