

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

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Tim Jenkins	Rod MacDonald	Bill Gourley	Gordon MacFadyen
Charlottetown 1	East River	North River	Summerside

Minutes of the Executive Meeting
January 10, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Fire School

Members Present:

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

Rod moved, Art seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2007. **Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- Miles reported that he was able to obtain a replacement for the gas meter and that there will be no cost to the association.
- Rod reported that the welder (Charles) was very appreciative of the gift certificates given to him as a token of our thanks for the work performed.
- The group briefly discussed the merits of a mission statement and a business plan. We need to determine what it is we really want/should be doing. All Agreed that training is a big part. The words fellowship were big in the past but that concept seems to be waning.

Correspondence:

- A letter was received from the Atlantic Police Academy requesting the use of the live fire simulator on Feb.6 and to receive training on the use of extinguishers.

- Nicole Matheson with the Bullex Company wants the Fire School to provide a testimonial on the use and the effectiveness of the product. She is willing to donate an extinguisher valued at \$299. Bill will assist Miles in preparing the letter and forward to Nicole.

Treasurer:

- Gordon circulated a statement outlining the accounts receivable to the association.
- The proceeds of the extension to the loan have been received from the Royal Bank. Honorarium cheques will be issued to instructors as of tonight.

Training:

- Level 1 has commenced. The numbers down east are not good. Miles believes that there may be only one new student.
- We have received one complete set of the 5th edition.
- Miles started getting prices on his wish list. The price for three hydrants and the related connections will cost 18,600 taxes in. Installation will be extra but Miles expects the price to be reasonable.
- Repairs on the truck were required due to a freeze up. Miles is looking at putting in a heated space for the trucks along with heat for the classroom and the gear drying area.
- A price was received for the body work required on the truck. The estimate was \$7000 and based on that number the repairs will not be carried out.
- Miles reported that Neil Shaw has been contacted to provide a price to paint the live fire simulator. No information has been received to date.
- Plowing at the school has been an issue. Miles will follow up with TPW to see if they can help out.
- The next two courses are instructors training there are 10 registered and fire attack with 9 registered.

Tim wondered whether it was worthwhile to provide a SCBA maintenance course. The group believe that only Scott currently provides this service and it has proven costly to bring the rep and the required equipment. Miles will follow up with Bill Hogan regarding the specific details.

A discussion on the policy billing students when they take the instructors course. Currently if the student is an instructor for the fire school they will not be billed. The group agreed that this could be extended to anyone who will within a reasonable time period teach a course for the school.

On the topic of IFSAC certification Miles continues to believe that we are not ready on the administrative side. There is another organization, Proboard who is also interested in our association. They are also internationally recognized

Bill advised the group that he has retired as an active firefighter and that his connection with the Association. To ensure his continued membership Jason moved seconded by Rod that Bill be hired as an instructor for the school. **Motion Carried.**

Fire Marshal's Office:

- Ken reported that the presentation to all Department's is set to begin. There will be information provided on the signs to look for and the proper treatment of Alzheimer patients. The tour will also provide information on a program, the Vial of Life, that has been supported over the years by Bennett Campbell.
- Ken reported that his office is looking into exploding batteries that have been associated with Buy-Rite stores. To date they do not know whether the products have a manufacturing defect or they are a forged product. Instances have been reported in other province and the matter has been turned over to the RCMP.
- Ken advised that his Department is interested in receiving fire statistics from all departments. The track record of fire departments is not consistent. There need to be some carrot or maybe a stick to encourage reporting.

Medical First Responder/911:

- Island EMS has designated to paramedics who will be responsible to draw up a plan to MFR on PEI.
- There is an issue on dealing with the two types of MFR certification and re-certification. The time lines for re-certification for the Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance programs are different.
- Tim reported that the Department of Health was approached to determine whether they would fund the procurement of the triage tags for MFR. A number needs to be determined.

New Business:

- Minister Bertram has not visited the school to date. No date has been set.
- A discussion on the need to have better signage at the road showing the location of the driveway.
- A letter was sent from the FMO to the IFSAC Board indicating his support for our application. Many Thanks to the FMO.
- A discussion was held with Aaron Campbell of the Department of Health related to an opportunity to provide backup transportation for the coroners office. If Island EMS first unit is tied up they will not send the second unit. Aaron was enquiring whether there was any interest from member departments. The Attorney General's Office will send a letter requesting a proposal.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m. Next meeting February 14, 2008 at the Fire School, 7:00 p.m.

