

1:30 call to order

Eva Rogerson - MLA for O'Leary area on behalf of Minister Elmer MacFadyen - thanks on behalf of Province.

Minutes of 2004

Ken Campbell moved, Kent Cook seconded, minutes approved as circulated. Motion Carried

Business arising

Memorial Fountain is now in service in Charlottetown. We did approach the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs regarding assistance with insurance, this does not appear to be an option. The Federal Income Tax credit is still being pursued by the Association.

President's report (presented by Scott in Noel's absence).

Scott Ryan moved, Bill Gourley seconded. Motion carried.

Training Report (Miles Boulter):

The last year has been busy one.

Since last annual meeting, 50 Level I graduates.

40 Level I firefighters in April, School ran 4 consecutive weekends last April due to growing group of volunteers. We brought instructors for various weekends rather than needing instructors to commit to the entire schedule.

Total # students for all courses 1500 classroom sessions (up from 1250 last year). HazMat brought it up over 1600 classrooms, plus 156 hours training.

Regarding Maritime Fire Chiefs Training - 450 students at last conference. There is a cap on Miles moved, Garth second. Motion carried.

Auditors Report (Ben Grant, Wilfred Jay):

Ben and Wilfred reviewed the books of the association and have found everything to be in order.

Ben Grant moved, Bob Doyle second approval of this report. Motion carried.

Finance report (Scott Ryan):

Scott Ryan moved, John Donahoe second report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Marshal's Office (Dave Blacchiere):

Active role with school and executive of association (Ken Campbell attends every mtg).

Policy has been drafted from WCB, following challenge through one of our departments. Policy - as soon as alarm functions, you are deemed to be in employ of fire department until you get back from the call. Policy has been sent around country with nothing but positive comments back.

IncomeTax Bill C273 - now down to third reading, recently had a chance to present the Island's point of view in Moncton along with other maritime provinces. Letter presented by Dave Rossiter on file.

Letter to Prime Minister regarding support for Bill C273.

International Fire Service Accreditation recently approved our facility for the program being put on by Holland College.

OHSA is going to Farm Safety Code of practice which will include aspect of fire safety.

All motels/hotels across the Island are going to be required that smoke detectors be wired into system. All owners have been informed that a fire service member may be checking to ensure that this is set up properly.

Bea Campbell, moving to another office.

Need an updated list of members on an ongoing basis. Please date the letter when you return it to ensure they are kept in proper sequence.

Nova Scotia advised WCB that if someone comes in with one of 5 different types of cancer and states they are a firefighter, there will be no question as to whether or not it is covered.

Along with the memorial fountain, there is a scholarship fund (for each of the three service areas). Still to be determined how eligibility to be established and how to be awarded.

David Rossiter working on Wood Energy Technical training for the first of the month. Suggested that if anyone wants to have their system checked they refer to a list. Dave will circulate a list of those who have WET training (also on web-site).

Dave Presented Rick Nibblett with his 10 year commitment to the fire service in PEI.

Two fire deaths recently, more enforcement issues coming out because of them.

Word is reaching the Fire Marshal's Office on how well presented departments are by commitment from members at fire safety events, wakes, etc.

Bill Gourley commented on great job that Dave Rossiter did for us at the meeting in Moncton.

Bill also received positive comments on our presence at the memorial fountain dedication.

Sports (Garth O'Brien):

No report - those who host events continue to fail to provide association with report.

Garth O'Brien moved, Kent Cooke seconded. Motion carried.

Maritime Fire Chiefs Association (Bill Gourley for Barclay Rand):

We received our \$2,000 grant again this past year in spite of the fact that ticket sales on PEI were not as high as they could have been.

New Business

Bill Hogan was asked to speak on HazMat funding requirements and hours involved in putting program together. It has been a tremendous task to take on this by the members of the team.

Metro Fire Prevention has worked with the PEI FFA to continue to receive funding. JEPP funding was for equipment, some of it was used for training. Will need support of fire service and

Province to assist with funding this program. Looking at the Province putting an assessment on the tax rate to fund. The chances of this occurring is limited. Considering having department

provide from \$100 to \$500 on an annual basis to cover the costs of the HazMat response team. Jim Peters suggested fee based on population. Bill will provide more information in the request

letter that comes from the joint parties.

The Metro Emergency Association, HazMat response team, and PEI Firefighters Association, prepare letter to seek funding to support the PEI HazMat Response Team.

Bill Hogan moved, Darryl Beaton seconded. Motion carried.

Metro Fire Prevention has a large foam trailer (500 gals foam). If you have a large scale flammable liquid fire, you can contact the Metro Fire prevention for the trailer. It costs \$600 per 45 gal drum of foam - the cost will go back to the fire department.

Bob Doyle - regarding letter to Province regarding access to beaches. Letter was sent to Minister Shea, follow up will have to be sent to different department.

Nominating Committee

President Bill Gourley, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Garth nominations cease.

Vice President - Tim Jenkins, Garth moved nominations cease.

Secretary-Treasurer, Scott Ryan, nomination called three times, Garth moved nominations cease.

Prince County Dale Harris, nominations, garth moved nominatinos cease

Prince County - Shawn Jessome, Garth moved nominations cease

Queens County - Rod MacDonald, nominatiosn called three teime, garth moved nomination cease

Queens County - Donnie MacEwen -

Kings County - John Donahoe

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Garth moved acceptance of report, Ken Campbell seconded. Motion carried.