

**SouthEastern FireFighters' Association/ Association des Sapeurs Pompier de Sudest
Representing Albert, Kent, Westmorland Counties
Sunday, March 18th, 2012 at Riverview Fire & Rescue**

President Jody Pratt called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and thanking Riverview Fire for hosting the meeting. Meeting agendas were passed out to members.

Adoption of previous meeting minutes (January 22nd, 2012):

Chief David Gallant motioned to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by D/C Darrell Weir. Minutes were accepted with amendment to the statement that Maria had resigned from her positions in the Association but has not left the Association, nor was she asked to leave or forced out. Maria Northrup's letter and report have been added to the minutes and will be posted to the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections 2012

Tim Gaudet, Nomination Committee Chair did not receive any nominations for either Secretary-Treasurer or the Association Training Coordinator positions.

Association Training Coordinator

President Jody Pratt, Interim ATC, did state that his taking the position was to get the ball rolling for FF1 training. He also informed membership that there were only a select few members in attendance that met the qualifications of ATC. Chief Greg Partridge nominated VP Daniel Dupuis for the position of ATC and was accepted.

Secretary-Treasurer

As there were no one nominated for this position, it was decided again to push this election off until the next meeting in hopes someone would accept the position. President Jody Pratt has been assuming the role since the January meeting as well by corresponding with members, collecting information and taking meeting minutes. A possibility of separating this position into two separate titles while we address the Association Constitution will be discussed.

REPORTS

Albert County Report-Chief Glen Northrup

Hillsborough Fire Firefighter 2 course completed testing and into practical sessions. Riverside-Albert Fire Firefighter 1 completed testing and most of their practical training. Calls in the area have been minimal.

Kent County Report-Peter Sock

Calls have been quiet. There are now 22 certified firefighters in Beersville. Their application for off-road rescue is in progress now.

Westmorland County Report-Daniel Dupuis

Department database information has been collected. Dorchester had a large structure fire that required mutual aid. Cape Tormentine also had a fire that required mutual aid. Transport Canada training seminars and materials are available to our members. Both Memramcook and Sackville Fire celebrated their new fire stations with a Grand Opening event. Congratulations to both departments!

Financial Report- Chief Glen Northrup for Maria Northrup (Absent)

There were no changes in the account since the last report. The current balance is \$5,593.51. Invoices for annual dues have not been sent out yet but will be and they will reflect the \$100 that was voted on last year.

ATC Report-President Jody Pratt (Interim ATC)

The Training Committee had met after the January meeting to decide on the Shediac hosted FF1 course. The Committee agreed to approve the course. Chief Glen Northrup confirmed that Maria Northrup would not be remaining as ATC. President Jody Pratt accepted the position on interim basis to get the Shediac course underway. Jody also mentioned another train-the-trainer session for Off-Road Rescue will be held for those requesting it.

Training Committee-President Jody Pratt

The Training Committee met just before the March meeting and discussed ongoing issues with communications during an Association run firefighter program in Shediac. The issue at hand is a repeat of events that we thought we had rectified with NBCC and OFM in a November 2011 meeting. To date the ATC/TRG COMM is being sidestepped and left out of the loop for class attendance and exam requests. The committee has agreed that a letter must be addressed to Leandre Rousell, Dept Head at NBCC Miramichi and Acting Fire Marshal Norm Thibodeau to straighten this out once and for all.

NBAFC-Chief Greg Partridge and Chief John Magee

Chief Partridge

- Last meeting was February 10th and 11th.
- May 2nd – 7th the NSFS Fire trailer will be available in our area at \$1,000/day and money is available from NBAFC just for asking.
- NBAFPO & NBAFC has entered into discussions whether to amalgamate their convention/seminar into one event.
- DNR has not offered EFF training and is taking requests for refresher training or any new members requiring initial wild land fire training. Calls were down in 2011 to 79 calls in the Province totalling a loss of 28 hectares.
- Off-Road Rescue (5-hour) training requires a minimum of 15 members to organize. Manuals available through NBCC at no charge.
- The status of the Training Standards Advisory Committee is being seriously considered by OFM and may be reinstated soon to address some of the Province's immediate training needs and concerns.
- It was suggested that all villages and towns should have letters submitted stating what rescue services they can / cannot perform to eliminate any future litigation in the event of any liability suits.

- The Fire Reporting System is undergoing some upgrades and improvements. Test departments within each association may be approached to work out issues.

Chief John Magee

- OFM has been asked to mediate concerns between firefighter associations and NBCC during funded training programs.

Volunteer Fire Chiefs-Chief Dave Gallant

Next meeting is March 31st in Miramichi. Any issues or concerns should be forwarded to Chief Gallant to present at the meeting.

SEFFA Website-Chief Glen Northrup:

Chief Northrup had nothing to report. President Jody Pratt encouraged departments again to share their news with photos and write-ups.

NBAFPO-Chief Glen Northrup (Maria Northrup was absent):

Rooms in the first reserved block at the Algonquin have been booked and more have been secured although space is limited and other arrangements have been made with a neighbouring hotel. The seminar promises to be an awesome event, there is a great line-up of presenters and the attendance numbers are looking high. Registrations are slow; you are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

For more information: Email nbafpo@nb.aibn.com Call 734-2918.

OFM - RFM Paul Boudreau (was absent):

- No report.

Association

President Jody Pratt reported

- NBCC asked Jody to become a committee member of a newly formed training committee for francophone firefighters at the Annual Workshop in Miramichi. Their first meeting was held on March 8th in Miramichi. Active instructors that are able to instruct in French are encouraged to communicate their interest to Jody as soon as possible so that logistics can be worked out for this year's workshop. Those interested are asked to submit subject content, class requirements, practical session needs and an outline as soon as possible.
- John Beers of Harcourt Fire has organized an Emergency Services Solution Group to open discussions amongst several entities including Harcourt Fire, Beersville Fire, RCMP, OFM, NB-911, and ANB. The purpose of the group is to find solutions to issues that hamper the effectiveness of response in jurisdictions. Jody attended the first meeting that was held on March 15th. It was well attended and very informative. John is to be commended for his efforts in organizing this group.
- Lastly, Jody has been busy developing a database of contacts and resources of individuals from various organizations, groups and agencies that can deliver relevant information to our members either in a meeting environment or as mini-seminars/workshops when time permits. A partial list to date includes RCMP Traffic Control, NB Power, DNR, Autism NB, NB-911, ANB, M&NE Pipeline, CN Rail/ CN Police, and the list goes on. Members are encouraged to make any suggestions on topics that they feel is important to learn more about.

NEW BUSINESS

Firefighter Tax Credit

Chief Glen Northrup informed members that the Fire Reporting System website will allow Fire Chiefs to create verification receipts for time served in a department for their members for income tax purposes.

OPEN FLOOR

Supplier's Presentations

President Jody Pratt invited Darlene Collier of Carleton Uniforms, who was the only supplier in attendance to deliver a short presentation on her products.

- Darlene informed the members that there was a slight price increase in their ever-popular Firefighter station wear package of \$99.99 was now \$109.99 but included either dress or cargo pants. She also discussed the change from a poly-cotton to poly-wool uniform, although more expensive, performed better under normal conditions and was comfortable for the wearer.

Adjournment

Motioned by Deputy Chief Darrell Weir and seconded by Deputy Chief Milt Cawley. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: June 10th, 2012

Venue: Riverview Fire & Rescue

**This will be our annual BBQ
and presentation meeting.**

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