



*Maritime Fire Chiefs Association
July 2016
Minutes of the Membership Meetings*

Minutes of 2016 Adopted July 10, 2017 at Business Meeting in Moncton, New Brunswick

Monday July 11, 2016

- Business meeting called to order at 9:27 A.M.
- Minutes from 2015 conference put on overhead and paper copies were made available. Anyone wanting an electronic copy should make request to the secretary.
- Called for greetings; greetings completed.
- Called for introduction of new members; introductions completed.
- Prior to start of business CAFC president Paul Boissonault brought greetings and updated on business of the CAFC.
- President Charlie Kavanaugh and Metalfab's Ryan Stacey unveiled the new ticket draw truck they made and donated to MFCA. This unit replaces the larger unit and is transportable; it will be stored in the MFCA locker.
- Adoption of minutes from 2015 Conference Membership Meetings moved by Greg Shaw, seconded by Vince Mackenzie. Questions called; hearing none vote taken-all in favour, no contrary. Motion carried to adopt minutes with no changes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE(Alan Duchesne)

-Committee makes the following nominations:

- President – Charles Kavanaugh
- 1st Vice – John Magee
- 2nd Vice – Tory Rushton
- Sargent at Arms – reviewed the responsibilities

Nominations called from the floor for the position of Sargent at Arms three times; hearing no nominations the membership was asked to consider taking on this position. Nominations from the floor will be called again for this and all positions at the next business session.

PRESIDENTS REPORT(Greg Shaw)

- Discussed the struggle to remain current in our ever changing world. Maintaining traditions while moving ahead to stay on top of changes in the fire service.
- Not only is technology changing but our most valuable tool, our firefighters, are as well. Recruitment, retention and "dealing with millennial" are all issues that mean adapting to a new normal. Our association has to adapt to make sure we are around and relevant in another 102 years.
- Sending a delegate to the CAFC conference, government relations week and the provincial conferences allow us to sell our brand while supporting other associations to help the entirety of fire services.
- Thank you to CBRM for the work they have put into hosting the 2016 conference. The 3 main aspects of our conference continue to be education with great speakers talking on issues relevant to today's fire service; a fire service trade show which is 2nd to none in Atlantic Canada and networking with old and new friends.
- Working with our friends at NFPA on residential sprinklers initiative with the goal to get occupants out of the home safely, not to fully extinguish the fire. Seeing how fast and intense fire is in modern construction, as firefighters, we need all the help we can get. Often structures are unsafe to enter before we arrive.
- Thanked the executive, secretary and the membership for the opportunity to serve as your President over the past 2 years. The amount of work required to keep this association going would astound you.

Greg Shaw moved for the adoption of his report; seconded by Alan Duchesne. Questions called, vote taken all in favour, no contrary, motion carried.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT (Charlie Kavanaugh)

- Attended Government Relations week representing MFCA. It is very important to have more voices from Atlantic Canada. This week covers good topics and reminds us that all departments should be members of the association to support the work they do, to work together and to support each other and network.
- We have to push our neighbours to attend conference; promoting the work we all do in the fire service to grow the organization.

First Vice Charlie Kavanaugh moved for the adoption of his report; seconded by Bernie Turpin. Questions called, vote taken all in favour, no contrary, motion carried.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT(John Magee)

- Attended the three board meetings
- In the fall represented MFCA in Gander, Newfoundland at annual conference. Brought greetings and backed the movement for sprinkler systems in residential buildings.

John Magee moved for the adoption of his report; seconded by Bernie Turpin. Questions called, vote taken all in favour, no contrary, motion carried.

Greg Shaw called for approval for all business conducted by the Board of Directors since last annual meeting; seconded by David Mckinley. Questions called, vote taken all in favour, no contrary, motion carried.

Tuesday July 12, 2016

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT (Lisa Lomond)

Secretary Report

- No communication to report.

Treasurer Report

- Reviewed the 2015 financial report.
- Presented the 2016 budget.

