NBAFC - April 2018 Board of Directors

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Dave Gallant – Southeast FF Association

Eric McLellan - DNER

Tim Corbin – Volunteer Chiefs

Roger Pitre – Miramichi Valley

Serge Gallant – Fire Service Co-ordinator NBCC

Kevin Theriault – Fundy FF Association

Harry Farrell – Capital District

Stephen Armour – Central Valley

Quentin McGrath – Chauleur

President Walton called meeting called to order. Motion to approve of agenda by Yvon Pelletier 2nd Tim Nickerson. Motion carried

Approval of January 2018 minutes Motion accept as distributed Scott Poupart 2nd Quentin McGrath, motion carried.

**Business arising from Previous**

MFCA – Chief Landry stated that at the previous meeting in January it was brought to the floor the option of combining the conference of the two Associations MFCA/NBAFC and the members were asked to bring this to their association for discussion at today’s meeting.

Chief Landry reported a meeting of the MFCA directors was held this past month and their board is in favor of combining the two Associations. Chief Landry commented this would be held in 2020, if it is agreed this would be a pilot project to see if combining the conference would be feasible to both Associations. MFCA has adopted time lines that the NBAFC is presently doing with the exception of Monday being the last day of their conference. He believes with the time frame for planning this could be a very good conference. The MFCA in the time period of their conference they are able to provide more guest speakers and educational seminars; which wold be a plus for the NBAFC as the time frame with meetings does not allow for various educational programs. Chief Landry stated the two Provinces are small enough and combining the two could be a benefit to both Associations.

Chief Walton asked the members for comments from the floor. MFCA is starting to host their convention on weekends versus a week in July as previously done. Chief Landry noted that Moncton is a central City and large enough to host a convention of this size. Each association would have their time for their board meetings and there is a ladies program as well as a children’s program. He informed the members there attendance this year was 200 delegates and 100 partners, and is held over the weekend however MFCA it finishes on Monday.

D/C Dan McCoy asked why this is being requested. Chief Landry stated it is his vision to have this to be able to bring in more guess speakers for our fire service and a larger registration. Directors were agreeable knowing that the younger generation of fire fighters are looking for educational programs. This would also be a cost savings for fire departments combining the two. This item will be brought to the AGM 2018 for discussion.

Motion by Chief Scott Poupart that the Executive be given directive to enter into discussion with executive of MFCA to explore possibility of a joint convention with intent to bring back information to the members for verification, 2nd Chief Conrad Landry, motion carried

EMO correspondence – Chief Walton distributed the documents received from Andrew Easton Provincial Security Advisor/Exec. Director of Security and Emergencies Division. Chief Walton noted that as fire chiefs we are responsible for the scene and as chief if an agency is required it the Fire Chief who makes this call. D/C McCoy asked Fire Marshal if any information came to his office prior to the correspondence. Fire Marshal noted no information was received.

Chief Walton stated each director has different thoughts when responding to call. EMO is a support mechanism for 1st responders. The conflict is why EMO respond to a scene when they are not called out by the commanding officer. We want to work with EMO and it is the fire chief’s responsibility to contact EMO if they are required as the Fire Chief is the Incident Commander of the scene. Discussion took place regarding this document and Executive Director will request a meeting with Mr. Easton to discuss this issue and the correspondence received.

Finance Committee – Executive Director reported on the finances and the final cost and revenue for the workshop. President Walton asked that the Executive meet with the Training committee to understand what happens and the cost related to this workshop. Motion to accept financial report as read, Deputy Chief Tim Nickerson 2nd Chief Charles Kavanaugh.

President Walton MBU (Mobile Burn Unit) – updated the members on the work in process for the purchase of the MBU; we are waiting for information and everyone will be informed as we receive this information. President Walton is hoping to have some information for the annual conference. Deadline for the quote on this unit is coming very soon.

Volunteer Chief meeting – Chief Walton informed the members the question has been brought to his attention “do we need two Volunteer Chiefs meeting”? These would be the meetings of October and April. The Volunteer Chiefs meeting will continue as part of the Annual conference prior to the AGM. At the last meeting in Miramichi there was approximately 15 people in attendance. Question was asked do we need the two volunteer chiefs meeting when we have an hour meeting prior to the AGM (Annual General Meeting). When asked the members present at the volunteer Chiefs meeting there were two Fire Chiefs that commented the meetings were informative.

