

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

President	Vice-President	Past President	Secretary-Treasurer
Bill Gourley	Tim Jenkins	Noel Palmer	Scott Ryan
North River	Charlottetown 1	Charlottetown 2	Charlottetown 2

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
October 15, 2006
St. Peter's Fire Department

The PEI Firefighters Annual General Meeting was called to order at 1450

Minutes of 2005

- ✧ Ken Campbell **moved**, Shawn Jessome **seconded**, minutes of the 2005 Annual General meeting be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

Business Arising

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President's Report (Bill Gourley)

- ✧ Has been a busy year with upgrades to our facility to allow us to properly provide Level I training and to move into Level II training.
- ✧ Holland College program has encouraged us to get this work done in this past year.
- ✧ The Association has taken on a loan with Royal Bank of Canada for \$70,000 to assist in paying for this expansion.
- ✧ The Association was contacted by interested parties in establishing Island EMS, meetings were held across the Province to discuss the issues on a consolidated EMS system.
- ✧ From the meetings, concern was identified that has lead to the establishment of the new 911 committee.
- ✧ Information is being developed on the bursary program related to the Service Memorial.
- ✧ Golf tournament again hosted by the PEI Firefighters Curling Association.
- ✧ The facilities at the fire school have been inspected for possible future use.
- ✧ We have also been able to expand on our fire extinguisher course, which will assist greatly with our own training.
- ✧ In Nova Scotia, Level I training is \$1,200 per member. The Holland College program costs individuals \$12,000.
- ✧ The cost to individual firefighters taking the Level I training has increased this past year to cover operational costs. The new rate is in the \$700 to \$800 range.
- ✧ Additional uses outside of our membership has helped offset the costs to our members.

- ✘ Miles Boulter was nominated as Volunteer of the Year award this past year. We are pleased to have been part of him getting this award.
- ✘ Our water source was upgraded this year to allow us to be self sufficient, there were a couple of wrinkles, but we were able to iron them out.
- ✘ Our website is up and running now, all members are encouraged to sign up and post to. Training schedules, pictures from difference departments, etc. are ideal for this website.
- ✘ The Association sent a letter to the Province regarding access to beaches. The response was a request for more information, we have received responses from a few departments.
- ✘ A request was sent out regarding animal ice rescue and what departments are set up for this task.
- ✘ We have been working on establishing a retired firefighter license plate.
- ✘ The Association is concerned about the land surrounding the school, to ensure we can maintain our current practices, a letter was written to MLA Wayne Collins suggesting the land be transferred to the Fire School. The land the school is on is leased from the Province, this too may change to our ownership. Further they are looking at waiving property taxes for us as well.
- ✘ Thanks to the Fire Marshal's Office for their assistance and support over this past year.
- ✘ Thanks to St. Peter's Fire Department, their vendors.
- ✘ Bill Gourley **moved**, Tim Jenkins **seconded** acceptance of the President's Report as presented. **Motion carried.**

Training Report (Miles Boulter)

- ✘ It has been a busy year, some of our improvements have been on display these past two days on the overhead projector.
- ✘ We have passed a number of inspections, our facilities are now accredited through Holland College.
- ✘ In June a representative from DND looked at us regarding contracting out some of their training. This process has met a number of levels of approval and final word is expected soon.
- ✘ This year we had a total of 1182 classroom sessions, total of 305 individual students. Level I had 682 classroom, 218 fieldwork sessions. These numbers do not include Atlantic Police Academy training
- ✘ Miles attended the FDIC conference in Wolfville. This is a worthwhile conference and any department able to send individuals should.
- ✘ Any applications for courses at the Fire School should be sent back as quickly as possible to ensure you get the training you desire. Applications are mailed and e-mail out by the Fire Marshal's Office, information is posted to our website. We have come a long way in getting the information out, there is room for improvement in getting it back.
- ✘ Miles **moved**, Dave Blacquiere **second** acceptance of the Training Report as presented. **Motion carried.**

Auditors Report (Bill Hogan, Wally Ross)

- ⊗ Bill and Wally reviewed the books of the association and have found everything to be in order.
- ⊗ Bill Hogan **moved**, Ken Campbell **second** approval of this report. **Motion carried.**

Finance Report (Scott Ryan)

- ⊗ Statements were distributed upon registration and discussed.
- ⊗ Scott Ryan **moved**, Dave Rossiter **second** report be accepted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Fire Marshal's Office (Dave Blacquiere)

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- ⊗ Covered through President's Report

Maritime Fire Chiefs Association (Scott Ryan for Noel)

- ⊗ Noel sends greetings from the Maritime Fire Chief's Association and reminds all members that the car tickets are an excellent way for departments to raise money. Sales of tickets are not restricted to fire departments so if anyone knows of a service organization looking to make money, please provide Noel with their name so he can follow up. As in the past, half the money collected stays with the department that sells the tickets. MFCA provides the Association with a grant each year and would like to see more tickets being sold on the Island to justify this grant.

New Business

- ⊗ By-Law Amendments:
- ⊗ Amendment 1 (change Article IV – Meetings to change “on the first Sunday of October” to “within three (3) months of the fiscal year”, moved by Tim Jenkins, seconded by Rod MacDonald. Motion carried.
- ⊗ Why 3 months?
- ⊗ Amendment 2 (change Article V – Directors from quorum of “(6)” to a quorum of “five (5)”, moved by Kevin Arsenault, second by Ken Campbell, motion carried
- ⊗ ID Cards – who do they belong to, individual, FD or PEIFFA?
- ⊗ Moved by Dave Rossiter, seconded by Jim Getson, the Association not pursue ID Cards, motion carried.

- ✘ Information was sent some time ago regarding notice of intention of combining dues to the PEIFFA dues to include one membership to MFCA and one to CAFC for each department.
- ✘ Moved by Dave Rossiter, seconded by Ron McTavish, we include one membership to MFCA and one membership to CAFC with our membership each year. Motion carried one nay.
- ✘ Discussion on the issue of 911 issues. A survey was sent out by the new committee, Tim Jenkins reviewed the results and an analysis of some of the issues.
- ✘ Tim Jenkins moved, Claud Dorgan seconded we request that the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs implement a communications facility or facilities that would act as a single point of contact for answering/dispatching/ and assisting agency for managing communications for all 911 calls.
- ✘ MFCA is hosting the convention in 2007, hopefully all will attend.

Nominating Committee

- ✘ President: Bill Gourley, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Vice President: Tim Jenkins, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Secretary-Treasurer: Scott Ryan, nomination called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Prince County: Dale Harris, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Prince County: Nominations from floor called three times. Scott Wilson was nominated. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Queens County: Rod MacDonald, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Queens County: Donnie MacEwen nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Kings County: John Donahoe, nominations from floor called three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.
- ✘ Kings County: nominations from the floor called three times. Arthur MacKay has stepped forward for this role.
- ✘ Scott Ryan **moved** acceptance of report, Shawn Jessome **seconded**. **Motion carried.**