



MINUTES

Southeastern Firefighters Association

Association des Pompier du Sud-est

Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties

Monday, September 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Platoon Chief Paul Bruens – Moncton
Adam Allain – Cocagne
Maurice Belliveau - Bouctouche
Daniel Dupuis –ATR/ Dorchester
Greg Partridge – Dorchester
Dennis Reid – Dorchester
Gerald Boudreau – Memramcook
Ray LeBlanc – Fire Marshal
Tim Gaudet – Saint Paul

Kent Steeves - Elgin
Chief Robin True - Riverview
Derek Fillmore – VP Westmorland
Craig Ramsey - Petitcodiac
Gilles Allard - Riverview
James Lyman - Alma
Danny DesRoches - Cocagne

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

There were 15 members in attendance representing 11 departments.

GUEST SPEAKERS

No Guest Speaker due to Co-Vid 19

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

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

Motioned by: Danny DesRoches

Seconded by: Derek Fillmore

MOTION CARRIED

- **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

President's Report – Paul Bruens

We are moving forward with our communication committee. Members have submitted their names to represent SEFFA:

Chair Robin True, Riverview Fire - Rtrue@townofriverview.ca

Paul Bruens Moncton Fire – paul.bruens@moncton.ca

Corey Gallant, St. Paul Fire – corey.gallant@moncton.ca

James Lyman, Alma Fire – cowluv02@hotmail.com

Julien Boudreau, Shediac Fire - julien.boudreau@dieppe.ca

I will be attending the upcoming NBAC meeting in Fredericton. There are a few concerns I will be bringing forward. Concerns and the complications faced for a member with his application for WSNB Benefits under firefighter's compensation, as well as, the lack of movement on this at the NBAFC to resolve these concerns. Also, the recognition for our ATR's in the Province of NB. And the continuation of online Training for our members.

With COVID being a concern, our Training has been impacted throughout SEFFA. Our ATR has done a tremendous job moving this forward and ensuring that our needs are being addressed. A special thank you goes out to Daniel Dupuis.

Thank you

P. Bruens

Vice President, Kent County – Dave Gallant

No Report Submitted

Vice President, Westmorland – Derrick Fillmore

No Report Submitted

Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

Would like to see in-house training

Financial/Treasurer's Report – Tim Dryden

Transactions listed below and distributed via the meeting agenda:

Date	Chq #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		\$33,386.68		OPENING BALANCE
		\$33,386.68		CLOSING BALANCE

Motioned by: Derek Fillmore

Seconded by: Dan Dupuis

MOTION CARRIED

NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

No Report Submitted

OFM – Raymond LeBlanc

- Fire training survey went out the first week of September
- Fire Prevention Week – “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”. Materials can be purchased through CanOps, Firehall Bookstore (English only) or Prevention Source with Burny. Fire Safety Gazette will be distributed to the schools soon and we urge fire departments to promote it during FPW and remind children to fill out the ballot for a chance to win a prize of Fire Chief for a Day. Draw to be held around November 22nd;
- OFM Fire Department Auxillary Award – for those not eligible for a medal but still do important support work for the fire department;
- Upcoming Firefighter Workshop in Miramichi- Sept 11,2021
- Fire Service 2025...Only two departments remaining
- Working on an on-line Fire Investigation Awareness for First Responders presentation that should be available later this Fall/early winter;
- Local Assistant Appointment (new or renewal) – course available on-line. Requires criminal record check (within 6mo), application and drivers license approval sheet (can get from you);
- Reminding fire departments that as we are in the green phase, they should still practice social distancing and other precautions when training, meetings or other group functions.
- Our Peer Support Program is nearly ready for launch (most likely end of September). We will have promotional material to give to each of the associations to distribute to depts. Currently the poster and information sheets are being translated and once translated they will be sent off to the Printers. We will also have the information and contact information posted to the NBAFC website as well as the facebook page.

Once we are finalized with the training (scenario training), we will have a soft launch of the network followed by some information sessions led by the peers with their associations and able to go to depts to discuss.

- Brian Brown will also come up with a way to distribute the Challenge Coins (we only purchased 2000) so not every member will get one right away it will be used for those that participate. We can keep the challenge coins to ourselves for now I guess... we will eventually end up with enough for each member.
- **SEFFA Fundraiser** – Make arrangements to pick up the books with Moncton Fire Prevention Officer Steve Richardson. You can contact him at steve.richardson@moncton.ca

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis

Training

Training moving forward with covid hopefully on the downside will be going back to normal with the exception of mask wearing in class except for instructors. We will be looking to centralize classes by most number of students in that area as before.

Another option will be the online training (as we have done for the last year) student numbers and preference will determine how we will deliver courses

Level 1

Looking to start a level 1 training for the fall, please send number of students willing to participate, as stated, maybe in class or on line and possibly both depending on numbers.

Level 2

Looking to start a level 2 training for the fall, please send number of students willing to participate, as stated, maybe in class or on line and possibly both depending on numbers.

Basic Off-road rescue

Please advise if you have any firefighters interested in doing the course

Low angle rope rescue

Please advise if you have any students for a new course

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

Officer Course

Officer course may be offered on line if we have enough students, please advise if you have any students willing to participate

instructor course

We have had some requests for an instructor course, please advise if you have any firefighters interested

Spring Training

We have cancelled the spring training this year due to covid, we may move it to the fall if there is any interest we had talked about a possible auto extrication session, we can discuss at the SEFFA meeting

Conclusion

Training as a whole as 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 also be doing online training as an association if the demand is there.

Spring Training re-writes will be in the next few weeks for Level 1 and Level 2. Details will be sent via email.

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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President Bruens reminded everyone to fill out the survey online, it should take 5-10 minutes to complete.

• UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Communications Committee will be represented by the following members.

Westmorland County –

Albert Count – James Lyman

Kent County – Corey Gallant

Chair Person – Robin True

• NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion for Spring Training for Fall sign off up to \$2500.00 available to help Spring Training in Riverview.

Motioned by: Dan Dupuis

Seconded by: Robin True

MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting is tentatively booked for Sunday, November 21st at 10:00am at the Riverview Fire Station. We are looking to have a guest speaker from Radcom TMR Radios

The next meeting will be in February via Zoom and the Spring 2022 meeting will be a face to face if possible.

- **NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 21, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. RIVERVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT**

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Derek Fillmore

SECOND BY: Kent Steeves

MOTION CARRIED