

SouthEastern FireFighters' Association
Association des Sapeur Pompier de Sudest
Representing Albert, Kent, Westmorland Counties
Thursday, 16 May 2013

The Meeting was held at Dieppe Fire Department, President Raymond Leblanc called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and thanking the Dieppe Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

Minutes from 21 March 2013 were passed out to those who needed them. This meeting was again well attended, with once again new faces being seen.

Ten Fire Departments were represented as well as the Office of the Fire Marshall, also in Attendance were Representative from Mic Mac Fire and Safety and Aero Feu.

Adoption of previous Meetings minutes (21 March, 2013)

Daniel Dupuis moved to accept minutes

Denis Pleau seconded the motion

Minutes accepted and will be posted to the website with revision.

Presidents Report – Raymond Leblanc

- Not at last meeting
- Since becoming President has been trying to retrieve paper work and files regarding the Assoc. not a lot of information has been found, with a lot among the missing.
- A letter has been sent to SEFFA Departments requesting 2012 and 2013 dues, which has not been collected for a couple years, any received will be greatly appreciated.
- Spring Training for 2013 has been canceled due to a lack of help, hopefully will return in 2014.
- Executive was Introduced:
- President: Raymond Leblanc chief.leblanc@hotmail.com
- VP Westmorland County: Conrad Landry conrad.landry@dieppe.ca
- VP Kent County: Danny Desroche cocagnefire@nb.aibn.com
- VP Albert County: Peter Murphy peter.murphy2@dulux.ca

- Treasurer: Tim Dryden trainboy@nb.sympatico.ca
- Secretary: Timothy Gaudet fireguy0020@yahoo.ca
- ATC: Daniel Dupuis firefighter.dan@hotmail.com

Any Concerns? Contact respective Director or President

Treasurers Report – Tim Dryden

- Bank Balance as of 07 May 2013 was \$3039.09
- Minimum records have been available, will get a printout from BNS for last 2-3 years

VP Westmorland Report – Conrad Landry

- Nothing to Report
- Major Forest Fire in the Salisbury Area, 8 departments involved, 2 homes lost, fire consumed approx.. 150 hectares/370 acres

VP Kent County – Danny Desroche

- A meeting was held in Beersville regarding Shale Gas Exploration, explaining what is done, and any dangers involved, all is safe, testing only at this time.

VP Albert County – Peter Murphy (not present) no report submitted

- Nothing to report

ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis

Association training coordinator report

Level 1

Richibouctou village/saint Louis course is done, just jprs to do on a weekend to be determined by instructors and students.

Sackville course is going well, they have completed block 4 and in the middle of block 5

Please submit your requests for a level 1 or submit number of students per department to see if we can organise a course in your region.

Level 2

Riverside albert has requested a level 2 course if they can get enough firefighters a request will be made for a paid course.

Dieppe would like to host a level 2 this fall with students from surrounding area (student numbers seem good]

Dorchester would like to host a level 2 also, looking for students.

Please submit your students interested in completing their level 2 in order to organise course in your region.

Off road rescue[low angle rescue]

A train the trainer weekend was done in November including daniel dupuis, Kevin cormier, robin true and david cail representing southeastern.nbcc has bought an off road rescue kit including sked, climbing harness, ropes, pulleys ect..for training course.this courses is currently available .this course is the second part for off road rescue [basic remote rescue]beersville and riverview have done this course with good feedback and serves as another tool for the fire service

Basic remote rescue

Course still available,at no cost to fire departments

Hazardous material team

Would members be interested in having a demo of haz mat team?to give us an idea of what is expected of firefighters at haz mat scenes and go through equipment they use.

Burn unit

Mobile burn unit has come to shediac ,we have had positive feedback from members in attendance

NBAFC Report – Raymond Leblanc

- Gaeton Savoie has been named Representative from Acadian Peninsula Association
- A government grant for \$60,000.00 was given to NBAFC, Allocation of the funds are as follows: \$47,000.00 live fire burn, \$6,000.00 annual workshop, \$4,500.00 convention 2013, \$2,500.00 posters NBAFPO
- Royal FF Association put forth a motion requiring that all home oxygen systems be registered and PSAP/911 Dispatch be notified.
- MFR/EMS, there are still problems with lift assist requests from AMBULANCE NB, Peter Kavanaugh advised that the LSD Areas have no coverage for Lift Assist Injuries, this is not mandated under the act.
- Firefighter Plates, Amendments will include Company Vehicles, as long as the Members name is included on the Registration, also a limit of 2 vehicles will be allowed per member, this will be policed by the Department Chief.
- DNR, Les Jarvis is new Manager of Forest Fire Management Section of Regional Support Services, Tim Greer has left PFFC and has been replaced by Sandy McKinnon. DNR has asked Departments for a list of Equipment this is for equipment used in Forest Fire Suppression only.

