PRESENT:

Mike Walton, President

Charles Kavanaugh 1st VP

Dan McCoy, Past President

Scott Poupart 2nd VP

Mike Lewis, OFM

Chief Steve Armour, Central Valley

Chief Kevin Theriault Fundy Bay

Chief Harry Farrell Capital

Chief Roger Pitre Mirmaichi

Chief Allen Peters Aboringial

Eric McLellan - DNR

Deputy Chief Paul Bruens Southeast FF

Deputy Chief Quentin McGrath Chauleur

Chief Yvon Pelletier,

Chief Brian Hunter replacer Tim Nickerson

Chief Tim Corbin – Volunteer Chiefs Chair

President Walton called meeting called to order.

Motion to accept minutes as presented of January meeting by Deputy Chief Pelliter 2nd Scott Poupart, motion carried,

Financial report approved, motion by Chief Farrel , 2nd Chief Theriault, motion carried

Presidents Report - Chief Walton reported since the last meeting much of his time has been spent on the MBU (Mobile Burn Unit). There have been no meetings with the Ministers to date. He reported the numerous hours spent on the MBU; funds have been received from Regional Development Cooperation $ 500,000 and ACOA through the long and timeless hours spent by Heather and Serge of NBCC has committed, $ 197, 500. He advised discussion with other areas of Government will be done and he has received equipment in-kind by various fire service companies.

Motion from Deputy Chief McCoy that the NBAFC enter into an agreement with NBCC for the purchase of MBU for the Province of N.B. Motion carried. NBCC received the first grant funding from NBCC. President Walton stated discussions as well of having a staff member to be in charge of getting this unit to the various Association and the upkeep. President Walton stated that we should be receiving this unit by May 2020 and is hoping to show it at the 2020 Conference. A position could possibly be created through NBCC to have this unit travel throughout the Province, during the 12 months, he asked the directors to discuss this with their associations members should there be anyone interested in this position through NBCC. There remains a lot of work to be done to complete this project.

Chief Kavanaugh reported the Maritime Fire Chiefs Conference will be July 12, 13 14 at Casino NB in Moncton. This will be the last year for the New Brunswick to host this conference. They are presently looking for another location and date. Prince Edward Island and Halifax are being looked into and will be a three year term as well.

CAFC – May 2019

* Membership – The CAFC is offering 20 free memberships to the CAFC in each province and territory. Eligibility includes never before a member of the CAFC and must belong to local Association. If anyone has anyone they can think of please submit their names to me.
* PTSD – I attended on behalf of the CAFC a PTSD conference on April 9 -10th in Ottawa. The purpose of the conference was to determine how to get a program in place to assist first responders across the country. This being done due to the bill put forth by MP Doherty, which states that a program must be in place by the end of 2019. Was a good conference and expect to see something come from this in the number of months.
* R2MR - The Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) can no longer use the course name R2MR. They have changed their course name to the working minds for first responders. The new curriculum will be downloaded soon and provided to our instructors.

With that DND is offering the R2MR free across the country. The CAFC may receive a grant of 50K from Motorola and they want it used to conduct a Master Trainer course to get more instructors qualified to teach their program. It is intended to hold this course in Newfoundland in the fall.

* Answer the Call – this program was put on hold due to lack of funding, however the CAFC is contacting the web site company to get it back up and running soon.
* FRC 2019 will be held from Sept 13-16 in Calgary at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

D/C McCoy reported the R2MR contract with Mental Health Canada to provide training throughout the province can no longer be utilized as another company has adopted this brand and Mental Health will be now called . Also the nine people who were hired by the NBAFC to carry out this training in our Province; there are only three who remain certified. CAFC has received a grant of $ 50,000 and the D&D can provide the mental health training program at no charge. The renewal of our contract with MHCC is coming soon and this should be canceled. Answer the call program which is sponsored by CAFC will be revamped. The conference this year; Fire Rescue Canada will be held in Calgary Sept 13 – 16, 2019 and recommend the members try to attend this conference.

Committee Nomination and resolutions – Chief Theriault reported elections are being held this year and the committee will be working to prepare for the elections 2019.

Annual Convention will continue for a three year term and contract has been signed between the NBAFC and Fredericton Inn to host 2020, 2021 and 2022. One change is the date for 2020 will be May 28, 29, 2020. 2021 & 2122 will remain weekend after the long weekend in May.

Awards Committee – Motion by D/C Pelltier the members who are receiving awards can invite six guest and cost will be covered by the NBAFC to attend the banquet and awards ceremony. Any additional guest for the inductee will be invoiced to the recipient of the award, 2nd Scott Poupart, motion carried.