Fire Chief Harry Farrell – reported committee met to discuss the purchase of fire apparatus April 26 in Fredericton. There are 78 vehicles which are outdated in our province and are ready for replacement.

Chief Walton reported at the Executive level in November a meeting was held with Ambulance NB. Have not received any information to date Deputy Chief Dan McCoy will reach out for another meeting.

Chief Walton reported a meeting will be requested to meet with WSNB regarding the Cancer legislation. This is an on-going venture with WSNB and Municipalities information will be made available to the Directors as we move forward.

Chief Kavanagh reported Chief Landry is now the New Brunswick representative for the Maritimes. He noted a training tour held in April one in Woodstock and the other in Miramichi, which was not good turnout; it seems Capital District is the only area that has interest in this training.

CAFC – Dan McCoy

The CAFC is working on the following items;

* All of the committees within the CAFC have been reviewed, request to fill seats has been done and the committees are filled. The committee are; Best Practices, Interoperability-PSBN, Railway – Pipeline safety, Redefining Fire, Diversity and Inclusion, Building Codes, Fire Rescue Canada, Membership, By-Laws, Nominations, Resolutions, Board and NAC.
* CAFC will have its own magazine again. Expect to see it in the coming months.
* Will be establishing a Canadian Female Fire Chief’s and Company Officers Network
* The NFID has been completed and is available through the CAFC web site
* Will be conducting webinars – at least 4 from May – September and then bi-weekly after the conference in Sept.
* Allocated funding to complete the Answer the Call Program
* Changes to the R2MR program.

This year’s conference will be in Ottawa September 16-20.

He stressed the benefits for the NB Fire Departments to become a member of the CAFC and informed the group there are a number of Volunteer Chiefs that attend this conference.

R2MR training – Deputy Chief McCoy reported on the changes coming within Federal government. We have lost some of the instructors for the R2MR training. He informed the members that the Federal Government is adopting a committee to look at the mental health training and this training will be free of charge to our fire service members. More information will follow.

Nomination resolution - no report

Constitution by Laws - Manner of voting was discussed when a large number of nominations are brought to the floor for Executive positions. Explanation of manner of voting was discussed however with a show of hands by the Directors it was approved to leave status quo as it is today or show of hands 50 plus one.

Agreed the manner which it is presently being used will continue.

Chief Walton advised that when you cannot attend a meeting or must leave early on Friday evening then have a member of your organization with you to fill in should information from the board be required during the Saturday meeting. Chief Walton has noticed that members give their reports on Friday and leave. This was brought to the floor previously and each member is to have a proxy should they not be able to attend the meeting or leave early.

Office of the Fire Marshal

* Flooding – an email was sent regarding the issue with flooding and what can a department provide to assist, Fire Marshal asked if you have resources available please provide them. He asked for members to send his office an email of what their departments could provide should the they need arise. Realizing this information changes.
* Pumping out basements reminder to fire service, dangers, be sure you are aware of electrical danger prior to assisting. Do not pump out until the water subsides. Peter Kavanaugh reported that LSD do not pump out basement. Liability of property damage.
* Regional Fire Dispatch - several areas in Capital district are using this system. Already starting work toward Codiac and Saint John areas.
* Building Assessment throughout the province has been completed. This is public information and will be made to the fire service once the IT side of this is sorted.
* Ammonia Co skill presentation in both language’s. Starting in September information will be done with ammonia. This information will be brought to the AGM in May.
* Fire scene security is now in place. A good win for the fire service.
* Accreditation - Pro Board Seal - if there is anyone who wants to receive accreditation for the training they have done this is available and the link is on all of the web site link of the OFM, NBCC or NBAFC. If you have questions regarding how the process works Susan Gamble will be the contact.
* Local Assistance appointments few sessions have been done. If you do not have a Local Assistant in your department please advise the OFM as you must have a Local Assistant on staff.
* New employee in the Office of the Fire Marshal. He will be in touch with members of this groups. Working on building plans, sprinkler plans, Construction industry etc.
* Fire Service 2025 – Fire Marshal reiterated the importance of this incentive looking into the future of the fire service. Fire protection and engineers all elements of the fire service. A meeting is scheduled for Monday with the NBAFC. Town hall sessions’ will be held throughout the province to discuss the future of the fire service this is all elements of the fire service and all members can attend these sessions.
* Survey of the Fire Service - Evaluation we will be going out later in the fall early 2019, Newfoundland did a survey review of the fire service throughout the province regarding training and equipment, requirements.
* Comments have been received by the OFM and he stated the more feedback that they receive the more weight it will carry.

