

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 Executive Meeting
December 11, 2008 7:00p.m.
Fire School

Members Present:

Dale Harris	Ken Campbell
Bill Gourley	Miles Boulter
Rod MacDonald	Donnie MacEwen
Tim Jenkins	Art MacKay
Gordon MacFadyen	John Donahoe

Art moved, Dale seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2008, motion carried.

Old Business:

None discussed

Correspondence:

None received.

Treasurer:

Gordon reported that contact with Lennox island has been established through Chief Bernard. Chief Bernard indicated that the outstanding balance would be settled over a three month time period. The first installment has been received.

Gordon also provided a listing of the current receivables and available cash balance. He noted that this is the time of the year that cash flow is at its lowest. Discussion amongst the board regarding the need to establish a form of short term credit.

A motion was put forward by Jason seconded by Dale that the treasurer should approach the bank to establish a credit facility in the amount of \$10,000 . **MOTION CARRIED.**

Training:

Miles reported that he has met with Dave Rossiter who has developed an electronic calendar that would offer all the training opportunities for member departments. The calendar would be updated and housed on our website. A hard copy was distributed to board members. The board was supportive of the idea. Miles will populate the calendar and bring back to the next meeting for approval.

Miles is interested in developing a fall protection course to offer to our commercial clientele. The board was supportive of the idea and requested that Miles bring back the specific items required to offer the course.

Level one roll out meetings will begin next week. The lesson plans are ready to be distributed to the various training centres.

Miles provided information on the current planning for the new building. He has a resource (draftsperson) that will rough up a sketch. A plot plan is also required miles contacted the Department of Transportation and Public Works to assist in completing the plot plan.

Miles also reported that a number of letters of thanks will be going out to the many organizations that provide assistance to the PEIFFA.

New Business:

Tim informed the board that John Donahoe has agreed to serve on the board as a director for Kings County. Tim contacted his former chief and the chief was agreeable to the appointment.

A motion to appoint John as a director for Kings County was offered by Rod seconded by Bill.
MOTION CARRIED.

Tim brought information to the group about an email sent by Harley in which concerns about the new MFR training were raised. Additional discussions have taken place in an attempt to further explain the process and to address the specific concerns.

Minister Bertram through a statement in the legislature highlighted the great work carried out by the PEIFFA and all Fire Departments across the Island. She also gave much deserved recognition to Miles Boulter for his service to the organization. Minister Bertram also indicated that the government will assist the PEIFFA financially through funding upgrades to the fire schools infrastructure.

Tim reported that he has been meeting with government officials regarding the infrastructure funding announcements. There will be opportunities for the organization to access funding that in the past had been reserved for municipalities.

Rod has received a request from some firefighters that the organization consider offering level one training classroom sessions on the weekend. Miles responded that it had been tried in the past and that the current training schedule is proving to be more popular. The current schedule has been developed but consideration will be given to incorporating weekend sessions in future offerings. Jason requested that when developing future training schedules that training sites look to vary the start date so that the same modules would not be offered on the same days. This would allow a person to attend all sessions over a two year period.

Fire Marshal's Office:

Ken passed on congratulations to the Charlottetown Fire Department on receiving a life safety award. The award is presented to cities the over a specified period of time have nor fire fatalities.

Ken also passed on congratulations to the Board of Directors for the work carried out on behalf of all member Departments. The organization has show plenty of progress over the years in the areas of member training.

The staff in the Fire Marshal's wishes all a Merry Christmas and hopes for a safe holiday season.

Medical First Responder/911:

MFR - next meeting scheduled early January. Lots of activity but nothing final to report. Island EMS' lead trainer is being trained in December and the remainder of the instructors will be trained in January. The plan is to commence training for MFRs in February.

911 - The Office of Public safety is leading a project to update the radio infrastructure on the island and there is discussion on developing a system that will be compatible for all maritime provinces.

The plan is to have an integrated system for police, fire and EMS. Information has been provided to Larry Avery that if the new system will required capital outlay by fire departments to purchase new equipment most would not be that interested.

Tim attended an integrated command centre advisory committee meeting. Currently there is an agreement for the message centre to relocate to the new Island Ems building. They also have agreement on the equipment that will be required for the message centre. Renovations will take place in February with a May or June move in.

Island EMS plans to meet with fire departments to discuss dispatching standards so that a consistent professional service can be delivered.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m. Next meeting January 8, at the Fire School, 7:00 p.m.

