

A Meeting was held November 17, 1968 at 2:00 P.M. in the Club Room of the Charlottetown Fire Department. In attendance were 33 members from 13 Brigades as per the attached list. The purpose of the meeting was to organize the Prince Edward Island fire brigades. It was decided at the meeting a name for the organization will be selected at a later date. The meeting was called to order by the Chief of the Charlottetown Fire Department, Gordon Stewart.

It was moved by Blair Campbell, seconded by Jack Myers that Tom O'Leary be Secretary for the day only. Carried.

The group unanimously requested Chief Stewart to act as Chairman and he consented to do so.

Chief Mcaskill of Parkdale voiced the opinion and it was generally agreed that we proceed.

A discussion on membership then took place. The question was brought up whether it should just be the Chiefs of the brigades or all firefighters be active members. Dan Mcaskill brought to the attention of the group that at a recent meeting in Summerside all firefighters be members. Chief Stewart and Chief Mcaskill went into a lengthy exchange on who should belong and should vote. Further group discussion followed. It was decided there be 3 classes of members, active, associate, and honorary.

On a motion by Sheldon Harris, seconded by Keith Wheatley it was decided the basis of the organization be comprised of people from each Department on the Island. Carried.

It was moved by Dan Mcaskill, seconded by Ray Gallant that we appoint officers as follows: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President and 2 Directors from each county. Carried.

Brenton Hennessey then made a motion that the term of office be for one year, seconded by Sheldon Harris. Carried.

A discussion then followed regarding the number of meetings to be held during the year, 1-2-3 or 4, the time of the year and travelling conditions. The thought was brought up that perhaps we should go back to our Departments as we might not have the authority to decide. Nothing definite was settled, however, Chief Stewart stated that in his opinion, there should be an annual meeting which could be an all day affair. It could be in the form of an annual field day. It was generally thought that the organization should be formed before any decision be made on an annual meeting.

## EXECUTIVE

President	-	Chief Gordon Stewart
Secretary-Treasurer	-	Les Gillespie
Vice-President	-	Bruce MacLeod (Prince)
Vice-President	-	Chief J.D. McAskill (Queens)
Vice-President	-	Chief R.R. Beck (Kings)

### Directors

Kings	-	1. Ross Young
		2. J.A. Ferguson
Queens	-	1. Keith Wheatley
		2. Peter Gallant
Prince	-	1. Cedric Arsenault
		2. Walter Duggan

ATTENDANCE November 17, 1968

1. Belfast - L. J. Hubley
2. Charlottetown - Chief Gordon Stewart, Dep. Chief Connolly, Captain Les Gillespie, B. Hennessy
3. Crapaud - Chief John Myers, Blair Campbell, Norman Lowther and T.E. O'Leary.
4. Kensington - Chief L. Bruce MacLeod, Andrew MacLean.
5. Mount Stewart - Chief Eldon Glover, Mr. Barrett.
6. North River - Chief J. Keith Wheatley
7. North Rustico - Maynard Gallant, Ray Gallant, Wayne Gallant, Harvey Gallant, Peter Gallant.
8. O'Leary - Chief Wilfred Dennis, Hebert Dennis.
9. Parkdale - Chief John D. McAskill, Doug Moore, Dawson Hooper.
10. Sherwood - Eddy Acorn.
11. Summerside - Walter Duggan, Earl Hagen, Sheldon Harris.
12. Vernon River - Chief Ronald Morrissey, George Carrier.
13. Wellington - Chief Cedric Arsenault, Abel Arsenault, Ray Gallant.

The assembly then asked that the executive be decided on.

It was moved by L.J. Hubley, seconded by Les Gillespie that the nominations be made from the floor. Carried.

For the nomination of President -  
Bruce MacLeod nominated Chief Stewart  
Peter Gallant nominated Chief McAskill  
Chief McAskill nominated Walter Duggan

Moved by Eldon Glover, seconded by Bruce MacLeod that nominations cease. Chief Stewart elected.

It was moved by Chief Stewart, seconded by Eldon Glover that Les Gillespie be Secretary-Treasurer. Carried.

For the office of Vice-President Prince County -  
Walter Duggan nominated Bruce MacLeod  
Bruce MacLeod nominated Walter Duggan

Moved by C. Arsenault, seconded by Abel Arsenault that nominations cease. Bruce MacLeod elected.

For the office of Vice-President Queens County -  
Wayne Gallant nominated Peter Gallant  
Keith Wheatley nominated J. D. McAskill  
Les Gillespie nominated Luther Hubley

Moved by Earl Hagen, seconded by Harvey Gallant that nominations cease. J.D. McAskill elected.

