

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

President	Vice-President	Past President	Secretary-Treasurer
Tim Jenkins	Rod MacDonald	Bill Gourley	Gordon MacFadyen
Charlottetown 1	East River	North River	Summerside

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
October 26 13, 2008  
Evangiline School, Abrahams Village

The PEI Firefighters Association annual general meeting was called to order at 14:40.

**2007 Minutes**

The minutes of the 2007 annual general meeting were circulated prior to the start of the meeting. Scott Ryan moved, Bill Gourley seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2007 as presented. **Motion carried.**

**Business Arising**

None

**President's Report**

Tim Jenkins presented his report to the membership. Ken Campbell moved, Jason Peters seconded acceptance of the President's Report. **Motion Carried.**

**MFR/911**

President Jenkins presented a report outlining the current activities of the two initiatives. Questions raised related to MFR included who was going to fund the cost of the training. Tim reported that talks are underway with Government to provide funding to Island EMS so that they can deliver the training. Another question came as to the location for the training. It is planned to deliver the MFR training in all counties. The final question involved the start date for the training. Tim reported that Island EMS hopes to be ready to deliver the training by December or January.

Scott Ryan moved, Mark Gotell seconded acceptance of the MFR/911 Report. **Motion Carried.**

## **Training**

Miles Boulter provided a report on the training activities held throughout the year. Art MacKay moved, Jason Peters seconded acceptance of the Training Report. **Motion Carried.**

## **Auditor's Report**

Scott Ryan and Gerald MacMahon reviewed the books of the association and found no problems. Scott Ryan moved, Rod MacDonad seconded acceptance of the audit report. **Motion Carried.**

## **Finance Report**

Detailed financial statements were distributed to all members present. Gordon MacFadyen moved, seconded by Dave Rossiter that the 2008 statements be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried**

## **Fire Marshal's Office**

Fire Marshall Dave Blacquiere thanked the Wellington Fire Department for hosting the AGM and congratulated the Association for another year of excellent work .which includes first and foremost providing training for the fire service. The fire marshal also thanked Ken Campbell for his work as liaison with the association.

The fire marshal believes that the development of common protocols for MFR is a great step in evolving the responsibility for the island fire service. This service is an important step forward in serving islanders.

The office of the fire marshal has hired Bobby Kenny as a building inspector. Chiefs can call the FMO and get in touch with Bobby to have any buildings inspected where there are concerns.

The Fire Marshall informed the group the group that the paper based call/incident reporting system is not working. Thanks to the assistance from the message centre and the PSAPs in Summerside and Charlottetown a system based reporting system is now in place.

Chiefs are reminded that to ensure that departments and the individual members are covered for WCB departmental memberships must be kept up to date and reported to the FMO.

The FMO is working with the registrar of motor vehicles to get a new licence plate for the fire service. The FMO would appreciate the support form the fire service in lobbying for the change. Alo, the fire marshal reminded the group that the use of a red flashing light in cars is a privilege and under no circumstances is a combination red/blue light allowed.

## **Maritime Fire Chief's Association**

Noel Palmer PEI's representative on the executive provided an update on the activities of the association.

The association has ended the car draw as the success of this activity as a fund raising event has not been there over the past year or so. Currently the only source of revenue for the association is membership dues. The association will be taking on the operation of the annual conference as a method of fund raising. Because there is no fund raising on the go for this year the association will not be able to provide an operating grant this year.

Next years conference is scheduled for Pictou County.

Noel Palmer offered a motion to accept his report seconded by Rod MacDonald. **Motion Carried.**

### **Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs**

David Rossiter provided an update on the activities of the CAFC. The CAFC is an important lobby group for the fire service. Recently, Edmonton's fire chief got the opportunity to meet with the Prime Minister. The topics discussed were the progress of enacting the tax credit for volunteer fire service and the need to have a national fire advisor.

The association's annual conference is in Whitehorse. Dave informed the group that the association understands the needs of the volunteer departments. The current President of the association is Bruce Burrell of Calgary. Bruce got his start in the fire service in New Minas Nova Scotia. He got his start as a career firefighter in the HRM.

Dave Rossiter offered a motion to accept his report seconded by Dave Blaquiére . **Motion Carried.**

### **New Business**

Mark Gotell moved a motion on behalf of the Georgetown Fire Department to host next years annual general meeting seconded by Dave Rossiter. **Motion Carried..**

### **Nominating Committee**

Bill Gourley and Dave Rossiter presented a report on the proposed executive for 2008-09

President Tim Jenkins, nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Mark Gotell nominations cease.

Vice President Rod MacDonald, nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Mark Gotell nominations cease.

Secretary-Treasurer Gordon MacFadyen, nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Rod MacDonald nominations cease.

Prince County Directors Dale Harris, Harley Perry, nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Allan Doucette nominations cease.

Queens County Jason Peters, Donnie MacEwen, nominations from the floor call three times.  
Moved by Dave Rossiter nominations cease.

Kings County Art MacKay, nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Mark Gotell  
nominations cease.

Bill Gourley moved the acceptance of the nominating report seconded by Dave Rossiter.  
**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned 3:40.