

Prince Edward Island Firefighter=s Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting October 2, 2011 Tignish Fire Hall

The PEI Firefighters Association annual general meeting was called to order at 9:30.

President Jenkins opened the meeting by thanking the members of the Tignish Fire Department for bringing together an excellent program for the Annual General Meeting. It is great to see so many members attending from across the Island.

Along with the business portion of the meeting presentations and information sessions were provided to members.

1. Presentation from a representative of the Alzheimer=s Society of PEI
2. Keynote address given by Chief Jody Price topics included the role and workings of the NBAFC, and the results of a provincial survey on the volunteer fire service entitled Why don=t volunteers come to weekly training.
3. Dan George joined the meeting remotely to demo and describe the AI am Responding@ software system.
4. Matt Crossman and Sharon Baxter were on hand to talk about Fire/MFR dispatch services then and now. An open discussion on future possibilities took place.

Official remarks were provided by the Honourable Gail Shea, the Honourable Neil Leclair, and the Chairman of the Community of Tignish Gerard Leclair.

2010 Minutes

The minutes of the 2010 annual general meeting were circulated prior to the start of the meeting. Greg McGuire moved, Jason Peters seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2010 as presented. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising

None

President=s Report

Tim Jenkins presented his report to the membership. Tim Jenkins moved, Scott Ryan seconded acceptance of the President=s Report. **Motion Carried.**

Finance Report

A detailed revenue and expense statement along with an asset liability statement was distributed to all members present. Gordon MacFadyen moved, seconded by Allan Gallant that the 2011 statements be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried**

Training

Miles Boulter provided a report on the training activities held throughout the year. Miles moved, Shawn Jessome seconded acceptance of the Training Report. **Motion Carried.**

Fire Marshal=s Office

Fire Marshall Dave Rossiter thanked the organizers of the AGM and congratulated the Association for another year of excellent work

The Fire Marshal in his first address to the association provided some insight on the initiatives that he will be pursuing.

- § provide information and training on the importance of securing fire scenes to protect the continuity of evidence.
- § bring together the fire service, EMS, RCMP and the FMO to improve and strengthen working relationships.
- § deliver a fire investigation course.
- § work with fire services to document mutual aid agreements and perhaps develop automatic aid protocols.
- § a more comprehensive public education campaign

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs

David Rossiter reported on the activities of the CAFC. The CAFC is an important lobby group for the fire service. The Prime Minister recently gave a video addressed to the group and the Federal Government announced the introduction of a firefighter tax credit.

The fire commissioners and fire marshals recently held a strategic planning day. Dave also advised that the association is getting out of the telemarketing business. The concept of fund raising is important but the initiative was not well received by member departments across the country.

New Business

A general discussion on the merits of I Am Responding as a way to bring consistency to the dispatching process for fire departments. A general discussion was held and it was determined that the product has merit but additional information is required before departments sign on. Regional meetings will be organized to provide additional information.

Notice was provided to the membership regarding a proposal to increase member dues from \$10 to \$20 per member. It has been quite some time since an increase in the membership fee. With a new building coming on line the executive wanted to be in a position to adequately fund the anticipated increased costs. A general discussion ensued with several opinions on the relative cost for small departments. Jason Peters offered a motion to increase the annual dues to \$20 per member effective calendar year 2012 seconded by Allan Gallant. **Motion Carried.**

Nominating Committee

Bill Gourley presented a report on the proposed executive for 2011-12

President Tim Jenkins

Nominations from the floor called three times. Moved by Allan Gallant seconded by Scott Ryan nominations cease.

Vice President Rod MacDonald

Nominations from the floor called three times. Moved by Jamie Maisson seconded by Scott Ryan nominations cease.

Secretary-Treasurer Gordon MacFadyen

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Adam Baldwin seconded by Bill Gillis nominations cease.

Prince County Directors Dale Harris, Harley Perry

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Jason Peters seconded by Scott Ryan nominations cease.

Queens County Greg McGuire, Bob Morrison

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Anson Grant seconded by Scott Ryan nominations cease.

Kings County Art MacKay, Glen Cameron

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Allan Gallant seconded by Jason Peters nominations cease.

Bill Gourley moved the acceptance of the nominating report seconded by Scott Ryan. **Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned 2:30PM