President Walton stated this Fire Survey was one of the priorities of the NBAFC to Government and he is pleased to see this happen. Deputy Chief McCoy also stated this was part of the White Paper report to have a Gap Analyses completed for the Province.

NBCC – Serge Gallant-Fire Service Co-ordinator

January training is ongoing and reported the numbers are good. Looking at having an Instructors course to be held in Moncton in mid-May. The instructor will be Don McCabe.

Water rescue training cannot be recognised by NBCC as we do not have a boat course through the college. The committee has been looking into various water rescue courses, various organizations that can deliver this course. More information will be given when decision is made.

Workshop 2018 will be held September 7 & 8 and online registration worked very well last year and will continue using on line registration. We will have information at the conference this year. Student registration is now on line. Personnel can now obtain their marks for fire fighter Level 1 & 2 courses are on line.

Prerequisites, this is an issue which they have had lately it is important on the web site when Chiefs call for courses. For instance, think of the prerequisite to obtain the Auto Extrication course, you must have Fire fighter one, however the course can be taken if you are in the process of obtaining your fire fighter 1; you can take auto extrication but must finish your Fire Fighter 1 Training prior to receiving their certificate.

Buyer Beware – Serge informed the group people are going outside the county to take fire fighter program for a week or two and come back with certificates. This does not mean they will be recognized in the Province of N.B. Any courses within Canada are fine however anything coming out of US have to the checked for the proper standards, legislation and training which the states have. Do your homework prior to investing into a program that may not be accepted in Canada.

D/C Tim Nickerson asked Serge what are the requirements to obtain the Officer course? Serge advised the member must have Fire Fighter 1 & 2 this is NBCC program.

Haz Material – Mike Lewis informed the group be aware of large propane tanks that are exposed to the environment. We are working with Federal Government which will give us the access to what the rail transports carry throughout our province. We will know more within the next two weeks.

Association Haz Mat training will be carried out for the Acadian Peninsula and the Sussex region. Also working on a system to obtain information on Hazardous chemicals on our phones, this is a work in process. He will keep the members informed

Mike Walton as the OFM to explain the comment made in January meeting regarding F500 foam. Mike Lewis stated perhaps the presentation of the information was not delivered properly; misstep of words, however this foam is as any other foam product. He stated the fire service is to look at the product as you would any other product.

Fund Raising – Fenety Marketing Nadine LeBlanc reported this campaign seems to be following the previous years for funding. Campaign funds are lower however with the economy this is to be expected.

Convention 2018 – Nadine Leblanc reported each member of the committee works on various section of the conference and plans are moving forward.

Awards committee – 4 application Bursary program 2 Bursary were awarded. President Walton informed the members we need to get this information out to our Association.

He asked the directors to start pushing this to their fire departments and the deadline for applications is March 31st.

It was suggested our Web Master Mario Durette send mass email as a reminder to this NBAFC Bursary.

Awards for this year 1 Hall of Flame recipient, 2 President Awards 2 Recognition awards.

LSD – Chief Harry Farrell reported on the apparatus committee meeting where tenders have been sent; LSM were excellent to work with. Meeting was held in January regarding pumpers. Chief Walton informed the members that should a department request the purchase of a tanker the Fire Chief needs to defend his request to the committee.

NFPO – Fire Chief Rick Nicolson reported on the Annual seminar was April 6 - 8 held in Fredericton. There were 73 registered and had a translator for the weekend. We had seven speakers whom spoke on great fire prevention topics. It was a successful conference.

Regional Fire Dispatch – Deputy Chief Dan McCoy reported the TMR is presently be carried out, there are 8 department completed in the Capital area; June is the time frame for completion. It seems to be moving along well and some departments are buying radios. Deputy Chief McCoy noted the radios are available through the OFM. Next area is the Codiac area and there is a meeting schedule this coming week. Once Codiac is complete they will be going to the St. John area. PSAP Managers are starting their work now.

Eric McLellan DNER– Spring fire season current have had 35 fires - 35.9 hectars. They are seeing increase in fires as the dry season arrives. He reminded the fire service “**leave blower” can be good to extinguish grass fires however there is a safety issue to the use of this piece of equipment**. Air tanker has been sold and replaced with three smaller aircrafts. Cost of Foam has increased; over $1,400 barrel. DNER are called out to a fire they are not allowed to use lights and sirens.

