

Minutes of the City of Salmon Arm Firefighters' Association Overall Meeting
Held on June 12, 2012 @ Firehall # 3

The meeting was called to order by **President Nigel Watts** at 17:12hrs.

Guest: Reverend Ray Parker – Kamloops Fire Chaplin

Ray made a presentation promoting a Fire Department Chaplin.

-his goal to visit larger fire departments in the interior to suggest bringing in a Chaplin

-the focus of the Chaplin is not primarily religious, the function is not to preach

-Chaplin's perform funerals, weddings, Fire Hall openings/blessings, blessing fire trucks, Marriage counselling, grief counselling and critical incident stress debriefing

-Chaplin's do not respond to calls but get calls from the hall to perform counselling functions when required

-a local Chaplin is trusted by the members

Criteria: Is there a need for a Chaplin in your organization?

Is there a member that fits the role?

Chief Shirley: Suggests that members take this back to the individuals Halls for review and a response.

Introduction of New Members:

Hall #1: Claude Newhouse

Hall #2: None

Hall #3: None

Hall #4: None

The minutes of the previous meeting read by **Vice President, Alan Middleton**.

Motion by: **Mike** that the Minutes are adopted as read.

Second by: **Mark Kaprowski**

All in favour? Motion PASSED

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Report was presented by **Treasurer Rob Stunzi** as of June 12, 2012

Chequing Balance: \$ 9,731.56

Benevolent Balance: \$ 5,907.62

Shares Balance: \$ 1 35.51

Scholarship Balance: \$ 13,859.42

Patronage Balance: \$ 10.04

Balance of accounts: \$ 29,644.17

Comments on Treasurer's Report: None

Motion by: **Russ Palmer** that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as read.

Second by: **Chris Lowe**

All in favour? Motion PASSED

Correspondence:

None.

Committee Reports:

Jackson:

24 people came out for Golf – Costs ~\$1,600 and change for a \$1,000 total once all the money is collected.

Winner: Steve Fabro

Rob Stunzi:

Banquet – lost about \$13 overall

Curling Bonspiel had a late donation – Made \$1005

John Hanna asked if the scholarship fund is 'self sustaining.'

-It was brought to light that the scholarship has been awarded and not claimed several times in the last few years.

-Rob made the comment to the school that it be awarded specifically to Firefighters children.

-Currently, the award of the scholarship is solely managed by the school.

-The criteria for the scholarship was questioned as far as what courses are valid to claim the scholarship.

-Andreas mentioned that SASCU had criteria that would may be good to adopt.

Chief's Report:

Chief Brad Shirley:

-Payroll has been reconciled as of May 31st and should be deposited no later than today (June 12, 2012). Captains have the pay stubs and if you have questions, ask them or the Chief.

The Fire Department Accident and sickness insurance policy was reviewed with President Watts.

-as of June 11th, the life and sickness benefits were increased with the 'Accidental death' clause being raised to \$150K from \$100K.

-As this is a new insurance provider, a new package will be issued detailing coverage.

-A letter will be issued, designed to provide your doctor with knowledge to assist in getting screening for firefighters for job related conditions, to be taken to your personal physician

-Enderby Line of Duty Death report does not indicate 100% the cause of the explosion claiming the life of Dan Botkin but details that the probable cause was flammable liquids and a combustion source. Not more than 1.5L of gasoline total was present to cause the explosion. The subsequent 'Prevention strategy' is still in limbo. The Chief's conference lobbied, via a letter, to have a 'prevention strategy' published more quickly than the current course.

-Enderby Fire Chief presented a plaque to Chief Shirley in recognition of the SAFD's support following the death of Cpt. Daniel Botkin.

-Notes regarding the Fire Training Signature Form at the training centre:

- Some of the liability wording has been removed.
- The training center is funded and used by a consortium of Fire Departments.
- Policies and procedures have been agreed upon by this entire group and all parties must comply.
- The form acts as a 'class list' of those who attended as well as a log for cost incurred by the training centre (propane, foam etc).
- The form also serves to inform individuals that the activities associated with 'live burn' are more stressful than standard practice nights. Individuals can make the choice to participate based on their health using the form as a reminder.

-SAFD is advertising aggressively for Hall #1 and Hall #4 recruitment. Please refer anyone who is interested to administration

-Thanks for your commitment to the members taking the Advanced First Aid

-Thanks for the good response on the latest fires.

Assistant Chief Rod Macfarlan:

- Scene preservation and documentation at the most recent Hall #4 fires was well done.
- Clean your helmets and turn out gear and helmets regularly for long term safety
- The Fire Training Centre will be used for the firefighter contribution for Emergency Awareness week. Rod to present on the hour/half hour on behalf of the Fire Department
- July 1st – Children's Festival will require volunteers, a notification will be sent to the individual halls.

New Business:

CPT. Jerry Jones:

- halls need to do a better job of letting our people know what's going on including retired members with respect to events: Golf and other events being planned.

CPT. Chris Lowe:

- pay-night has become stale with reduced attendance and poor feedback regardless of what the planned event

-Hall #2 makes the suggestion that we drop the pay-night and go back to the Summer Picnic as this has been successful in the past and might be a good way to go in the future

Show of Hands for Acceptance of the picnic in place of pay-night: Passed.

Terry Switick:

-In light of the two Coast Guard members who were killed in a training incident, can we set aside a fund for travel to show support in the event of similar circumstances.

Request to be followed up with the Chief as far as funding is concerned – to be actioned by Rob Stunzi

Andreas Meerza – Seminar Report:

Date is Mother's Day weekend. Some negative feedback has been raised.

-Shaw Centre has set the date given other commitments requiring ice

-to be followed up with the Seminar committees later

Brandon Payne:

Are we still interested in doing the Boot Drive again for Muscular Dystrophy?

-Consensus to Move forward

No 50/50 draw was held.

Motion by: **Ian Webster** that the Overall Association buys a round.

Second by: **Jamie Franklin**

All in favour? Motion PASSED

Motion by: **Brian Brooke** that the meeting be adjourned.

Second by: **Terry Switick**

All in favour? Motion PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 21:05 hrs.