



## MARITIME FIRE CHIEF ASSOCIATION

### AGM MINUTES

JUNE 28-30, 2024

77 persons present

#### Call to order

The president called to meeting to order at 8:38 am. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### Greetings from Associations

President Chief MacKenzie gave greetings on behalf of the MFCA.

Rod Nielsen brought greetings on behalf of FSANS.

Gary Harnum brought greetings from NFLA.

Gerard McMahon brought greetings from PE FFA.

Scott Poupart brought greetings from NBA FC.

#### Opening Remarks by President

President MacKenzie gave opening remarks on behalf of the MFCA. The executive is pleased to have the opportunity to host the in-person conference in Summerside for the 108<sup>th</sup> AFLC. The MFCA is pleased to see the direction of the association to support fire services leadership and enhance the services available to the Atlantic Provinces.

The president noted that the conference has gone back to four days and on the weekend as noted in the feedback from last year with more time with the vendors including in the program.

The executive board of directors introduced themselves and welcomed everyone to the conference.

#### Approval of Minutes

- a. July 5-7, 2023 AGM

Moved by Scott Poupart, second by Al Duchesne that the AGM Minutes of July 5-7 2023 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### Old Business

No business brought forward.

### President Report

The President, Vince MacKenzie provided a report on the previous year's activities for the association. President Vince MacKenzie highlighted the numbers networking opportunities that the MFCA board was able to attend to connect, network and collaborate on the future of fire services. The Executive Board met quarterly for in person meetings along with 15 virtual meetings to review the business of the association. A review of conferences, leadership opportunities and networking opportunities were discussed. The President noted the commitment of the government to provide a \$6,000 tax credit for fire fighters.

Moved by Vince MacKenzie, seconded Sherry Dean that the President's report be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

### 1st Vice Report

The 1st Vice, Greg Jones provided an update on the previous year's activities. A key focus of the executive is moving forward the association locally and on a national level. The work of the MFCA is imperative to support Government Relations that take place each year. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Greg Jones encourages the membership to participate by having their voice heard. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Greg Jones highlighted the work on leadership and development and the partnership that has developed with Dalhousie University, which will be discussed in details during the conference. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice thanked those who provided data through the census as it is very important to help the association moved forward

Moved by Greg Jones, seconded by Charlie Kavanaugh that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Leon Ross provided an updated. This is his second year on the MFCA board; it has been a great learning experience. With a background in training, he understands the importance of providing great leadership and training opportunities for the fire services in the Atlantic Provinces. He noted that he has retired as Chief and as a result will be resigning from the MFCA board of directors.

Moved by Leon Ross, seconded by Greg Jones that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director highlighted the worked done by the association since joining in October 2019. Many great partnerships have been formed to ensure the success of the conference.

Moved by Shannon Mury, seconded by Greg Jones that the Executive Director's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer presented the financials for the year of 2024 (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet).

Moved by Al Duchesne, seconded by Charles Kavanaugh that the Treasurer Report is approved as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the Profit & Loss Budget for 2024.

Moved by Al Duchesne, seconded by Bernie Turpin that the Profit & Loss Budget for 2023 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### Approval of All Business Conducted by the Board of Directors since last Annual Meeting

Moved by Al Duchesne, seconded by Scott Poupart that the business conducted by the board of directors since the 2023 AGM be approved. Motion carried.

#### Nomination Committee Report

Past President, Tory Rushton provided an update. The following names have been brought forward for nominations:

President – Vince MacKenzie, Grand Falls Windsor, NF

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Greg Jones, Amherst, NS

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Sherry Dean, HRM, NS

Sergeant at Arms – Vacant

Moved by Tory Rushton, seconded by Leon Ross that the Nomination Committee report be accepted as adopted. Motion carried.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**June 29, 2024**

**9:30-10:00am**

102 persons present

Call to order

The President called the meeting to order at 9:27am

Nomination Report

Charles Kavanaugh, for the Chair of the Nomination Committee/Past President, called for nominations for each of the executive positions.

President – Vince MacKenzie’s name was put forward by nomination committee; Charles Kavanaugh called for nominations for the position of President an additional three times. No further nominations were brought forward. Vince Mackenzie was appointed and accepted the position of President.

1st Vice – Greg Jones’s name was put forward by nomination committee; Charles Kavanaugh called for nominations for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice an additional three times. No further nominations were brought forward. Greg Jones was appointed and accepted the position of 1st Vice.

2nd Vice – Sherry Dean’s name from Halifax Fire and Emergency was put forward by the nomination committee Charles Kavanaugh called for nominations for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice an additional three more times. No further nominations were brought forward. Sherry Dean was appointed and accepted the position of 2nd Vice.

Sergeant of Arms – Charles Kavanaugh’s name was put forward by nomination committee;

Moved by Scott Poupart, seconded by Sherry Dean that Charles Kavanaugh be nominated for the position of Sergeant of Arms.

Greg Shaw called for nominations for the position of Sergeant of Arms an additional three time; no further names were put forward. Charles Kavanaugh was appointed and accepted the position of Sergeant of Arms. Motion carried.

Directors Report

a. NS – Rod Nielsen

Rod Nielsen presented the report for FSANS.

Moved by Rod Nielsen, seconded by Al Duchesne that the NS Director’s report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

b. PE - Gerard McMahon

Gerard McMahon, presented the report for PEI's Fire Fighters Association

Moved by Gerard McMahon seconded by Nick Power that the PE Director's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

c. NB – Charlie Kavanaugh

Charles Kavanaugh presented the report for NB's Fire Fighters Association.

Moved by Charlie Kavanaugh seconded by Greg Jones that the NB Director's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

d. NF & Labrador – Gary Harnum

Gary Harnum presented the report for NF and Labrador's Fire Fighters Association

Moved by Gary Harnum seconded by Charles Kavanaugh that the NF and Labrador Director's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Continue with reports of standing committees

Deferred to business session #3 on Sunday.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**June 30, 2024**

**9:30-10:30am**

34 persons present

Call to order

The President called the meeting to order at 8:46 am.

Election of officers

Moved by Leon Ross seconded by Greg Jones that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Chief Greg Shaw, for Past President Tory Rushton, cast the ballot to the Executive Director with the list of names.

President – Vince MacKenzie, Grand Falls Windsor, NF

1st Vice – Greg Jones, Amherst, NS

2nd Vice – Sherry Dean, HRM, NS

Sergeant at Arms – Charles Kavanaugh, NB

New executive chosen by acclamation.

### Continue with Reports of Standing Committees

#### **By-Law Committee – Rod Nielsen**

Rod Nielsen presented a report for the By-Law Committee.

Moved by Rod Nielsen, seconded David Witzell, by that the By-Law Committee Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Honours Committee – Bernie Turpin**

Bernie Turpin presented a report of the Honours Committee.

Moved by Bernie Turpin, seconded by Sherry Dean that the Honours Committee Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Conference Committee – Vince MacKenzie**

Vince MacKenzie presented a report of the Conference Committee.

Moved by Vince MacKenzie, seconded by Scott Poupart that the Conference Committee Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution Committee – Rod Nielsen**

Rod Nielsen presented a report for the By-Law Committee.

Moved by Rod Nielsen, seconded Leon Ross by that the Resolution Committee Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Training Committee Report – Greg Jones**

Greg Jones presented a report for the Training Committee.

Moved by Greg Jones, seconded Sherry Dean, by that the Training Committee Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### New Business

Charles Kavanaugh made a note that it is important for new members to step forward and become involved in the association

### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.