Nominations for 2019 NBAFC Award Ceremony

Hall of Flame Inductees Chief Charles Kavanaugh, Chief Mike Walton, Deputy Chief Dan McCoy Vote to accept nominations for Hall of Flame 2019 motion by Chief Farrel 2nd Deputy Chief Bruens, motion carried

Certificate of Courage 3 members Saint John Fire Department Motion Yvon 2nd Brian Hunter, motion carried.

President’s Award Fire Chief Cougle Motion Yvon Pelletier Motion 2nd Chief Armour Motion carried

**NBAFC Bursary Awards** – Deputy Chief Pelletier reported seven applications were received and four were approved the additional two recipients were accepted should one of the two recommended by the committee do not send in their papers of acceptance to the office of the NBAFC. Motion to accept the proposal of the candidates by Deputy Chief Pelliter 2nd Chief Corbin, motion carried.

**OFM Mike Lewis** reported the amount of equipment that was deployed for the flooding event and advised the members of the rate paid for those that assisted during the flood and also advised that if any equipment that was damaged to send the necessary information to his office as this will be taken care of by EMO. Vehicles that are none apparatus will be paid 60 cent per KM. Local Service District submit to the Local Government other municipal departments will be paid their hourly rate.

Combustible Dust Presentation – Fire Marshal asked the members if they are interested in having one of these presentation to let him know and he would have this training arranged.

Mike Lewis informed the group of an Auxiliary Award and asked if there was interest by the NBAFC explore this issue further. It was agreed for Mike to move forward and report back to the members with further information.

NB E Manifesting project is presently being worked on and information will be reported.

National Fire Building Codes are online for anyone to have and are free of charge.

Fire Investigation 1403 policy is being looked into.

OFM is presently working with the development of a Haz Mat team in Moncton.

Fire Marshal is working on new campaign for cancer prevention. A Poster will be displayed in the Fire Halls. Documents on Cancer Prevention In Hour Hands will be available.

**NBAFPO** has spoken with the Minister of Public Safety and he would like to form a quarterly meeting with the Association.

Fire Marshal Mike Lewis reported he has 45000 respirators and they are available to anyone who wants them. Contact his office.

Next Generation 911 committee is being developed.

Fire Service 2025 remains a high priority for the OFM, next step will be to train the auditors and dates will be set up. The Training sessions will be Miramichi and Fredericton for September. Chief Walton stated the information should be sent to the Chiefs as to what the audit entails. This directive should also be sent to the Municipalities.

Certification Board Fire Marshal Lewis reported there are numerous awareness information and opts instructor exams in January, JPR required to be accomplished.

Has Mat Technical Extrication Course was held with Fire Service in Moncton , Saint John, Kennebcasis Valley, total 32 students trained to the 1072 Training standard for Hazardous material training and was carried out to IFSAC Standard and Pro Broad Seal.

NBCC- Fire Coordinator Serge Gallant

Training

Since January 2019 courses started, have been going well and will be done in May.

Along with Saint John fire department, we hosted 2-hazmat tech. courses in Moncton. These courses where based on the NFPA 1072 standard and students where tested following the NB accreditation process.

We are continuing to offer Pump and Officer Programs to departments as requested.

Workshop

Dates for this year’s workshop are September 6 & 7. Info and registration will be available at the convention.

Accreditation We are getting many calls requesting info on accreditation, OFM has done testing for HMA / HMO and instructor. We are working with them to finalize the practical testing portion.

Please pass along to your respecting depts. That Accreditation is a Testing process and has nothing to do with Training. For more info, visit the website.

Student Registration

The online student registration for business dev. (contract training) has been put on hold, as we have to figure out the best model to use.

Students are not filling in the forms properly, which is delaying the process on our end. I am working with the ATR’s and instructors on this matter.

FF Certification Board Pro board committee President Mike Walton commented on the work which is being carried out by the committee and thanked them for their time serving on the committee.

Online student registration is presently being worked on modify the form.

President Walton thanked Serge Gallant and Heather Hathway for the many hours of work they have done to assist our fire service in obtaining the Mobile Burn Unit for the NB Fire Service a reality.

Motion by D/C Dan McCoy the 47K grant received by the NBAFC to be utilized for the maintenance of the MBU; with the exception of the meeting with Minister Public Safety, 2nd Mike Walton, motion carried

NBAFPO – no report Executive of NBAFC will request meeting with the Executive of the NBAFPO and invite the Fire Marshal to attend this meeting. May 14, in New Maryland Fire Hall, 6PM Lengthy discussion on the convention and possibly making changes to the agenda moving forward, looking at 2020.

