

# **MINUTES**

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

## Attendees:

Platoon Chief Paul Bruens - Moncton Joan Gallant - Moncton Colleen Gallant - Saint-Paul Chief Dave Gallant – Saint Paul Capt. Tim Gaudet – Saint-Paul Chief James Lyman - Alma Capt. Tim Dryden – Salisbury Capt. Brad Doucette – Salisbury ATR Daniel Dupuis - Dorchester Charles Agnew – Beersville-Harcourt Chief Marcel LeBlanc - Bouctouche Chief Kent Steeves - Elgin Darrell Weir – Riverside-Albert Chief Denis Pleau - Riverview Chief Glen Northrup - Hillsborough Rebecca Berry – Petitcodiac Derrick Fillmore - Petitcodiac Michelle Bannister – Petitcodiac Raymond LeBlanc – Office of the Fire Marshal

This meeting was held at Riverview Fire Rescue. The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bruens.

There were 18 members in attendance representing 12 departments, 1 member of the Fire Marshal's office.

## NOMINATIONS FOR NEW SECRETARY

Nomination from the nomination's committee, Tim Gaudet, to move the name forward of Joan Gallant, no other nominations received from the floor, it was declared and motion carried that Joan Gallant is the new secretary.

## 1. GUEST SPEAKERS

Ryan Stacey from METALFAB could not attend the meeting today.

Dan Hammel from Sussex Fire is the National Representative for the Province for Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Dan spoke on the services that Muscular Dystrophy Canada provide. A newsletter was handed out.

Petitcodiac Fire will pay for the Albert family's out of pocket expenses of \$125.00 for Dakota's leg braces.

# 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPT 22, 2019

A copy of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes were distributed to members via e-mail, posted on the website and distributed to those in attendance at this meeting.

Motioned by: Dave Gallant Seconded by: Kent Steeves

**MOTION CARRIED** 

## 3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

## **President's Report – Paul Bruens**

24 October – attended a meeting for the NB Fire Service Training Advisory Committee. A review of the current Level 1 Training is being done by the committee. Our next meeting is scheduled for the end of November in Fredericton.

25/26 October - NBAFC Board Meeting was held in Fredericton

- Maritime Fire Chiefs Conference is scheduled for 17-19 July, 2020 in Halifax
- Guest Speakers, NB 911 Serena MacArthur presented an overview on NB Next Generation 911
  - o Note: Mandated by Ottawa (Federal) to be implemented in 2023
  - The system will provide a TXT app response advisory for Volunteer FF's
  - Goal to improve the current system
- NB Cancer Society Nancy MacKay
  - Talked about the Three Big Cancers (Breast, Prostate and Skin)
  - o Services available thru NB Cancer Society <u>www.cancer.ca</u>
- Certification Board awaiting the release of directive from the OFM as it relates to personnel who
  presently hold a certificate from The Texas Fire Commissionaire/Training Division.
  - Note: This information is to be sent to the working group for a review before its release
- Fire Chiefs Workshop 3-4 April, 2020
  - FIRS Training
  - Investigation and Reports
  - Review of the Fire Chiefs Handbook

- Fire Marshal
  - o A new website is being released in 2-3 weeks
  - o FM Office has moved
  - o FM Stated he is underfunded by approx. \$180K
  - EMO Request for equipment and support during Non- Emergency events, direction should be from the OFM Example: Ice Storm / Floods
    - Expectations for support must be clear
  - NBAFC Truck Committee Discussion on role and involvement
    - ELG Representative Martin
      - 13 apparatus tenders awarded, 6 pumpers and 7 tankers
      - 2 companies awarded the contract
      - Metalfab and Maxi Metal
      - Specs for station generators are available if needed, please contact Martin
    - A meeting is being scheduled with the committee
  - o NBCC
    - Fire Service Training Credits
    - A concern was raised on Training Credits for associations (example: SEFFA 30 FD and area)
    - The FM stated that support would be given to cover the associated cost of Level 1 / Level 2 Training
    - NBCC applications must be completed (top to bottom)
    - 182 FF's registered at the workshop
    - MBU moving forward with the inclusion of a staff being hired thru NBCC to maintain and operate the MBU
- Volunteer Chiefs Please send agenda items to Tim Corbin for the discussion/agenda at the meeting
- Permanent Chiefs meeting twice yearly (next meeting Friday before NBAFC in January)
- NFPA 1851 Please ensure the recent literature sent out from the Fire Marshal's Office
- Shred (Mask Up Now or Later)
- WSNB Advocate for claims. Any issues, please call 506-658-2472 for assistance
- NBAFC ADVISED that with \$4700 spent from the \$5K budget for fire scene security, they would take responsibility for overages in the budget.