For the office of Vice-President Kings -  
Eldon Glover nominated Ralph Beck

Moved by Ray Gallant, seconded by Harvey Gallant that nominations cease. Ralph Beck elected.

For the office of Director Prince County -  
Ray Gallant nominated Cedric Arsenault  
Bruce MacLeod nominated Walter Duggan

Moved by Abel Arsenault, seconded by Sheldon Harris that nominations cease. Cedric Arsenault and Walter Duggan elected.

For the office of Director Queens County -  
Doug Moore nominated R. Wheatley  
Wayne Gallant nominated Peter Gallant

Moved by Cedric Arsenault, seconded by Sheldon Harris that nominations cease. R. Wheatley and Peter Gallant elected.

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For the office of Director Kings County -  
Eldon Glover nominated Ross Young  
L. Hubley nominated J.A. Ferguson

Moved by Earl Hagen, seconded by Ray Peters that  
nominations cease. Ross Young and J.A. Ferguson elected.

Moved by Earl Hagen, seconded by Bruce MacLeod that  
the organization have two voting delegates from each Department  
to be picked from each Department for each meeting. Carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

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October 5th, 1969.

The first Annual Meeting of the P.E. Island Firefighters Association was held in the Charlottetown Fire Department Headquarters at 2 p.m. October 5th, 1969.

Roll Call showed 20 Departments in attendance.

Minutes of Organizational and Executive Meetings were read and approved.

Proposed Constitution & By-Laws were read and on motion by E. Acorn seconded by W. Corney that the constitution and by-laws be approved as read, motion carried. W. Corney suggested that Article XI of the by-laws should have added to it that any Department leaving the Association for a year or so and wishes to rejoin again should pay all back dues before being admitted.

The Prov. Fire Marshall Coffin suggested that he should not be a voting delegate. No action was taken on his suggestion. President Stewart asked the Executive to retire so that they could pick a nominating committee to bring a slate of Officers for the year 1969-70. Fire Marshall Coffin was then asked to address the Meeting. He welcomed the members for their attendance and interest in the Association. He spoke briefly on the Workmen's Compensation and also the Government Assistance plan for Rural Fire Departments, after which a motion was moved by W. Corney and seconded by A. Arsenault that a letter be forwarded to the Hon. Bruce Stewart stating that the Association were interested in Workmen's Compensation plan, motion carried.

Meeting was then open for discussions of interest to the Association. Mutual Aid was first discussed by several members. It was the opinion of all concerned that assistance asked for should be delegated through the Chief or Deputy-Chief of the Department so requesting it. W. Dennis of O'Leary Fire Department gave a brief outline of what they have done so far as Mutual Aid was concerned. W. Corney spoke briefly on Mutual Aid. Hose Coupling Threads were next discussed at length after which it was decided to have the Fire Marshalls Office make a survey of the different departments as to what threads they were using on the 2½ inch hose. Training Program was next discussed. Fire Marshall Coffin informed that meeting that he had put an amount of \$10,000.00 in his budget for next year to erect a Fire Training Tower. W. Corney spoke briefly on the Workshop held recently at the Air Base in Summerside. H. Crockett spoke on the Training Tower and outlined what its uses would be in Training. Field Day for the Association was discussed, after which it was the feeling of the members that such a Field Day would be beneficial for the Association as Competitions were held at such Field Days along the lines of actual Fire Department workouts.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The nominating committee brought in the following report that the present Executive be re-elected. The President then asked for nominations from the floor.

For President - G. Stewart was re-elected for another term.

Sect- Treasurer - L. Gillespie was re-elected for another term.

1st Vice-President:-

Queens Nominating Committee nominated D. McAskill. The floor nominated H. Dingwell. Ballott spread and H. Dingwell was elected.

Kings R.R. Beck was re-elected for another term.

Prince Nominating Committed nominated B. MacLeod. The floor nominated W. Corney. Ballott was spread and W. Corney was elected.

Directors:-

Queens K. Wheatley and Peter Gallant were re-elected. ✓

Prince C. Arsenault and E. Hayes were declared elected by ballott vote.

Kings D. Gillis and F. Stewart were declared elected by ballott vote.

Discussion on the \$1500.00 yearly grant to Rural Fire Departments was brought before the Meeting and after several members spoke on the matter it was unamously agreed that the Executive be impowered to persue the Government with the thought in mind to try and raise the Grant to \$2,000.00. On motion, meeting adjourned.

L. Gillespie,  
Secretary-Treasurer.