

KENTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

REGULAR MONTHLY SOCIETY MEETING

FEBRUARY 27 2019

PRESIDENT---Bobby Haines called the meeting to order at 20:00

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES---were approved as printed with typo corrections.

NOTICE OF MOTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

DC2 Ian Fairclough was asked to take the chair as Bobby Haines chair of Bylaws Committee presented the motion

ARTICLE 1 SECTION 12 REGARDING LEAVE—to read as follows:--

Any member with more than six (6) months and one (1) day of service (inclusive of probationary period) may apply in writing to the personnel committee chairperson, or designate person, for leave as prescribed in the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department regulations ARTICLE 27

MOTION—Bobby Haines & Andrew Chisholm That we accept ARTICLE 1 SECTION 12-- M.C. by more than three quarters of the 31 members voting

DC2 Ian Fairclough returns the chair to the president.

CORRESPONDANCE-- One letter from Salvation Army, thank you card from Beth Moore for our assistance with her water issue.

MOTION---By Brian Desloges & Ian Fairclough that any correspondence requiring further attention be brought up under new business. M.C.

PERSONNEL REPORT—By Art Hamilton

Received a letter from Frank Hiltz asking to be placed back on active duty as of Feb 24 2019 and he was placed on #12 pumper

Received a letter from Bobby Haines requesting a four week medical leave effective February 27, 2019

Milestones—there are no milestones for the month of February

MOTION---By Art Hamilton & Derek Mailman that we accept the personnel report M.C.

CHIEFS REPORT

Area rate—public meeting has been set for March 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium if you own property please get out and vote.

Surplus Equipment Sale—The boat & trailer and motor are surplus equipment and no longer meeting our needs of the Department. The Operations Committee and the Board of Directors have approved the sale by public tender. Other equipment for sale is a portable generator and 8 older surplus suits

Captain and Lieutenant Performance Review—The chief and both deputies have begun officer reviews establishing goals, opportunities for individual improvement, and individual training needs. Issues of low attendance were discussed. Officers requested to improve above 50% or understand they will not be eligible to reapply.

Rope Rescue Team---Diminishing membership means we are unable to provide a fully staffed rope rescue team. KVFD Officers have agreed and the chief will bring to the Chief Officers a recommendation that rope rescue trained members from other departments attend a rope rescue team fire station for a response

Members Returning to Active Duty---Reminder everyone **MUST** request a return to active duty in writing to personnel. Personnel will then notify fire chief for company placement, coordinating safety orientation training, member registration with WCB, and notify store to issue PPE. Member is **NOT** active until the fire chief has received clearance notice from Personnel recommending return to active duty.

Volunteer Fire Fighter Plates--- The Fire Marshal now requires the fire chief to notify the OFM once a fire fighter is no longer an active member of the fire department. The chief is now required to fill out a standard form providing the members Name, Address, Master Number and Volunteer Firefighter Plate Number to the OFM. The forms were handed out to members to fill out the required information.

CHIEFS REPORT CONTINUED

Selection of Kentville Community Volunteer---The KVFD follows a tradition of recommending the longest time served, going down the list. The person next in line is D/C Ian Fairclough. We will submit his name for this recognition.

1st DEPUTY CHIEF SCOTT HAMILTON---N/A

2nd DEPUTTY CHIEF IAN FAIRCLOUGH---Things seem to be going well. Remember your standard responses for alarms.

I'm looking into a retention plan for the department. Part of that will be looking at why people have left, what people enjoy about the department, what they see as the benefits and downfalls, and what they would like to see that would make them more inclined to remain as members. Be realistic. I'll be looking for input from everyone.

Also, if you're aware of discounts offered to firefighters in the local area or anywhere else, let me know so I can keep a working list.

BOD REPORT--- by Matt Parrish – No questions were asked

COMPANY REPORTS

11& 22—Capt Haines—Everything working well

12 & 21— Engineer Carl Knox--Passenger cab doors sometimes hard to open, try not to push before operating handle EVT is looking into the problem.

31--- Capt Hill---Everything in good shape, welcome Matt Parrish as new Lt.

41—Capt Walsh—N/R

Safety---Mike Benjamin---If you slip or fall or hurt yourself in anyway please let safety know so we can fill out a report, we want to keep track of any and all incidents.

Also a reminder of trucks backing up the back ramp. The firefighter in the back stay in the truck until the truck gets to the top of the ramp where the truck will stop before entering the building for you to hook up the exhaust system. The officer of the truck can be the spotter of the unit from the front of the truck as it backs up the ramp.

SPECIAL TEAMS---Lt. Pat Ricketts---All is quite.

ACCOUNTABILITY--- Derek Mailman---Keep up the good work

RADIO---Paul Dawson--Kenny has acquired our new chairs for the radio room and they will be in service on Friday. Please use care with these chairs. Reports seem to be working well, thank you. Please feel free to offer any suggestions and feedback for improvements. Reminder that it can be noisy in the radio room during alarms, please refrain from occupying the room unless you need to be in there.

I.T.---By tomorrow night every computer in the building will be updated to Windows 10 Pro and Office will be updated to the latest version. Desktops and programs may appear a bit different but they will run much faster and be less likely to crash.

Overall the IT issues here are becoming less of an issue, we are very pleased with the Digital nGenuity service. Remember we pay them a flat monthly rate so do not hesitate to bring any issues to them with a IT ticket. Everything from password changes to software or hardware issues go to them.