**Allan Peters - Atlantic standing committee Northern Affairs Emergency Management.**

He is pleased to date of where we stand in the emergency service. Fire service deaths reported from 2010-2018 with 173 deaths within the Atlantic region various issues are moving forward for the fire service. Atlantic region training for Fire Fighter Level 1 are low. Elsipogtog has obtained their Level 1 and 2. He works with the OFM to obtain this training.

Atlantic Games continue, and during this time their AGM is being held.

Permanent Chiefs – Fire Chief Harold Lowe reported since their last meeting a Terms of Reference was developed and all Permanent Chiefs have approved and will be brought to the Board.

Expansion of the Cancer Legislation was brought to his attention and President Walton stated a committee has been formed with WSNB, NBAFC Executive and members Municipalities to continue working on obtaining additional cancers for the fire service as decision are made the members will be informed.

Chief Lowe reported the Permanent Chiefs have stopped their quarterly meetings throughout the year; they will continue with their meeting at the Annual General Meeting however they should require a meeting throughout the year they will schedule as required. Dan McCoy stated he was glad to see Terms of Reference for the Permanents Chiefs committee.

Volunteer Chiefs Report

Last meeting was held at NBCC in Miramichi on April 14, 2018

* A reoccurring issue has been road closures and lack of info from DTI. It has been determined that until a different solution is in place, it would be of interest to the Fire

Departments to establish contact with their local road supervisor.

* Firefighters taking FF Level I and FF Level II from Texas say that their certification is not being recognized by NBCC.
* Some LSD departments are having difficulty when getting repairs or additions to their fire stations due to the restrictions on pricing/bidding. This is causing some lengthy delays in getting projects done.
* Regional Fire Dispatch/TMR: Departments inquiring about the timing and location of the next phase of this project.
* Some positive feedback on the new policy put in place by the OFM for scene security.

Industrial Chiefs Walker Clarke reported an election this year. We are having travel issues when it comes to meeting and the group is communicating information through email.

Regional Directors

**Chauleur** - D/C Quentin McGrath reported last meeting held in February. French fire fighter 1 is in process as well as block 3 and fire fighter 2 should be completed before end of May. A meeting was held in their region on TMR presented through Office of the Fire Marshal. Co-host 1CSS 200 course in June with Chief Conrad Landry and as well R2MR French course with officer Paul Leger May 15th

**Central Valley** – Chief Steve Armour reported level 2 and 1 courses presently going on and receiving good class attendance. Issue with road closure-911 notification still remains a problem with the fire service.

Mutual aid was required and we were unable to receive it.

Fire Marshal office staff were in his area and carried out a CO2 training session.

**Capital District - Chief** Harry Farrell

Their association has finished Level 1, practical training to be done as well level 2.

* Level 1 R2MR course Richard Cummings.
* Murray Jr. is working with Pointe LePreau.
* EFF course is ready to be carried.
* Muster will be held May 12.
* DNER Smart Program course was offered to the Capital District to discuss how to keep your property safe in wooded areas.
* He noted they are able to get good speaker for their association.
* Ammonia lecture which was given by Mike Lewis was excellent.
* Officer training course is being done next weekend.

**Fundy -**  Fire Chief Kevin Theriault

Fire Fighter Level 1 course is ongoing with 21 out of the original 25 students, Block 5 will be starting May 8th.

Work is continuing on the training site in St. Stephen

Membership would me to pass on their disappointment with NBCC for not carrying enough text books so students could have new ones for the course, some of these text books are on their third course, and it is making it very difficult for students to follow along with all the previous highlighting that has been done in the books. Skye is working well, glitches we had at first have been fixed.

A few questions were brought forward on the TMR Radio Seeding program. What is the time line on this? Will we have training soon on TMR, or are they just looking for numbers: are there radios available for our department to start carrying now? We have forwarded these question to the TMR group but have never been answered.

Any new info on fire department carrying Narcan? Steps to follow, training suppliers?

Irving is looking to hold a Propane Response Course in the Fundy area, there have been a couple of close calls in the area, and they want to ensure Fire departments hay the right information. Once these are sept up I will pass the information in case there are other departments that would like to take part.

Jason Hatt the Chief of Fundy Bay would like me to extend his thanks to all who purchased T-Shirts as part of the fundraising campaign for their member who is battling Cancer. The response was a lot bigger than he was expecting.

Registration forms have gone out for the training day at Point Lepreau, members are looking forward to this day.