Lisa Lomond moved to adopt the treasurer's report; Alan Duchesne seconded. Questions called, vote taken all in favour, no contrary, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT (INVESTMENTS) (John Magee)

- The investments are diversified as follows: 35.9 % Canadian equities/Canadian stocks; 29.48 Fixed Income Investments and 34.6% Foreign Equities
- Investment account \$148,952.03 with a \$10,000.00 deposit from operating account giving a final total value with investment income of \$163,672.58. The investment saw a 3.4% increase.
- Since inception in July 2009 of \$108,731 the portfolio has had a total increase of just over 7%.

John Magee moved the adoption of Investment Report; seconded by Charlie Kavanaugh. Questions called, vote taken all in favour, no contrary, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

NEW BRUNSWICK (Conrad Landry)

- Adopted the TMR system it is proving to be effective; currently a few government agencies are utilizing and most government and station will be able to opt in to use this system.
- Adopting the road to mental readiness.
- Conducting a train the trainer session in August.
- Working toward getting a mobile burn unit for the province to circulate for training.
- Working on the Fire Prevention Act including a Fire Act not just a Fire Prevention Act.
- Province has an accredited education unit and NBCC is looking for accreditation also.

Provincial Director Conrad Landry moved for the adoption of his report; Dave Mckinley seconded. Questions called, vote taken, all in favour, no contrary- motion carried.

NOVA SCOTIA (Rod Nielson)

- Changes and challenges in government media coverage such as amalgamation and shared services will affect the fire service in the province.
 - The Government of NS is clear they are not responsible for operation of the fire service. Not all Municipalities are on board with this.
- The Municipal Government Act was developed in 1999 and is currently under review. The first amendment was out

yesterday and mostly just took care of housekeeping items. Section 10 which pertains to fire service will be done later.

-There has been no action on the report because the province deems it is not responsible, it is the municipality's responsibility.

-Trying to get the municipal units on board. A few months ago there was a call for a consultant and one has been hired and the first meeting was last week. We are looking for the municipality to recognize their responsibility with provincial legislation. It is a convoluted process to get changes through.

-Proud of our first Government Relations Day last October. We took ideas from the national model. It was a one day event in NS. We suggested meeting with caucuses and this proved very successful to fix some problems.

-Unique to NS is our MFR system; looking after our mental health in NS. Proud of the system and have received awards for trunk radio in the province. Mental health is very structured and our volunteers are well trained.

-On the board of the National Advisory Council and on a committee group for education of fire officers for CAFC. There are currently no applicants from the area and we are looking for someone who would like to be on a pilot program. If anyone is interested in enrolling please let Rod know.

-If you want to see and affect change make sure you are involved in Regional, Provincial and National campaigns and organizations to help us move forward.

Provincial Director Rod Nielson moved for the adoption of his report; Tory Rushton seconded. Questions called, vote taken, all in favour, no contrary- motion carried.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR (VINCE MACKENZIE)

-Have a new president Dwayne Antle. Vince will be the past president as of August after 24 years on the Executive Board for the province.

-Presented to the Government Social Policy Committee; the economy in the province is in a significant deficit currently. Hard decisions are being made and funding has been decreased and will continue this way.

-Have been able to keep the We have been able to hold onto the equip

-Stress management grant in the province for \$30,000 for mental health first aid and education.

-Province is working on regionalization for fire response in the province; currently in unincorporated areas departments will not respond to calls outside their area.

-Working with Occupational Health and Safety Committees of firefighter safety.

-Autism awareness education is being conducted in the province and is being sponsored by the association and the Kinsmen through community outreach for Autism response for firefighters. There have been hundreds through the program in the past couple months

-Fire Commissioner's Office conducted assessments on provincial fire departments. This report was sent to the Municipal Government and since this about 25 departments have closed and others have determination of their capability.

-Grand Falls Windsor has had 22 people in an 8 days courses/fire school. Conducted by bringing all resources to one area. There were over 500 participants in all.

-Very active politically in the province and branching out through training.

Provincial Director Vince MacKenzie moved for the adoption of his report; Dwayne Mellish seconded. Questions called, vote taken, all in favour, no contrary- motion carried.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (GREG SHAW)

-New provincial president last year Rod MacDonald.

-Dealing closely with the provincial government working on recruitment; retention; and preventative cancer.

- There is now a permanent employee at the fire school

-Working with the Worker's Compensation Board and has been updated to include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder which is a major accomplishment for fire services.

