

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

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Tim Jenkins	Rod MacDonald	Bill Gourley	Gordon MacFadyen
Charlottetown 1	East River	North River	Summerside

Minutes of the Executive Meeting
October 9, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Fire School

Members Present:

Dale Harris	Miles Boulter
Rod MacDonald	Art MacKay
Tim Jenkins	Gordon MacFadyen
Harley Perry	Donnie MacEwen
Jason Peters	Ken Campbell

Prior to the approval of the minutes Ken requested that a moment of silence be observed to respect the recent passing of Chief Alvin Ferguson a 40 year veteran of the fire service. Ken and Fire Marshall Blacquiere presented Chief Ferguson with his 40 year medal at the hospital on Sunday.

One clarification of the previous months minutes, it was noted that Donnie MacEwen was in attendance.

Rod moved, Harley seconded to accept the amended minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2008. **Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- There is little talk and no movement on the issue of corner services. The Attorney General's office is still considering the proposal submitted.

Treasurer:

- Gordon circulated a statement outlining the bank balance and expenses to be paid along with a report on outstanding accounts receivable.

- Gordon informed the group that a request was submitted to the Royal bank to have the Visa paid automatically each month on its due date. A request was also put forward to the bank to obtain internet banking privileges. The request was to have inquiry only so that up to date banking information can be obtained instead waiting for the monthly statement. The drawback as explained by the bank was that the Royal Bank does not have inquiry services only. If the association was to have internet banking who ever has the password can transfer funds. Currently the association requires two signatures on any cheque. Board approval is required to obtain internet banking privileges.

A motion to obtain internet banking services provided that it would used only for inquiries not for bill payment or funds transfer was put forward by Harley. There was no seconder for the motion. **Motion not considered.**

Training:

- Miles reported that a letter was received from Gaylene Carragher of Holland College. Gaylene had previously agreed to teach the course “Making a Difference” but in her letter she advised that she did not feel comfortable with the material and was declining the opportunity to teach the course. Miles informed the group that Cindy MacFadyen was approached about teaching the course and she has agreed to take on the course.
- The Riverview Fire Department is scheduled to take a tour of the facilities.
- A confined space course will be offered to member department son November 1st and 2nd.
- Roy Creed is working on getting a price to coat the new water tank.
- Miles indicated that Charles is progressing well on the welding of the live fore simulator and depending on the weather could be complete in December. Miles believes that he will require authority to spend additional funds on materials beyond the previous authority received. Another \$2,000 will complete the work for the current year. The group discussed the issue and concluded that the investment in materials was well worth it as Charles is providing the labour for no cost. A motion was put forward by Rod, seconded by Jason that the an additional \$2,000 be available to purchase welding materials. **Motion Carried.**
- Miles had some discussions with an engineer about the requirement for a railing to offer opportunities for rope decent. Options are bing developed.
- Miles reported to the group that new training resource for instructors are required A motion was put forward by Jason, seconded by Dale that the material be purchased. **Motion Carried.**
- Service on one of the pumpers is required . Reg Leblance will carry out the work at his facilities in New Brunswick.

Fire Marshal's Office:

Ken reminded the group the fire prevention week is upcoming and that many departments are planning activities in their respective coverage areas.

The Office of the Fire Marshall is continuing it efforts with schools on conducting fire drills.

New Business

- The AGM will be held at the Evangeline School hosted by the Wellington Fire Department on October 26. Chief Alan Doucette will be providing details very soon.
- President Jenkins wanted to thank the FMO and in particular David Rossiter for establishing a Daily Activity Report. The report is an excellent step forward in better understanding and communicating the activity of the Islands fire service.
- A letter was received from the FireFighters Curling Association requesting the authority to host the annual firefighters golf tournament for another five years, to 2013. A motion was offered by Jason seconded by Rod to allow the group to host for another five years to 2013. **Motion Carried.**
- To date only one Department, Georgetown, has put forward its name to host the next AGM. The Association is hoping to award the rights to host at the upcoming AGM.

Medical First Responder/911:

MFR

A proposal on a partnership for providing MFR training has been developed. The partnership is between Island EMS, the Province and the PEIFFA. The Province will provide some funding through the Department of Health, Island EMS will provide the instructors and equipment on a cost recovery basis and the PEIFFA will provide registration, training facilities and response.

The program will consist of 10 courses per year with an opportunity to train 12 students in each session. A combination of new and recertification's will be offered. There should be no charge for member departments.

It is recognized that the program may not be able to provide all current MFR with an ability to obtain re certification on a timely manner. For example Tignish will require 18 MFRs to receive recertification at the same time. It is expected that resources will be available for Departments in a similar situation as Tignish will be able to procure the necessary training spots on their own and over time will have a number of members trained on an annual basis so that their credentials will not expire at the same time.

Currently, there are 10 of 36 departments that have signed on to the MFR program and follow the protocols. A motion was offered by Rod seconded by Dale to provide preference to those Departments who respond to MFR calls to receive training first and then if spots are available other departments would be provided an opportunity to register. **Motion Carried.**

911

Island EMS and the message centre are entering into a partnership agreement. The message centre will be moving to the Island EMS building on the Sherwood Road over the next two months.

The plan is for the message centre to begin taking all 911 calls from the current PSAPS. The transfer will begin with the RCMP then the City of Charlottetown. Currently Summerside is not considering the change.

It is important to note that there are no signed agreements in place for any of these changes yet and they are still only proposals.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m. Next meeting November 13, 2008 at the Fire School, 7:00 p.m.