

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of Executive Meeting **January 19, 2000** **Charlottetown Fire Department Station 2**

Members Present:

Bill Hogan
Scott Ryan
Dave Rossiter
Harold Brothers
Ivan Taylor
Noel Palmer

Dale Harris
Miles Boulter
Wally Ross
Garth O'Brien
Dave Blacquierre
Fred McInnis

West Prince Mutual Aid appeared as a group to discuss the modular training program.

- ⊗ Last year nobody was sent to the training school, West Prince wants the best training possible for their volunteers. They want it at the local level.
- ⊗ There is some land in O'Leary that is available to the Mutual Aid group to set up their training if needed.
- ⊗ Summerside wanted the program and arranged the instructors to carry it out. The only time delay in setting up other areas once volunteers have agreed to instruct is that they must all be monitored before they can go out on their own to teach programs.
- ⊗ The last ITC course was cancelled because of lack of participants. All that is needed to take the ITC course is the old Level I and II. We want to encourage West Prince and Kings county to arrange as many instructors as possible so we can put the theory part of the program into the other areas of the Island. The practical will still have to be taken at the school in Milton if a volunteer wants to complete the course and receive the certificates.
- ⊗ Volunteers who are not interested in getting their Level I are still encouraged to take any and all courses of interest when they are offered. You do not have to write the exam to take the course, you can get a certificate of attendance.
- ⊗ **Key points brought out** were: you do not HAVE to take any courses, you do not have to WRITE the exam (oral exams are possible), you do not have to TAKE the exam (you can still attend), you do not have to take ALL the courses (if you do not want to do the practical).

Dave Rossiter moved, Harold seconded the minutes of December 21, 1999 meeting be adopted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- ⊗ Nova Scotia DMV Bill 122 re volunteers getting one free vehicle registration per year.
- ⊗ Harold moved, Fred seconded to proceed with same plan as NS with motor vehicles and \$500 tax credit.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ✘ \$25,000 in the bank, about \$48,000 was spent in building and equipment in the past year.

TRAINING:

- ✘ ITC coming up in Summerside.
- ✘ Garth moved, Noel seconded to get a cell phone for Miles and see if we can get better prices or donations to be reviewed in a years time.
- ✘ Question raised about waiving the registration fee for the ITC course, will not be done.
- ✘ Scott moved, Wally seconded to build a new tool crib in the training school using volunteer labour and approximately \$4,800 in materials.
- ✘ Harold, Miles, and Wally will work on putting wheels on the hose beds.

SPORTS:

- ✘ Tyne Valley wants the hockey on March 17, 18, and 19.
- ✘ Combat Challenge regarding contacts for advertising, make sure local departments are notified before hand.
- ✘ Departments can get a demo on the Challenge by contacting Sandy MacQuarrie

FIRE PREVENTION:

- ✘ Maritime Fire Prevention and Cindy MacFadyen are looking into having available 17 subjects covered in 200 pamphlets per department with the Association's name on them. It will cost about the same as the fire safe house was (\$2,000 for the year).
- ✘ Dave Rossiter moved, Harold seconded to get the pamphlets.

MUSEUM AND HERITAGE:

- ✘ Scott Linkletter will build an old fire hall in his Cavendish village if he can get some equipment on loan to display in it.
- ✘ Station histories may be possible through Holland College's journalism program an essay contest, or from local departments.

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE:

- ✘ A report was sent out on the office's position on smoke detectors as recently reported in the papers.

911:

- ✘ Dave Blacquierre did some legwork based on an anticipated request from the Association for regulating call centres. If this were put in place it is unlikely that anyone on the Island will be able to provide the service.
- ✘ 911 is looking at putting a computer in every department on the Island and providing some training. This may help with some of the confusion that will result from road name changes.
- ✘ Maps for each department with road names is still pending. We will see if Amand can attend the next meeting to update us.
- ✘ Dave Blacquierre will see if 911 is doing something about standardizing the lettering of trucks with 911 on them.

Next meeting February 16th 7:30 in North River.