Miramichi Valley -Roger (Jr.) Pitre

Still fairly quiet in our association, the snow cover has kept grass fires at bay for now.  
Students have written the final exam for level 1 training this past week. Sign offs to follow.

CAFC hosted Laura King from NFPA, and her Public education carried a presentation which was well received by all who attended.

RCMP and JPS members were at our last meeting to answer questions from the membership.  
  
Questions are still being asked re. Billing to NB Power for scene security on power line incidents, as well as to insurance companies for extrication operations.  
  
Some departments are having issues with DTI not wanting to do traffic control operations at scenes where fire department objectives have been achieved. i.e. tractor trailer partially blocking traffic, with a 3 hour wait for heavy towing. Victims out, no fire, no fluids leaking.

**Northwest** – New Executive 2018-2019

President Yvon Pelletier, 1st VP Charlie Chiasson, 2nd VP Jean-Phillipe Oudin, Secretary Treasurer Lina Paradis

Training

* French & English Fire Fighter Level 1 presently on-going
* Northwest Association would like to thank the office of the Fire Marshal for providing this extra course due to extra ordinary circumstances.
* Forestry firefighting just completed, a total of 35 participants
* Training information sessions “Mini workshop” will be offered shortly, date to be determined. Theory and practical sessions will be offered this year.
* Air Brake endorsement “E” completed.
* MBU this fall. Northwest Association would want to know if it would be possible to have sessions other than Level 1 sign-offs. The association would like to have some more advanced training for the fire fighters.

**Royal FF Association** – D/C Tim Nickerson reported last meeting held this past Monday. Registration for Point Lebreau workshop is being done. Training for fire fighter 1 and block 4 is being done this weekend. They are having an Issue with the 5th edition books.

Seeking numbers for air brake course and have been contacted by DENR, location has been set. Officer’s course prerequisite for officer course must have Fire Fighter 1. Irving Oil has contacted their group for training session.

**Southeast FF Association** – Chief Dave Gallant reporting on Level 1 and 2 training has been done. Focus on training Auto Extrication, school bus and city buses as well NFPA electric vehicles. Triage EMO issues.

Southeast FF Association has received six defibrillators from Moncton Fire Department, these units were donated to French and English Golden age groups and training was also provided. Training will be kept up with the groups.

Chief Gallant their department is lacking in knowledge regarding the drug Narcan/ Opioids. Training and knowledge is requested for the fire service and asked that the training Province wide. D/C Dan McCoy will send information to Chief Gallant regarding the standard procedure. Chief Gallant also informed the group that he will be stepping down as President of Southeast. President Walton thanked Chief Gallant for his time devoted to the NBAFC.

CAFC/MFCA/NBAFC Membership Billing – it was suggested by D/C McCoy that the NBAFC send out one invoice for NB Fire Chiefs and they choose which association membership you wish to attend. This will be done through the Office of the NBAFC Executive Director and payment for the CAFC/MFCA will be forwarded to their Association. This item will be looked into further.

ADT Alarm incident – President Walton reported an incident of a fire alarm ringing in an area apartment building. The fire chief tried to get information through ADT about the alarm system that they were aware where the alarm was coming form, however ADT would not give the password to obtain entrance to the apartment to shut off the alarm.

Capital District Harry Farrell and Mirmaichi Valley noted they are starting to have guest speakers come in to their association meetings. Roger Pitre stated they had Laura King from NFPA do a presentation to their members. Bob Martin (TMR) will attend the May meeting.

**FIRE SERVICE 2025 - VISION 2025**

Insurance Levy – Proper Funding

Fire Investigations

Fire Prevention Act – changing (Out Dated)

* Inspections- staffing issue
* CO2 Detectors Standardized

Standardization of equipment and testing

Authority of the FMO

* Provincial Mutual Aid Agreement
* FIRS System Update – User Friendly
* Dedicated Fire Prevention personnel
* Standardization Training committee of NBCC be rolled in the OFM
* EMO come under the umbrella of OFM
* Standardization of Local Service District Managers
* LSD to be under direction of OFM instead of Local Government

Training Standards (Provincial)

Fire Fighter Wellness

* Mental Health
* Cancer Legislation

Dispatch Services Fire Services

* Do we need 6 – Central Dispatch system

Recruitment Retention

Regionalization of the Fire Service-

* Sharing of Services

Automatic Mutual Aid agreement (Local Areas)

Provincial Medical Oversite (Standards and Procedure)