Apparatus Committee – Chief Walton has spoken Martin of DTI and informed the members the Fire Chiefs will not be removed from signing off on the vehicles, 13 trucks are presently being built. The specifications are not in stone. Chief Hunter asked why the Provincial Government will not receive tendering from Companies unless they have 25 years in the business. This question will be brought to the working committee.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

The South Eastern Firefighters Association is doing extremely well. We are in the process of completing a Level 1 Firefighters course in Sackville. Personnel who completed their Level 1 Officers and Instructors Course are working towards completing their JPRs.

On June 22 our annual Spring Training is being held at Moncton Fire. The theme this year is fire hose stream management and practices. We are pleased to announce that we have two sponsors for this event, Task Force Tips and Mic Mac Fire & Safety Source. Our goal is to have 60 participants plus instructional staff from various FD’s within the SEFFA.

Fire Chief Dave Gallant attended the Volunteer Chiefs Meeting on my behalf in the Mirimachi.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the 9th of June at the Riverview Fire Department.

**Acadian Peninsula** – Director unable to attend - no report

**Chaleur FF** – Deputy Chief Quentin McGrath - We had our last meeting in February which we invited Bob Martin of NBTMR to do a presentation on the systems.  We also had the Bathurst PSAP manager in attendance as well to answer questions specific to our PSAP.  We have to English Firefighter 1 courses completed in April and they are doing a rewrite this month for anyone missing exams.  We are also starting a french firefighter 1 this month that will continue into next fall.  The Regional Hazmat group from our area also had one of the trainers in from NBTMR to train on the radios that they now how in service.  DERD was in to complete a wildland fire introductory course in the Bathurst area for approximately 40 firefighters.  We are also working on offering a firefighter 2 and officer 1 course in the near future.

**Northwest Firefighters Association** Yvon Pelletier

**- R2MR Officer  course was held Feb 23, 2019 in Baker Brook**

**- Air Break course with "E" endorsement held feb 23, 2019  followed by the Service NB exam feb 24, 2019**

**- Logbook day , to be held at the Edmundston regional training center.**

**- FF Level 1 date between sept 2019 and Jan 2020.**

**- Officer course to be determined at a later date in 2019.**

**- FF Level 2  to be determined at a later date in 2019.**

**- Northwest Fireman's muster from june 7th to juin 10th , 2019 in St- Joseph-de-Madawaska, N.B.**

**Royal Fire Fighters Association** Chief Brian Hunter

Elections were held for President Tim Nickerson remains President, and he will remain in his position on the Association 1st VP.

Fire Fighter 1 & 2 have been completed and Officer training is ongoing.

Royal District with two other association are having a training day at Point LePreau.   
This training has been happening for a few years and Chief Conrad Landry will be carrying out a leadership training.

**Fundy District Chief** Kevin Theriault

We currently have a Level 1 course ongoing and a level 2 course just completed.

The Fundy Association last met on Feb. 20 in St. Stephen. We had The Canadian Red Cross in to inform members what they can offer, after a fire or major events.

Charlotte County Search and Rescue was also in and gave a quick briefing of where they are, and what they do. They are now covering all of Charlotte County, and everything west of Sussex and north above Welsford. We are working on an equipment list so they know what each fire department has in case they are needed.

Discussed the upcoming Point Lepreau workshop which will be held on June 8.

R2MR Mental Health Training (name to change) is ongoing and Marion Jamer is looking at a new course for the families of first responders, and our Fire Peers Support group has reformed and so far we have at least 1 member in each department.

Work continues on our training site in St. Stephen, some local companies have been very helpful, donating truckloads of supplies, everything from sprinklers systems, stairs and metal doors (all from buildings that were torn down)

Finally it is grass fire season in Charlotte County, some departments have been running day and night lately.

**Miramichi Valley FF Association** Fire Chief Roger Pitre

Quiet spring in Miramichi Valley, level 1 completed, block 5 and make up exam this coming week.  
  
Departments are getting ready for grass fire season.

NBTMR Radio Com issued the association departments TMR radios, through the seed program.

Departments are pleased with the capability to communicate with other responding agencies should the need present itself.

Two association departments were represented at the Volounteer Chief meeting in Miramchi.  
  
A draft mutual aid agreement is circulating with member departments, should be approved

early Summer.  
  
