

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of Executive Meeting March 14, 2002 Firefighter's School - Milton

Members Present:

Garth O'Brien	Noel Palmer
Bill Hogan	Shawn Jessome
Scott Ryan	Dale Harris
Miles Boulter	Daniel Corriveau
Eric MacDonald	Dave Blacquiere
	Kenny MacWilliams

Scott moved, Bill seconded the minutes of the February 14 meeting be adopted as circulated.

Old Business:

- ✘ Letter sent March 7th from Message Centre indicating the necessary software and hardware has been ordered to address the concerns we had raised in our letter to them.
- ✘ Garth will arrange a meeting with the Message Centre to see what they can now offer.

Correspondence:

- ✘ Letter from New Glasgow regarding letter last year to see about tax credit for all firefighters (including those who receive no compensation from their municipality). MFCA sent a letter last year to Paul Martin to request the current tax credit be extended to all volunteer firefighters. The implementation of the \$1,000 tax credit arose from a private members bill - the best approach may be to talk to Wayne Easter or Shawn Murphy.

Treasurer (Scott):

- ✘ We have experienced a loss of \$4,000 to date excluding the Provincial Grant of \$25,000.
- ✘ No further word from Minister Shea.
- ✘ Ron MacKinley did visit Garth recently, our concerns were brought up at that meeting.

Training (Bill Hogan):

- ✘ Fire Attack in Montague consisted of 9 students with a profit of \$467.50
- ✘ Incident Command Management course had 20 registered with 18 attending. Profit will

be approximately \$1,300.

- ✘ This was the 1st time for that course, the material was fragmented and difficult to follow. Instructors reviewed it and decided going back to the NFPA IC course is the way to go.
- ✘ \$8,590 in invoices to go out from courses
- ✘ Confined Space will be May 11 and 12 rather than 4 and 5.
- ✘ Bill moved, Eric seconded to continue with the cell phone. It was on a one year trial to see how necessary it was.
- ✘ Paderno donated another set of pots. A letter of thanks will go out.
- ✘ \$1,053 in bills this month.
- ✘ Southport Home Hardware is donating 6 windows for our ventilation/rescue simulator.
- ✘ Fire extinguisher refill system is being donated to the school. It will be used with training powder and is for school use only.
- ✘ Soon we will have 14 of 18 graduates of Fire Officers course (NFPA 1021).
- ✘ Bill moved, Kenny seconded we spend \$234 for mats for confined space simulator.
- ✘ Daniel presented a suggestion for getting signed certificates sooner. Because we are now following international standards, this can be done.
- ✘ Bill received a call today indicating we will have \$146,000 to spend on Hazardous Materials Training. Equipment already on order and should be in by the end of the month.
- ✘ Details regarding ongoing funding for HazMat are still being discussed.
- ✘ Looking at having an instructors appreciation day/BBQ for instructors and their families, political figures will be invited as well.

Sports :

- ✘ Who wants to host the bowling?
- ✘ Who wants to host the ball?
- ✘ Who wants to host the golf?

Fire Prevention:

- ✘ MFPA is doing its annual phone fund raising campaign. Notices are going in the papers so people know it is legitimate.

Museum and Heritage:

- ✘ Still ongoing.

Fire Marshal's Office:

- ✘ New website for the Fire Marshals Office.
- ✘ Individuals names are being added to the email list for those who check their home email more often than the fire hall email. This will be subject to the approval of the individual's chief.
- ✘ WCB was supposed to get back in touch with Dave and have not. Individual departments with high numbers of self employed volunteers may want to consider a separate insurance policy; however, be careful the benefits do not reduce WCB benefits. Dave Blacquiere will get in writing from WCB what is needed so they do not claw back

from insurances.

- ⊗ There is a great deal of talk these days regarding Due Diligence. Be careful, if something goes wrong at a fire it may be the person in charge personally who is sued - not the fire department.

911:

- ⊗ The single phone number issue was intended for people who want burning permits or to let the fire department know they are going to burn that day. Dave Blacquiere will send out a registered letter to the chiefs to see if there is a demand for this phone number.
- ⊗ There is a move to have civic address posted on street signs at cross roads.

New Business:

- ⊗ Chief from New York will be coming to the Island in May - we can present the money we have raised at that time. We will see if someone from Summerside wants in on the presentation since a large portion of the money came from there.

Next meeting April 11, 2002, 7:30, Fire School.