

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of Executive Meeting December 13, 2001 Firefighter's School - Milton

Members Present:

Garth O'Brien	Mark Gotell
Bill Hogan	Shawn Jessome
Scott Ryan	Dale Harris
Miles Boulter	Daniel Corriveau

Dale moved, Mark seconded the minutes of the November 8th meeting be adopted as circulated.

Old Business:

- ✘ RCMP contacted but had previous commitment for tonight.
- ✘ Letter to message centre prepared but did not go through email system properly.

Correspondence:

- ✘ Copy of letter from Georgetown to Province requesting continued financial support. Kinkora and Charlottetown sent similar letters.
- ✘ Association of Chiefs requested our membership.

Treasurer (Scott):

- ✘ Credit card provided to Miles Boulter for PEIFFA use.
- ✘ Financial statements presented showing a significant loss if it were not for the \$25,000 received from the province.

Training (Bill Hogan):

- ✘ Honorarium bill prepared (over \$8,000 in honorariums and mileage).
- ✘ Upcoming year will see Level I provided in 4 centres (West Prince is still deciding the location). East Prince will be in Summerside, Queens at the fire school, and Kings at Montague hall. Courses will be Monday and Wednesday for Prince and Queens, Monday and Thursday for Kings.
- ✘ Late April early will be time for practical.
- ✘ Hazardous Material training software is now in. The 8 hour awareness course will be January 12th at Charlottetown Station 2. There will be room for 150 people at this course. Bill has been in contact with the Province regarding funding specifically for this course and training for the operations and technicians level for 24 people (firefighters, environment, and Fire Marshal's office). Money has been requested for all necessary equipment and training

- material. Some equipment would be kept on the Metro Emergency Response vehicle and some could be stored at the school and used for training.
- ✘ Bill is working on an agreement whereby the 24 trained personnel would respond to hazardous material calls throughout the Island. There is potential to provide training at a Federal level.
 - ✘ Five confined space courses were recently held, 2 fire extinguisher courses, pump operators course, and a 5 day course for Holland College that brought \$1,650 to the Association.
 - ✘ We will need more instructors for Confined Space.
 - ✘ There are 8 new instructors, 7 for West Prince and 1 for Queens.
 - ✘ We received \$5,000 worth of BA equipment from Acklands Granger at no cost for use at the school.
 - ✘ At a recent extinguisher course we had difficulty with one of our vendors not being able to supply us as they had promised.
 - ✘ Mark moved, Dale seconded we spend \$2,000 to buy extinguishers which we will likely be able to get filled by ourselves with training powder at 1/4 the cost of what we have been buying.
 - ✘ Although our supplies will cost less, we will not be offering this course at a reduced price.
 - ✘ As noted at the annual meeting, our software for tracking students is outdated. To purchase it new would cost approximately \$3,000.
 - ✘ Scott moved, Shawn seconded we spend up to \$1,300 to get proper software and a computer upgrade as necessary.
 - ✘ Bill moved, Mark seconded we purchase an overhead projector and necessary supplies to provide training in West Prince, total cost approximately \$500.
 - ✘ Schedules should be out early next week for next spring.
 - ✘ Keep in touch with your MLA about getting funding for the fire school - call now.
 - ✘ Please note, IFSTA requires successful completion of our new Level I before Level II can be completed. We will not be able to grandfather the old Level I. Although there exists the possibility of challenging the Level I exam, the IFSTA standards for this challenge make it virtually impossible to succeed. As well, there would have to be a \$250 charge to challenge and it could only be done with 7 other people at the same time.
 - ✘ Having said that... if you, or members of your department think they may want to take Level II when it is offered, make sure Level I is started soon.

Sports :

- ✘ O'Leary wants the hockey. Teams will be accepted; however, if your department does not have enough members for a team, submit the names and mixed department teams will be made the night before the tournament.
- ✘ Question was raised regarding how notices are sent - electronically or regular mail. In most cases the answer is both.

Fire Prevention:

- ✘ Fire Marshal's office and Metro Fire Prevention are looking at some public service announcements.
- ✘ "Keep the Wreath Red" is in place in the greater Charlottetown area with the hopes other departments will adopt it for next December. The idea is to have a wreath outside the hall with red lights on it that are replaced by white lights for each call you respond to.

Museum and Heritage:

- ☒ Hope to have a new program in the spring to complete the heritage project.

Fire Marshal's Office (absent):

- ☒ Provincial medals presentation so noone available today.

911:

- ☒ Meeting January 9th at North River Fire Department with Minister Shea.

New Business:

- ☒ None

Next meeting January 10, 2002, 7:30, Fire School.