Still looking for guidance with regard to traffic control at scenes that have evolved to a non-emergency state (i.e mva’s that are only waiting for vehicle removal, no FD involvement), or barricade manning in case of inclement weather. Some departments have stated that they will not be doing traffic control beyond blocking scenes with apparatus for crew protection.

**Capital District** – Fire Chief FarralTraining in Capital - 3 Level 1 Fire fighter, 5 air brake course, Level 2 course looking at dates. Training with Fundy and Royal is being planned with Point Lereau. Association meeting for the 13th of May. DNR rates and billing mutual aid agreement are being looked into and will be sending out to the Directors when completed.

**Central Valley – S. Armour** - Completed Block 1, Block 2 is scheduled for May 1, 2 houses are being utilized for training doll house

Chief Armour advised that Bob Martin was in attendance for question and answer discussion on TMR.

RFM Jeff Cross - Jeff stated he realizes the RFM go to the directors meeting and asked if there is something they could bring to the meeting. Central Valley noted that they have meetings where they do not attend. He was informed that they do not see the RFM often. He also asked if there are items that the RFM could bring to the meeting. Mike Walton stated that anything that the RFM can provide to the Association would be beneficial to the members.

Permanent Chiefs - no report

**Volunteer Chief** – Chief Tim Corbin reported on the meeting April 16; 13 attendance DTI main issue. RFM Raymond LeBlanc attended and informed the members of the update of the NB911. Road closures, flagging issue and TMR were discussed. Raymond LeBlanc was present and looking at updating 511. There is an app on your mobiles which can give you that information. Accuracy of this program is the information being updated. Discussion of the need for the Volunteer Chiefs meeting fall and spring.

**Industrial Scott Poupart reported their committee is struggling with meeting attendance within the Industrial Chiefs. Issues of finding the right to meet. He asked if any directors have members of Industry in their association to invite them to their meetings. He is trying to get his members to attend the convention.**

**Mike Walton stated that the Industry involvement for the MBU within the industrial Chief Associations. Scott Poupart informed the directors he is presently bringing this issue to the table within his area and meeting with the NBAFC to discussion the other industries to be involved in this would be benefit to the NB Fire Service and the continued support of all areas of the fire service.**

**Corporate sponsorship program will also be discussed.**

**There is still no representation from new Director Local Government Martin Gorbet.**

**DENR Eric McLellan**

**Eric McLellan informed the members that spring flue many flashy grass fire. When a department receives a 911 call out for grass fires please notify their department.**

**He informed the members that Foam being utilized for spring fires is a waste of the product.**

**Rates have increased.**

**Point LaPreau emergency exercises were held; (situation awareness) mapping exercise for information to obtain what is around them, not the primary resident the out buildings. Chemical spill on the highway to know what mile radiance of the property is on. He asked the fire service if they would be interested in the program; he will forward this to the Executive Director to forward to the Association Directors. Mike Walton had an EFF course in Central Valley. They were told that DERN will not attend grass fires. Eric informed the members that this is not true. DENR will attend these fires if requested.**

**Chief Allan Peters – Aboriginal Council**

**Fire Rescue for Atlantic region New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island there will be 4 fire department with in Atlantic regions.**

**He is working on apparatus for various reserves and other who may come into the Atlantic Region. The apparatus is being done through Mic Mac Fire & Safety.**

**National competition is being planned from across Canada.**

**Regionals in Cape Breton and the National as well will be in Cape Breton. Mike asked if Allan can find funding for the MBU through Aboriginal Affairs.**

**Allan has been pushing the various reserves for support.**

**Joint membership Application form Deputy Chief Dan McCoy – CAFC, MFCA, NBAFC**

**Discussion took place as to why the NBAFC should carry out this format. The Board at the present time will table this item.**

**Motion by Dan McCoy, 2nd Yvon Pelletier purchase a new computer for NBAFC and to look into the type of computer which should be purchased for the amount of work.**

**Dan MCoy – Regional dispatch TMR. Update on the various areas being done however contracts are required and not being signed. Saint John has 10 departments that are being dispatched. Presentations will be done, hoping to start soon. Minister of Local Government has not signed off on the contracts. Chief Kavanaugh stated Northwest area should be finished soon.**

**Deputy Chief Bruens – Spoke on the benefit to the Fire Service “Marking of vehicles”. Chief Walton asked D/C Bruens to look into this and bring back to the next board meeting.**

**Hall of Flame laying of helmets Dan McCoy to look into this item.**

**Motion to adjourn Dan McCoy, 2nd Scott Poupart.**