

PEI Firefighters, April 17, 2001, Fire School

Members Present:

Garth O'Brien  
Wally Ross  
Kenny MacWilliams  
Harold Brothers  
Eric MacDonald  
Bill Hogan  
Scott Ryan  
Miles Boulter

Harold moved, Scott seconded the minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as circulated.  
Eric moved, Kenny seconded the minutes of the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting be adopted as circulated.

Old Business:

Training for Level I East started very good and went down a little. Still averaging about 10 compared to 4 or 5 in Central. Some students are not coming prepared, some departments do not have the books.

Correspondence:

Atlantic Justice Institute sent a letter of commendation on Sherry Flemming and Miles Boulter for their recent instruction.

Atlantic Burn Camp is accepting donations.

New Glasgow Fire Department is hoping the Association can do something to encourage Government to implement a tax credit for ALL volunteer firefighters.

Government officials have been written to in the past, the issue is also being addressed by Dave Rossiter through his work on the Canadian Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Scott moved, Wally seconded we support the letter from New Glasgow and forward our request to CVFA and support all Island Fire Departments who decide to send a letter to the four provincial MPs.

Keep in mind, Chiefs, that 40 letters will get more attention than 2 and for the sake of half a buck for postage we might get something very valuable in return.

Bill moved, Harold seconded that the Association co-host the 2001 Atlantic Firefighters Combat Challenge with Charlottetown Fire Department. This one day even will be held August 25 at the Charlottetown waterfront. The support will be in the same fashion as last year.

April 27-29 Canadian Provincial Fire Chiefs convention will be in Moncton.

Question was raised regarding McCain's Fire Brigade and its status in the Association. Firefighters can only be in the association if they are on the Fire Marshal's list. Until concerns over Workers Compensation coverage for industrial brigades are resolved, they will not be added to the Fire Marshal's list.

Treasurer's Report:

We made \$2,484 profit on \$64,000 income so far this year. Most dues have been received.

No word on grants, would like to have the Minister out in June. Garth will follow up with Norman, Bill will check with Dave.

Sign Craft will be donating a sign for the entrance to the school.

#### Training:

There have been 17 cancellations between the East, West, and Central classes. A new schedule was circulated March 16<sup>th</sup> with the make up classes.

Confined space training for Holland College this month, 14 students, \$2,800 income.

Miles & Sherry netted \$250 for the school from training at the Justice Institute.

Confined space for departments starting soon but need 2 AE harnesses at \$130 each.

Harold moved, Wally seconded we purchase the necessary harnesses.

Incident Management System - 12 hour program in 2 shifts costs \$361 to purchase the material will charge \$100 for the course to cover the costs. Kinkora has an EMO contact who is interested in receiving more training.

Bill moved, Harold seconded we purchase the material and offer the course.

Cornwall has a pump they can loan to us indefinitely, we may also be able to get a 20,000 gal upright tank.

Bill moved, Scott seconded we sell tickets on Paderno Pots at the annual meeting so make sure you bring your money!

Wally moved, Kenny seconded we spend the \$400 needed for materials to finish the tool crib.

Kenny moved, Eric seconded we send 2 instructors to the Conference in Truro.

#### Sports:

Morell is hosting the bowling this weekend, their written report should be received shortly after that.

#### Fire Prevention:

No report.

#### Museum & Heritage:

Bill has been talking to Sandra and will put in for another EDA project to get her again this summer.

No cost to the Association except travel expenses.

#### Fire Marshals Office:

Eric moved, Bill seconded we approve the draft of the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders SOGs for departments providing this service.

The presence of the Fire Marshal or his delegate will be requested since it would be nice to get more details on such things as the McCains issue.

#### New Business:

Due to the high cost and the fact that at least two other members will be attending the Maritime Fire Chiefs Convention, Garth will not be going.

Harold had a tape on F500 extinguishing agent and information, the sales representative will attend a meeting and demonstrate is we are interested.

Next meeting Mary 10<sup>th</sup> at the fire school at 7:30 PM