



## MINUTES

**Southeastern Firefighters Association**

**Association des Pompier du Sud-est**

**Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties**

**Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Attendees:

*Platoon Chief Paul Bruens - Moncton*  
*Chief Marcel LeBlanc – Bouctouche*  
*Daniel Dupuis –ATR/ Dorchester*  
*Gerald Boudreau – Memramcook*  
*Dave Gallant – Saint Paul*  
*Tim Gaudet – Saint Paul*  
*Tim Dryden- Salisbury*  
*Doug Hamer - Salisbury*  
*Ray LeBlanc – Fire Marshal*  
*Danny DesRoches - Cocagne*  
*Kathy Weir – not sure which department?*

This meeting was held via Zoom Virtual Meeting. The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bruens.

There were 11 members in attendance representing 8 departments.

- **GUEST SPEAKERS**

No Guest Speaker due to Co-Vid 19

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 26, 2020**

A copy of the June 28 meeting minutes were distributed to members via e-mail, posted on the website.

Motioned by: Marcel LeBlanc

Seconded by: Tim Gaudet

MOTION CARRIED

- **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

**President's Report – Paul Bruens**

A Zoom account was purchased for the association so we can communicate with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars during the pandemic. If SEFFA members wish to use this platform, please contact me directly.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, a Provincial Hazardous Materials Exercise was held in Salisbury, NB at the TCH Westbound scales. This exercise was a success and had firefighters with Provincial response teams from, Saint John, Fredericton, Edmundston, Bathurst and Moncton. The goal of evaluation was to evaluate the Electronic Shipping Manifest and allowing feedback to the development team. Moncton Fire is still pursuing a contract with OFM for a Heavy Response Team.

An email from Dan McCoy is attached dated - September 28, 2020. It contains information on the roll out of the Regional Fire Dispatch Initiative (RFD) and the seeding of the allocated radios per Department along with the installation of the Black Box that interfaces to the Departments existing VHF/UHF systems.

NBAFC – October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, unfortunately I was unable to attend (CN train derailment Gordon Yard). Therefore, I am waiting for the minutes, which will be emailed out to SEFFA.

The South East of NB has seen the area progress to the Orange Phase in both October and recently in November. Please ensure guidelines are followed and members are briefed as new information from the Office of the Fire Marshal is sent out to FD's across NB/South Eastern NB. In the event a Fire Chief needs assistance or support, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask.

**Vice President, Kent County – Adam Allain**

No report submitted

**Vice President, Westmorland – Derrick Fillmore**

No report submitted

**Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman**

No report submitted

**Financial/Treasurer’s Report – Tim Dryden**

Transactions listed below and distributed via the meeting agenda:

Date	Chq #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		<b>\$29,621.18</b>		<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>
Aug 7		700.00		LSD Depts.
		1200.00		Municipal Depts. Listed in minutes
		2,000.00		NBAFC
Aug 17		2.25		Service Charge
		<b>\$33,518.93</b>		<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>

Dues have been paid out by all the LSD Departments as well as the following

- Alma
- Cap-Pele
- Hillsborough
- Petitcodiac
- Richibucto
- Sackville
- Salisbury (not deposited yet)
- Boucrouche
- Dieppe
- Moncton
- Rexton
- Riverside Albert
- Saint Antoine

**Still missing from**

- Beaubassin-Est
- Port Elgin
- Shediac
- Memramcook
- Riverview
- St Louis de Kent

My suggestion is to just tag the remaining on for next year, and go from there. Or I can resend this year’s invoices out. I'll let the membership decide.

Motioned by: Dave Gallant  
Seconded by: Marcel LeBlanc  
MOTION CARRIED

**NBAFPO – Tim Dryden**

NBAFPO has a virtual meeting this week, will try and take part if possible. See attached copy of the last meeting minutes for your review

**OFM – Raymond LeBlanc**

Fire Service 2025 still ongoing. Department name has changed to Justice and Public Safety. Pat Roussy is retiring in December and Melanie Christie will be replacing her. Local Assistant Online

Training is going well. Mike Lewis is setting up a basic Fire Investigation Course and Visual on Fire Extinguisher Training in the New Year. TMR radio is still ongoing. Tim Dryden to send Ray an email on who is left to pay their dues. Ray and Paul to contact Dan Fougere about the Regional Fire Dispatch training.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis**

#### **Level 1**

This year, due to COVID, we will be doing level 1 via virtual training. Instructors will provide theory (only) online with students, exams will be hosted at NBCC Campus with set protocols. We have selected a small group of instructors to provide training online (Don McCabe and Brad Calhoun). Training starts next Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> with 29 students signed up.

#### **Level 2**

Sackville has completed their level 2 and are awaiting review and exam. Due to COVID, same as level 1, we will be doing online training once we see how the procedure goes with level 1. We are looking at the beginning of January to start.

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

Cocagne did off-road training as well as Dorchester. Please advise if you have any firefighters interested in doing the course (same drill, online theory only)

#### **Low Angle Rope Rescue**

Cocagne has hosted a low-level rescue. Please advise if you have any students for a new course (same as rest, online only)

#### **Auto Extrication**

We have also had requests for an auto extrication course, again, please advise ATR if you have any firefighters interested in this course Pre-requisites are firefighter level 1 (not enough students at this time) online theory only

Officer and Instructor Courses are also available, if we can get enough students for a course online and theory only

#### **Spring Training**

ATR is looking at options for spring training next year. Due to Covid, this will be challenging.

#### **Training**

Training, as a whole, has been very challenging this year. Moving into the Fall, we will have to adapt to new ways of training in order to minimize contact with others. WE MUST KEEP TRAINING. We owe it to our communities we serve, to be knowledgeable and ready to do our jobs.

Some of these online trainings would be good for your firefighters and some can be provided on your training nights. If you have any ideas for training, please advise. We may be doing online training as an association if the demand is there.

It was suggested that possibly a one day online course in the Spring from a manufacturer or supplier like MetalFab, Halmatro, etc., send your suggestions to Dan.

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.

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- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- A motion was made to look into establishing a Communications Committee for SEFFA and to arrange a meeting with Regional Fire Dispatch on a semi-annual basis.

Motioned by: Doug Hamer

Seconded by: Dave Gallant

MOTION CARRIED

- Paul will get clarity on the email sent out from Dan McCoy.
- Ensure you reach out to the Fire Marshal's Office for any pandemic consumable product supplies. An email with procedures on how to order supplies will be attached with the minutes.
- An update will be given at the January 2021 meeting for our next election..
- Danny DesRoches is the new Fire Chief for the Cocagne Department; congratulations Chief DesRoches.

- **NEXT MEETING - TBD**

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Dave Gallant

SECOND BY: Dan Dupuis

MOTION CARRIED