The new website will be live in the next few days. When you go to the site you will see a members area. When you enter that page it will ask you to register. Please use your fire department email to register and you can make your own password. If you do not have a Kentville Fire email contact IT support to have one created. On this page it is anticipated that meeting minutes, training calendars etc. will be hosted on these private locked pages.

TRAINING---DC2 Ian Fairclough-- Four members are signed up for Strategy and Tactics this month, and three are signed up for the Hazmat awareness online course. The training schedule for the next month will be posted soon. Next week's session has changed and will now be a split session with officers doing officer training and everyone else working with firefighters Morrison and Belen on stopping basic leaks from home oil tanks and truck saddle tanks.

At some point this year we hope to have an extrication course.

I'd like everyone to take a look at their training file and make sure it contains certificates for all courses you have taken. If you need to add any, please let me know so our electronic file can be updated.

There will be sensitivity training coming up for those who haven't had it.

There is a Pump Operations course at Western shore April [13/14/27/28](#) from [0800 - 1700](#) each day. This is a theory and practical training. We need a minimum of twelve at the School. If you're interested see me, it will depend on budget considerations.

DRIVER TRAINING---Capt Jeremy Walsh---Dylan Dauphinee has successfully been approved on Tanker 21 upgrading him to Engineer 3rd Class (certificate presented) . Sean Morrison has successfully challenged the evaluation testing of Squad31, Utility52, Tankers 21+22 upgrading him to Engineer 3rd Class(certificate presented) .Frank Hiltz and Wade Young now approved on Utility52. The driving committee has added 2 additional members (Paul Jackson and Danny Durling) to its complement

BUILDING---Jeremy Walsh---Damaged hose balancer on plymovent for 31. Replaced under warranty. - New rubber wash hoses installed. Waiting for new rubber nozzle to arrive to replace by 12 pumper

BAR---Brady Atwater---Bar coming up soon but none after that, hoping for more.

SOCIAL---Julie Forget---looking for help with ideas please see me.

SICK AND VISITING---Carl Knox---Get well card sent to Aylesford Fire Chief Shaun Carey.--Congratulations to Matt Piggoton the birth of a son---Sympathy card to Berwick Fire fighter Steve Palmer, his wife passed away.--Sympathy card to Angela Ripley her mother passed away---Sympathy letter was sent to HRM Fire on the fire in Spryfield with 7 victim's---Condolences were offered to Brandy Decker on the passing of her Grandfather.

CASCADE---Car Knox---15 packs tested only one with minor repairs needed shows we are taking better care of the units—heads up display units are not going to be repaired as it is very expensive to do so—some bottles are being taken off the front line and put on reserve in the compressor room.

HISTORICAL---Carl Knox—nothing new to report still evaluating the trophies.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SALES--- Randy Hill—Getting some new items for sale soon.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY---Mark Pound--

A few upcoming things that help will be needed with:

Sunday, March 17th, 2019- Shamrock Sales at Paddy's in Kentville/Wolfville

Saturday, April 20th, 2019- Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive

Tickets for the Harley will be here soon (sent today from Halifax)

MFR---N/R

STORES---Dylan Dauphinee--Please fill your reports out and pass them in.

Thanks

KCFFA—Hugh Stronach—The KCFFA are having a booth at the “Spring Garden Show” at the Kentville Rink April 12–14. Looking for help to staff the booth. Looking for any Fire Prevention material to hand out.

TREASURERS REPORT---read by Clem Fairclough

Bank statements have been reconciled for the month of December

Profits and loss for the month of January 13st records profit of \$5,150.34

Bank statement as of January 31st 2019 shows a balance of \$32,675.13. Available funds as of January 31st 2019 is \$31,385.13. (un-cleared cheque's and deposits)

TREASURERS REPORT CONT.

As of February 25th 2019 for the month of February we have a profit of \$788.13

If anyone has any questions or concerns involving our society accounts please contact John Cogswell anytime for clarification.

OLD BUSINESS

Carl Knox—brought up the subject of the Christmas party date brought forward by the BOD and changes made at the January Society meeting, was out of order. After a short discussion it was deemed out of order.

MOTION---By Chris Hillis & Carl Knox that the date offered up by the BOD (Dec 7th) be taken back to the BOD for further review based on the feeling of the members as Dec 14th would be a better date. M.C.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Brian Desloges—Administration Committee minutes are posted on the bulletin boards in the crew lounge and the apparatus bay and allshare on web page.

Sean Morrison—John Deer days looking to see if any interest in doing a BBQ for them. There was no interest. Then question was would there be any opposition to some other department or group doing it. As there was no opposition to this question the subject was dropped.

Carl Knox—Asked if the minutes could be posted on the monitor screen in crew lounge Paul Dawson said it could be done and would look into it.

Paul Jackson—Chief Carry of the Aylesford Fire Dept. Is going crazy while is recovering from an illness.

DC@ Ian Fairclough was asked again to take the chair while President Bobby Haines chair of Bylaws brought forward a change to regulations Section 27

MOTION--- By Bobby Haines & Jeremy Walsh that we accept Section 27 of the regulations as printed M.C.

MOTION –By Bobby Haines & Pat Ricketts That we accept the new wording for Article 19 regarding Honorarium. After much discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Motion---By Bobby Haines & Dylan Dauphinee that we table Article 19 to be reworded and brought forward at a future date. M.C.

PRESIDENT---Bobby Haines spoke to the society the he had to take a medical leave due to a condition, that was obvious to everyone in attendance. He apologized for his up coming absence.

Adjourned 21:12

Clem Fairclough

Bobby Haines

Secretary

President