

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

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Charlottetown 1	East River	North River	Summerside

Minutes of the Executive Meeting
December 10, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Fire School

Members Present:

Dale Harris	Dave Rossiter
Bill Gourley	Miles Boulter
Tim Jenkins	Rod MacDonald
Gordon MacFadyen	Glen Cameron
Bob Morrison	Harley Perry

Dale moved, Rod seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2009. **Motion carried.**

A warm welcome was extended by President Jenkins to the new board members Glen Cameron and Bob Morrison.

Old Business

Regarding the building Tim reported that Holland College is unable to commit to a long term agreement for the use of the school. They are taking the field work portion for the next platoon to Fredericton and then returning to our facility after that. Currently they have no long term plan for the program.

A costing has been received from APM which looked at a new design a combination truck bay and student classroom facility. The estimated cost of the new design is \$754,000.

With the uncertainty on the future relationship with Holland College and the estimated cost of the new design it was felt we should not go forward with such a large project and that we should concentrate on our core business and plan for a building that will meet the needs of our members and be affordable. We should pursue a facility with four bays and a mezzanine.

To date there have been no enquiries from any Queens County department interested in hosting the 2010 AGM. Will keep the request open.

Tim reported that coroner's vehicle is still being parked at the Fire School. Members are actively looking for a suitable parking space closer to town. The call volume is steady and to date the service is going well.

Treasurer

Gordon circulated information on the Associations accounts receivable and available cash balance as at November 20 2009.

Training

Miles reported that the APA billing was sent. The total of the invoice was approximately \$17K. As a result of the wear and tear of the training evolutions repairs to the hydrant and a new steamer adapter will be required.

A thank you note will be sent to Drager Safety recognizing them for their contribution of two breathing apparatuses to the school.

Miles has been carrying out some research on the cost of the rope rescue course and believe that if we purchase some additional equipment we could reduce the cost of the course from \$400 to \$200. Miles will proceed with obtaining a list and corresponding prices to purchase the required equipment.

Miles requested a motion to allow Bill Hogan to continue teaching with the school after his retirement. Motion offered by Rod seconded by Dale. **Motion Carried.**

Miles indicated that Bill has agreed to begin researching the possibilities for putting together a proposal to the CRTI Fund. The fund is a federal initiative. The plan would focus on hazmat equipment and procedures.

The level one schedule has been sent out to all training centres.

Miles posed a question regarding passing grades for training programs offered by the school. Currently the passing grade is 65% and Miles wanted it to go to 70%. There was a good discussion on the pros and the cons and based on the fact that the majority of the students score well in excess of 65% it was felt that setting the standard at 70% would be a positive move for the school.

A motion to immediately establish a standard where the minimum grade achieved for successful completion of a PEIFFA training course will be 70% was offered by Rod seconded by Glen. **Motion Carried.**

Fire Marshall's Office

Staffing continues at the FMO. The code compliance officer received no qualified candidates. Options to fill the vacancy are now being determined. The building inspection officer position went out to the public yesterday.

The FMO has received some concerns over a potential liability issue for FD having keys to elevators and performing elevator rescues. Dave has conducted some research and has found a gentleman in Halifax who is able to provide training for elevator rescues. To make it worth his while to travel to the island he would need 15-20 students. His cost is 350/student. FMO will send out a note to Departments to determine whether there is sufficient interest to put on a course.

Dave advised that he will be attending a strategic planning meeting for the CAFC June 12-15. If there are any issues that should be brought to the attention of this organization and pursued on our behalf let him know. The annual conference for the CAFC is in St. John NB in the fall.

New Business

Tim advised that he received a call from Greg McCormac who is interested in joining our organization as an associate member. Their interest is in receiving the medical protocols and potentially training under the MFR program. Further discussion on the issue will be required.

Bill advises that a group of retired firefighters is hoping to work with the department of motor vehicles to establish a special plate to identify retired members.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Bob seconded by Bill.

Meeting adjourned 8:35