

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

President Tim Jenkins Charlottetown 1	Vice-President Rod MacDonald East River	Past President Bill Gourley North River	Secretary-Treasurer Gordon MacFadyen Summerside
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Minutes of the Executive Meeting
February 14, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Fire School

Members Present:

Dale Harris	Ken Campbell
Bill Gourley	Miles Boulter
Rod MacDonald	Harley Perry
Tim Jenkins	Art MacKay
Gordon MacFadyen	Jason Peters

Art moved, Rod seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2008. **Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- Tim advised that the request from the Department of Health to determine interest in providing a service to the coroner's office has not been officially received but is expected soon.

Correspondence:

- A letter was received from MD. Rod explained that he is now the Island representative. His goal is to get interest going on the Island for MD's programs.
- A letter was received from a firefighter from Charlottetown requesting that training received from Parks Canada be recognized and considered equivalent to the program offered by the school. Miles to review the issue and advise the requestor.

Treasurer:

- Gordon circulated a statement outlining the accounts receivable to the association. As well a report on the bank balance and expenses to be paid were also provided.

Training:

- The Charlottetown Department had 22 students taking hazmat training. The training was to challenge the IFSAC program, 18 student passed the course.
- Miles received a quote in the amount of \$10,000 from Neil Shaw to paint the live fire simulator.
- Miles reported that alterations are required to the confined space simulator. A number of anchor points need to be fabricated. It is expected that the cost will be approximately \$1000. The repairs are required to complete the training for the rescue part of the HSE program. A motion to approve the effect of the repairs was moved by Bill seconded by Dale. **Motion Carried.**
- An additional four hundred feet of 1 3/4 line is needed for the spring training. A motion to approve the purchase of the hose was moved by Bill seconded by Rod. **Motion Carried.**
- Miles enquired on the Associations policy on the retention of training records. The policy for the association is to retain records for one year once certification has been completed.
- The Atlantic Policy Academy will be receiving training. There will be approximately 43 students. In the past an instructor has been hired and the rate has been \$160 since 1997. Miles suggested that this rate needs to be revised. A motion to approve an increase in the rate from \$160 to \$180 was moved by Jason seconded by Rod. **Motion Carried.**
- Miles advised that truck repairs will definitely be required. Both fenders need to be replaced and the box is weak. The group discussed the merits of repairing a 1995 truck versus buying something more appropriate. Miles indicated that a van would better suit the needs of the association. A motion to approve the purchase a second hand van to the max of \$5000 was moved by Jason and seconded by Rod. **Motion Carried.**
- Inspections are required for the associations harnesses. A cheque in the amount of \$1.00 will be required to bring Gordon Fraser on the payroll.

- A discussion on Level One training was held. Miles advised the group that we will require four complete sets of material. We have two on hand and will require another two sets. Miles also reported that a change in the delivery process is available. The association will be able to order CDs/DvDs from the distributor so that individual departments can deliver the program. If a firefighter want to become certified the workbooks would need to be purchased and a fee to write the final test. The final decision on this topic is not required right away.
- The poster for the Red Cross MFR training comes down on Monday. Based on the registrations to date it is likely that the course will be cancelled.
- Two ice rescue courses are being scheduled for March. There is an opportunity to receive JEP funding to assist in the implementation of the training. JEP will contribute up to \$8,000 or 50% of the program costs. A discussion on the costs for the training was held and in particular the need to procure additional suits. The past implementation of the course required borrowing suits from NS. The association was required to pick the suit in NS clean and dry them and return them back to NS. A plan to build up the inventory of suits was discussed and a motion to purchase a number of suits was made by Jason seconded by Art. **Motion carried.**

Fire Marshal's Office:

- Ken reported that changes to the Hiway Traffic Act are being proposed by TPW that would remove the seat belt exemption. If passed all motor vehicle useage would require all occupants to were seatbelts no exemptions. The FMO requested that TPW consider grandfathering fire vehicles that do not currently have belts.
- The Fire Marshal, the Chief Instructor, and the President of the Association wil be meeting with Colin Campbell. Mr. Campbell works with the Department of Health's Community and mental Health Division. The group will be discussing the potential for establishing Critical Incident Stress training for Departments.
- Ken reported that his current Director has accepted a secondment to the Department of Education. Until a replacement is secured Albert MacDonald has assumed the day to day responsibilities for the FMO.

Medical First Responder/911:

- The President talked with Craig Pierre of Island EMS. He is still discussing with Community and Cultural Affairs the potential for changes to the 911 system.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m. Next meeting March 13, 2008 at the Fire School, 7:00 p.m.