-Office of the Fire Marshal has updated the Hazardous Materials Team and Hazardous Equipment Training; working on cost recovery for that team.

-Training employees and in approximately two months will be switching at the dispatch center

-Working on getting an employee for the fire school to keep track of the students and money.

- The Trunk Radio's are utilizing the 700 MHz frequency and are all working on same channel. This has been very successful.

Provincial Director Greg Shaw moved for the adoption of his report; Rod MacDonald seconded. Questions called, vote taken, all in favour, no contrary- motion carried.

Tuesday July 7, 2015

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Alan Duchesne)

-For the position of President the committee recommends Charlie Kavanaugh. Called for nominations from the floor three times; hearing none we will cast a ballot for Charlie Kavanaugh for President.

- For the position of First Vice President the committee recommends John Magee. Called for nominations from the floor three times; hearing none we will cast a ballot for John Magee for First Vice President.

-For the position of Second Vice President the committee recommends Tory Rushton. Called for nominations from the floor three times; hearing none we will cast a ballot for Tory Rushton for Second Vice President.

-For the position of Sargent at Arms the committee recognizes an offer from Owen Collins from Aylesford. Called for nominations from the floor three times; hearing none we will cast a ballot for Owen Collins for Sergeant at Arms.

Alan Duchesne moved to adopt the Nominating Committee report; John Magee seconded. Questions called, vote taken all in favour, no contrary, motion carried.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW COMMITTEE (Bernie Turpin)

-No motions or resolutions were received this past year.

-Reviewed the process to submit any questions or suggestion to Bernie Turpin for review.

Harmon Illsley moved to adopt the Constitution & By-Law Committee report; Terry Raine seconded. Questions called, vote taken all in favour, no contrary, motion carried.

Announcements:

-Regret to inform group that we just received word that Chief Tom Corkum of spring hill has passed away.

-Announcement that Chief Dave Beck's funeral, a long time member of MFCA, is on Friday. Anyone wishing to attend should meet at 12:00 noon to march, or if unable to march there will be transportation available.

TRAINING COMMITTEE(Vince MacKenzie)

-MFCA Sponsored training tour was successful with Bob Kissner and SLICER training.

-Started this about 4 years ago with Gord Schriener and Call Signs for Life followed by Ryan Pennington and Hoarding. Last year we didn't have a Training Tour.

-Continues to be a lot of good feedback and Chief Dwayne Mellish added that it was an excellent presentation with a large audience.

-Want to be able to provide to our membership as a very cost effective way of bringing training to the provinces. We open it to entire fire services and this year's sessions were close to break even, however, we do budget for this important initiative.

-Reviewed numbers attending per province at a cost of \$20.00 per attendee.

-Having the sessions on weekends seemed to go better than the 10 day tour with week day training with volunteer's schedules.

-Thank you to Bob to give up three weekends to come to the 4 Atlantic Provinces and educate so many.

-We are looking at another session next spring and the new executive will discuss possibly having a fall session if possible.

Vince MacKenzie moved for the adoption of his report; Charlie Kavanaugh seconded; Questions called, vote taken, all in favour, no contrary- motion carried.

HONOURS COMMITTEE (Harmon Illsley)

- The committee met October 8, 2015 to conduct business. Reviewed membership list for eligible members for the 25 year membership recognition award.

-The committee did not recognize anyone at the meeting for a special recognition award for service; however, since that meeting Terry Raine's name was brought forward. Harmon made a motion for Honourary Membership for

Terry Raine; seconded by Alan Duchesne. Questions called, vote taken, all in favour- motion carried.
-Welcome new committee member Alan Duchesne.
-Will hold a meeting in the fall of 2016 for awards for 2017.

Wednesday July 13, 2016

OLD BUSINESS

-None outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS

-Greg Shaw confirmed we will be in the greater Moncton area for the 2017 Conference, however, we don't have a venue; Dieppe will be taking care of this. Keep an eye on the web site, facebook and twitter within 2 weeks for a location and updates.

-None heard.

Hearing no further business the business sessions closed for conference with a presentation from Vince MacKenzie on the National Recruitment & Retention Campaign and what it offers.