# <u>Vice President, Kent County – Adam Allain</u>

No update.

## Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

Route 114 road is open now.

## Vice President, Westmorland County - Derrick Fillmore

No update

## <u>Financial/Treasurer's Report – Tim Dryden</u>

Transactions listed below and distributed via the meeting agenda:

Date	Chq#	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		\$29,332.38		OPENING BALANCE
Oct 17		-2.25		Service Charge
credits		2000.00		NBAFC
		\$31,330.13		CLOSING BALANCE

Motioned by: Darrell Weir Seconded by: Derrick Fillmore

**MOTION CARRIED** 

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **ATR Report – Daniel Dupuis**

#### Level 1

A Firefighter Level 1 has started in Petitcodiac with 22 students on the roster, they are currently in block 3. Most courses will be run Tuesdays and Thursdays with the odd Saturday. Keep this in mind if you have students missing blocks or need Haz Mat Ops to complete the officer course on November 30 level 1 signoffs Petitcodiac block 1 to 3

A Level 1 course has also started in Richibucto Village, they are currently in block 1, starting level 2

Block 3 exam November 26

#### Level 2

Saint Paul has started a Level 2 on Wednesdays and Sackville will host one in the New Year if anyone is interested in joining.

#### **Basic Off-Road Rescue**

Cocagne is hosting an off road rescue. If any other departments who have never received it and want it, please advise Steven. Low angle rescue as well, doing both part 1 basic off road and after low angle 5.5 hour. 12 hour is next level.

## **Low Angle Rope Rescue**

Cocagne will be hosting a low level rescue, they may take extra students, you can check with Chief Goguen if any are interested

#### **Auto Extrication**

We have also had requests for an auto extrication course. Please advise ATR if you have any firefighters interested in this course. Pre-requisites are Firefighter Level 1 (not enough students at this time) Hillsborugh offered if needed

Officer and instructor courses are also available if we can get enough students for a course. Next weekend training volunteer chief in Fredericton. NBCC twice a year all atr's if you need anything brought up, let Dan know.

## **Spring Training**

We will start planning for Spring training soon. If you have any ideas or proposals, please advise. Paul mentioned Chief Landry willing to put on an ICS 200 course January 17, 18, 19, 2020 for \$50.00. ICS 100 is a prerequisite – once complete, you must send certificate to Fredericton to be registered. Media training info to follow 1 day in Moncton training in January or February.

If you have any training ideas or have firefighters interested in attending mentioned training sessions, please advise me ASAP so we can start planning these sessions.

Firefighter.dan@hotmail.com 506-875-3540

## **NBAFPO – Tim Dryden**

Remembering When Presentation – the focus for training is on conventions, training, workshops, seniors fall prevention program – planning on having a workshop every Fall – currently in planning session for Spring Conference - for all day presentation

Chief Gallant suggested that we should look at having an alternate person for the association to replace Tim Dryden if he cannot attend.

## **OFM** – Raymond Leblanc

Gazette winner info Edmundston

An administration assistant for all LSF FD's is being looked at.

Chief Kent Steeves suggested that this should be local person who has been doing it by volunteer within the FD.

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SEFFA trailer – the committee will look at any repairs needed.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

SEFFA website – if anyone who wants to take over let me know.

Chief Gallant spoke about radios/channels allotted with the fire regional dispatch.

President Paul Bruens mentioned that ELG have information available for Chiefs on specs for FD Generators.

Chief Gallant mentioned that St Paul FD are developing a local training center – 2 huge ponds, underground tank for water, road around it with huge cement slab – this year putting more money towards it.

Chief Gallant discussed concerns with a recent application for a Provincial fire service awards. He plans on discussing this at the Vol Chiefs Meeting.

Reminder, when sending your applications into NBCC ensure all fields are properly completed and filled in. It was also suggested by Chief Kent Steeves to photocopy individual workbooks before sending.

It was discussed that SEFFA purchase a laptop for the secretary Motioned by: DAN DUPUIS Seconded by: DAVE GALLANT MOTION CARIED

#### 7. NEXT MEETING

The next SEFFA meeting will be on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Dan Dupuis SECONDED BY: Denis Pleau

**MOTION CARRIED**