

**Southeastern Firefighters' Association**  
**Association des Pompier du Sud-est**  
**Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland**  
**Counties**

**Thursday, 04 December 2014**

The meeting was held at the Bouctouche Village Hall. The meeting was called to order, Bouctouche Fire Department was thanked for hosting the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were passed out to those who needed them.

There were 15 Members in attendance, representing 8 Departments. Raymond Leblanc was also in attendance representing the Office of the Fire Marshall.

**Adoption of Previous Minutes ( Thursday 11 September 2014 )**

Danny Desroche moved to accept minutes.

Dave Gallant seconded the motion.

**President Report / NBAFC Report - Conrad Landry**

Conrad has been contacted by Gerard Belliveau regarding a Regionalization Committee, not much info is known yet.

NBAFC had a meeting, 24-25 October 2014

Nadine Leblanc has been given an increase in pay.

Charlie Kavanaugh updated the Association, he has been to Ottawa and has attended Several Funerals

Worksafe NB is increasing dues for the Departments, they have explained there reasoning for the increase is due to the Cancer Legislation, but some other Community Associations do not agree with the increase either. The Association has asked for the numbers of claims and available info. The price increase is scheduled to start soon.

Petitcodiac Fire Chief Gerald Jones has been named the Canadian Volunteer Chief of the Year.

The NBAFC 50-50 Draw is being discontinued.

Conrad Landry reported to the NBAFC on the Convention that was held in Moncton, the Ladies Program was not well attended, not all Ladies attended that registered, The Convention was well attended.

Next year's Convention is in Quispamsis, the only downside is that there is only one Motel in the area, the rest are in St. John, so there will be some travel involved.

The SEFFA profit from the Convention is \$20022.15 a Cheque for that amount was given to Conrad.

The NBAFC is looking to maybe splitting the Profit between the NBAFC and the Organizing Association.

The Chairperson from the 2014-2015-and 2016 Conventions are all on the Committee to help prevent large differences in the Convention from one year to the next.

A report was given about the NBCC Workshop, was good, attendance was down, slightly under 100. Information Pamphlets will be available earlier next year. Not enough emphasis is been given on the Theory side of the Training. Mark Gregory was brought in from the FDNY and 6 attended his lecture, which was disappointing, his afternoon session was canceled.

There was also many problems with the Website this year.

The NBCC has purchased the Propane Prop for the Training Ground.

They are looking at an Officer 1 & 2 Program, hopefully to be ready in January.

The new Pump Operator Course should be ready in January 2015 as well.

And hopefully will be Proboard Certified., the will be attending the Conference in San Diego.

Online Training Program should be available soon.

Fire Investigation 3 & 4 should be available this year, and possibly 1 & 2 as well.

They are also looking into a Fire Investigation in French, in the area of most need.

NBAFC is looking at the Criteria for the Awards, Hall of Flame etc.

Dan McCoy gave a report from the CAFC meeting in Ottawa.

Peter Kavanaugh informed the members that in March the Province Tendered 24 Fire Trucks to be built and the successful bidder was Metalfab Fire Trucks in Centreville NB. the Province is planning to have 2 spare Fire Trucks placed in the Province in case of loss of truck, due to mishap, fire, etc.

Nadine Leblanc also informed the Group that the Names for the FF Plates are sent in to SNB on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month.

Regional Fire Dispatch is being worked on in St. John or Fredericton now, and our District will be last.

The Province is going to approach RCMP and Ambulance NB to have access to their Radio Channels. NB 911 has hired an Interoperability Person to have different departments work together, Police, Fire, DOT, etc. so he will be approached as well.

Sandy McKinnon from DNR gave a report, and said that most departments have the DNR Simplex Channel, can be used as long as there is no Forest Fire in the area.

There was some discussion with Sandy about the EMO NB vs ICS Disaster Program, seems when something big happens the ICS Program is used.

Doug Brown from OFM reported that they are looking to hire a Haz Mat Coordinator. And spoke regarding the Ebola issue, ANB has added some travel questions to their initial call dispatch.

Road Closure have been a big topic with the length of time for repairs, and notification of closures to the Departments.

Local Assistance Cards are supposed to be on the way.

Vol. Chief Rep. Ben Morin said the Worksafe NB increase is 56% he wants more info regarding numbers of applications, denials etc.

Junior Members are not permitted to work on the Fire Ground or respond on trucks, Fire Marshall Brown also said they should not be included in the Equipment Cleanup as they are not covered by Worksafe NB.

There has been a Request for an Independent, Internal Inquest regarding the Plaster Rock Train Derailment, to see how everybody worked together.

It is up to the Village to request to ANB or PSAP to be dispatched to Medical Calls.

### **Financial Report – Tim Dryden not present**

Balance as of 16 August 2014 - \$10,866.08

Motion to Accept Report by Dave Gallant

Seconded by Gilles Allard

### **Committee Reports**

#### **VP Westmorland County – Conrad Landry**

Nothing to Report

#### **VP Kent County – Danny Desroche**

Level 1 in St. Antoine

Level 2 in January in either St. Louis or Bouctouche

#### **VP Albert County – Nobody Present**

### **ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis**

See Enclosed Document

Vicky Schmidt from Maine does Training on VEIS ( Vent Enter Isolate Search ) and will be looked into for more information, for possible Training.

A motion to have Vicky Schmidt come to the South East Association, was made and up to \$2000.00 will be made available.

Motion moved by Daniel Dupuis

Seconded by Gilles Allard

Will also check on Price, and Availability of Burn Trailer from NSFS.

Training Meeting 15 January 2015

### **Volunteer Chief – Dave Gallant**

There was a meeting in Cocagne with Ivan Corbett, regarding the Structuring of the Departments. And it went well.

There has been continuing discussions about LSD Departments attending Medical Calls.

Relationships between Government and the LSD Departments are improving.

The Province is starting an Equipment Committee to look at Equipment compatability, and look into group purchasing discounts, Dave Gallant is on this Committee.

### **NBAFPO – Nobody Present**

### **OFM – Raymond Leblanc**

The Francophone Community has asked CN to do a Training program for Depts. With Railroad passing through the Community, there will probably an English course available.

There will be more info regarding Local Assistant Cards, it will be listed as to what the Local Assistant is allowed to do.

The Winners for the Fire Gazette were at a school in St. Anne, and Northrup Frye, And Magnetic Hill Schools in Moncton.

Fire Marshall Doug Brown is going to Visit Each Association in the Province.

### **New Business**

Dave Gallant asked about collecting for Millville Fire Department as an Association. Conrad will ask Nadine to Draft a letter asking the Association Departments to donate \$300.00 for the Millville Fire Department, to help replace some much needed equipment.

I has been advised that the Departments should reassess their Insurance Coverage, The Millville Department was underinsured by approx. \$500,000.

### **Motion for Adjournment**

Motion for Adjournment by Conrad Landry

Seconded by Dave Gallant

**NEXT MEETING 05 February 2015 19:00**  
**Riverview Fire Rescue 650 Pinewood Road,**  
**Riverview, NB**