

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

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Bill Gourley	Tim Jenkins	Noel Palmer	Scott Ryan
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
October 21, 2007  
New Glasgow Fire Department

The PEI Firefighters Annual General Meeting was called to order at 1408

- ✘ Ken Campbell **moved**, Tim Jenkins seconded approval of agenda as distributed.

**Minutes of 2006**

- ✘ Dave Rossiter **moved**, Rod MacDonald **seconded**, minutes of the 2006 Annual General meeting be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

**Business Arising**

- ✘ None

**President's Report** (Bill Gourley)

- ✘ Bill Gourley presented his report.
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- ✘ Bill Gourley **moved**, Tim Jenkins **seconded** acceptance of the President's Report as presented. **Motion carried.**

**911/Medical First Responder** (Tim Jenkins)

- ✘ A lot going on, started June 2006, requests came in from departments looking for changes.
- ✘ In order to speak as one voice, we needed to poll departments to see what their needs are.
- ✘ Fire Marshal's Office, 911 Office, Department of Health, Island EMS, Message Centre, all used to start this committee. Compiled information and submitted it to Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs. A task force was created as a result of this work.
- ✘ Systems in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are looking to also upgrade their radio systems, the work being done there is being closely looked at to determine how their work might be used to benefit PEI.
- ✘ Work on communication centre also being looked at.
- ✘ These two initiatives, although it is best to do both together are still independent and can be done in isolation.

- ✘ Standard Protocols have been established for Medical First Responder. Medical oversight has been arranged as well.
- ✘ Working on training at the fire school.
- ✘ Department of Health has been informed along the way, looking for funding and standard certification across the Island.
- ✘ Have been looking at standardized trauma kit. Island EMS is being sought to provide the training component Island wide.
- ✘ MFR is completely optional, just looking at making the offer standard.
- ✘ Have also been working on presumptive legislation regarding cancers which are of concern to firefighters.
- ✘ Sean Jessome **moved**, Arthur MacKay **seconded** report be accepted as presented.  
**Motion Carried.**

#### **Training Report** (Miles Boulter)

- ✘
- ✘ Miles Boulter **moved**, Daryl Noonan **second** acceptance of the Training Report as presented. **Motion carried.**

#### **Auditors' Report** (Sean Jessome, Gerard McMahon)

- ✘ Sean and Gerard reviewed the books of the Association and find no problems.
- ✘ Sean Jessome **moved**, Rod MacDonald **second** approval of this report. **Motion carried.**

#### **Finance Report** (Scott Ryan)

- ✘ Statements were distributed upon registration and discussed.
- ✘ Scott Ryan **moved**, Dave Rossiter **second** report be accepted as presented.  
**Motion carried.**

#### **Fire Marshal's Office** (Dave Blacchiere)

- ✘ Thanks extended to New Glasgow and the Association.
- ✘ Miles deserves a lot of praise for the growth and development of this Association.
- ✘ FMO looking at possible office relocation to EMO office area.
- ✘ Dave Rossiter has gained Chief Fire Officer designation, a very limited number of individuals across the country have this distinction.
- ✘ Dave Rossiter is also the CAFC representative for PEI.
- ✘ Dave Rossiter has put together a fire investigators workshop which will be available to all fire departments across the Island.
- ✘ Bill C45 talks about responsibility service providers taken on when they provide a service within their community. May mean that you have to provide the courts with justification for your position within a fire department.
- ✘ FMO looking for ways to make the Fire Officers Course easy to achieve.
- ✘ Still looking at legislation for tax credit for all volunteer firefighters.

- ✘ Looking forward to working with the new Minister.
- ✘ Michael Gaultois has been brought to PEI to help promote fire prevention across the Island. PEI Mutual has come on board with this trip and is providing great support. Considering having him return next year to visit more schools. PEI Mutual may be able to assist with a return trip next year as well.
- ✘ Have a new code enforcement officer, a real asset to the office.
- ✘ Dave Blacquiere **moved**, Tim Jenkins **seconded** adoption of this report. **Motion Carried.**

### Sports ()

- ✘ Notification for wishing to host sporting events should be submitted with as much notice as possible.

### Maritime Fire Chiefs Association (Noel Palmer)

- ✘ The car draw has been ended.
- ✘ The MFCA does not have as much revenue as it has in the past and is in not as good a financial position as it has been in other years.
- ✘ A large percentage of ticket sales used to be done by only a couple of individuals/organizations and they are not able to take on this task this year.
- ✘ Not sure where the Association is going, has a few issues to address.
- ✘ MFCA sponsors the conventions but do not receive any funding from them.
- ✘ Next year's convention will be in Lunenburg (all arrangements can be made through one central number).
- ✘ Considered a telemarketing plan but it would conflict with other fund raising being done by some departments.
- ✘ Noel **moved**, Rod MacDonald **seconded** the adoption of his report. **Motion Carried.**

### Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (Dave Rossiter)

- ✘ Report was circulated earlier in the week and distributed at the meeting. The platform and strategies for the next election also recently sent.
- ✘ Five basic platform issues – 1) creation of national fire advisor within the Federal Government (currently fire service has no voice in Federal Government). 2) Tax incentive for volunteer fire service. 3) Residential automatic sprinkler. 4) JEPP funding. 5) Emergency Preparedness Planning and Funding.
- ✘ Wanting to get a member out of every department in Canada on the association.
- ✘ Dave Rossiter **moved**, Kevin Arsenault **seconded** adoption of report as read. **Motion Carried.**

### New Business

- ✘ Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation looking for director from PEI is available.

**Nominating Committee** (Noel Palmer)

- ✘ President: Tim Jenkins, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Miles Boulter nominations cease.
- ✘ Vice President: Rod MacDonald, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Ken Campbell nominations cease.
- ✘ Secretary-Treasurer: Gordon MacFadyen, nomination called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Prince County: Dale Harris and Harley Perry, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Dave Rossiter nominations cease.
- ✘ Queens County: Donnie MacEwen and Jason Peters nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Ken Campbell nominations cease.
- ✘ Kings County: Arthur MacKay, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Dave Rossiter **moved** acceptance of report, Bill Gillis **seconded**. **Motion carried**.