NBAFC Convention 2013 is in Grand Falls, NB

MFC Convention 2013 is in Summerside, PEI

MFC Convention 2014 is in Pictou County and will be the 100th anniversary of the MFC, rooms can be booked at this time.

NBAFC, April Meeting minutes available at www.nbafc.ca/minutes

Volunteer Chiefs – David Gallant

- Meeting held 23 March 2013 in Miramichi 8 of the 9 Associations were Represented.
- Leon Ross stated no major concerns have been made known to him
- Niosh has changed low level alarm on air packs from 20% to 25%, NFPA has accepted this change.
- 10 year gear replacement is still in question, gear over 10 years old used in Hot Zones should be inspected for Safety and Legality.
- Peter Kavanaugh spoke about Bulk Purchasing, concern was voiced about being required to purchase certain brands, and not matching existing equipment, but said this would not be an issue, this is only to get the best prices from the suppliers on different brands.
- 911 Signs, Many people still do not have 911 signs, question was asked if there is a fine for not having a sign in view, and the possibility of a sign campaign.
- Local Assistant Cards, will be made available from Service NB, they will be similar to the NB Drivers Permit.
- There was a discussion at the meeting regarding Volunteer Chiefs and Chiefs of Composite Departments, and voting, Nadine has clarified this issue.
- Red Light, the Red Light Issue will probably not be looked at with this government.

NBAFPO – Milt Cawley

- NBAFPO Seminar 2013 was held in Woodstock, NB, was well attended with topics from Chemical Suicide to Autism.
2014 Seminar will be held in the Moncton Area, being spearheaded by Charles Leblanc (MFD)
If anybody has suggestions for Topics please speak to Milt Cawley.

OFM – Paul Boudreau

- Not much to report,

- Fire Investigation Courses are progressing well, and will progress quicker in the future.
- Fire Prevention Week 6-12 October 2013, Theme this year is, *Prevent Kitchen Fires – Get Cooking With Fire Safety*
- Launch this year is in New Maryland, NB

NEW BUSINESS

- Milt Cawley, Proposed a motion to pay Jody Pratt for an outstanding Invoice for 2012 SEFFA Barbecue that was held on 10 June 2012 for the amount of \$400.00
Seconded by Dave Gallant
- Denis Pleau, Proposed a motion to pay Maritime Firefighter School for an outstanding Invoice for 2012 Web Hosting and Maintenance for an amount of \$365.00 + tax for a total of \$412.45
Seconded Daniel Dupuis
- The question was brought up as to the Website and whether people are using it to our advantage. Conrad Landry said he will look after the site for free, but needs the administrator password to do this.
- The bill for 2013 Web Hosting will be looked into and has been tabled until the next meeting.
- Meetings on Thursday evenings seem to be going quite well, and hopefully we will see more new faces, and more Departments will be represented. We would like to see at least one Representative from each department. There has been positive feedback about the changes.
- SEFFA has been asked if they would be willing to Host the 2014 NBAFC Convention, other are either not ready or are unable to host the Convention,
- Some of the footwork has already been carried out, the usual Convention weekend is not available at Crystal Palace, 23,24,25 May 2014, but the facilities are available the next weekend, 30,31 May and 01 June 2014, all events could be held under one roof.
The change of date would have to be voted on by the NBAFC at the next meeting.
- 2014 Spring Training, Milt Cawley said now is the time to start planning, Facilities at Riverview Fire and Rescue would probably be available for the Training

- It was decided that time would be made available from 6-7pm on meeting nights, for suppliers to show their products, this way suppliers who have to travel distances could get home at a decent hour, as well as if members had concerns about a specific supplier that member would not feel awkward discussing and other suppliers would not have access to this information.
- 2013 Miramichi Workshop is being held on 13-14 September 2013.

Next SEFFA Meeting will be held 26 September 2013 at
Riverview Fire Rescue 650 Pinewood Road, Riverview, NB