

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 September 23, 2012 Boulter Station

The PEI Firefighters Association annual general meeting was called to order at 1:45.

President Jenkins opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Boulter Station and the Stewart Lecture Hall.

2011 Minutes

The minutes of the 2011 annual general meeting were circulated prior to the start of the meeting. Art MacKay moved, Bill Gourley seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of the previous years AGM as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Business Arising

None

President's Report

Tim Jenkins presented his report to the membership. Tim Jenkins moved, Mark Gotell 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 Bill Gillis that the 2011-12 statements be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Training

Miles Boulter provided a report on the training activities held throughout the year. Miles moved, Scott Ryan 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 Dave moved Bob Morrison seconded acceptance of the Fire Marshal's report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Canadian Volunteer Fire Service Association

James O'Connor was on hand to provide an update on the activities of the group. He advised that the group has the ability to recommend a number of Queen's Jubilee medals. There have been seven presented in PEI. As fund raiser the organization has minted a challenge coin. The proceeds of the sale will be donated to the Canadian Fallen Firefighter Foundation. James stated the group is always looking for additional members. James moved Rod MacDonald seconded acceptance of the CVFSA report. **MOTION CARRIED**

Maritime Fire Chief's Association

Greg Shaw provided an update of the activities of the MFCA. The group is starting down a new road and will be focusing their efforts on chief officer training. The association has completed their conference manual. The 99th annual conference will be held in Summerside and the associations 100th conference will be held in Pictou County. Greg moved Rod MacDonald seconded acceptance of the MFCA report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business

A discussion on the need for consistent billing practice for fire department attendance and scene control at MVA. Indications from the group show that a wide range of practices exist. Fire Marshall Rossiter urged the group get to a point where all department's adopt a common billing practice. A motion for the PEIFFA to establish a standard rate to bill insurance companies for attendance at MVAs was offered by Mark Gotell seconded by Jamie Masson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chief Kirby Wakelin brought forward a discussion on the use of ESPAs. Initially the products were offered to all department's The hope was that the the company would garner support from insurance companies to pay to replace the product if used at a fire. The company has not received a strong endorsement from insurance companies and have been in contact with a number of departments to either return the product or pay for a replacement if it had been used. Based on the views of the group there should be no obligation as the units were offered for free with no contracts signed. An email will be sent to all departments to advise that there is no obligation to the company.

A notice of motion had been circulated advising the membership that revisions have been suggested to our constitution. President Jenkins led the group through a synopsis of the changes. The changes are of a housekeeping nature and include:

- > allows the Fire Marshal and/or the Chief Training Officer to be included in the count toward a quorum of any meeting but neither has a vote on any of the associations business.
- > reduced numbers required for a quorum at the AGM from 40 to 25 members.
- > the document indicated that the term of the president is 2 years. Discussion at the board level would prefer to have the president elected annually at the AGM.

A discussion on the changes was held and some clarification on the location of the AGM was sought. Currently the constitution does not dictate the location. Current practice has a rotation between the counties provided there is interest from member department's to host. This remains the preferred option for the group.

A motion to adopt the revised constitution was offered by Glen Cameron seconded by Mark Gotell. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Nominating Committee

Bill Gourley presented a report on the proposed executive for 2012-13

President Jason Peters

Nominations from the floor called three times. Moved by Bill Gourley seconded by Scott Ryan nominations cease.

Vice President Rod MacDonald

Nominations from the floor called three times. Moved by Bill Gourley seconded by Dave Rossiter nominations cease.

Secretary-Treasurer Gordon MacFadyen

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Bill Gourley seconded by Glen Cameron nominations cease.

Prince County Directors Dale Harris, Harley Perry

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Jason Peters seconded by Bob Morrison nominations cease.

Queens County Greg McGuire, Bob Morrison

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Bill Gourley seconded by Rod MacDonald nominations cease.

Kings County Art MacKay, Glen Cameron

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Bill Gourley seconded by Mark Gotell nominations cease.

Bill Gourley moved the acceptance of the nominating report seconded by Shaun Jesome.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned 3:00PM