

ARGYLE MUNICIPAL FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

December 12, 2019

The bi - monthly meeting of the Argyle Municipal Fire Fighter's Association was called to order by president Steven Jacquard at 7:30 PM at the Lake Vaughan Fire Department. A moment of silence was observed for the any sick and departed members. Roll call was taken & showed members in attendance from 7 of the 9 departments in the municipality as well as the Training Committee and EMO.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> East Pubnico	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lake Vaughan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eel Brook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quinan	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Islands & District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wedgeport & District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training Committee

Minutes:

- The minutes of the October meeting were read. As for the paging for Kemptville, Bruce Gates and Janine would contact Bruce Snell.
- Motion made by Joe to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Devin. All in favor.

Treasurers report:

- None available. Jason Saulnier questioned where our income comes from.

Old business:

- Questions on why there were suddenly new TMR's available. Three departments with new apparatus, so new radios for those vehicles. Questions if they were part of the annual radio draw. They are not. Two additional radios available as part of the annual draw.
- Level 1 is complete, as well as the first aid course. Janine asked if a list of participants is being sent.
- EMO exercise went as well as it did. Janine mentioned having a table-top exercise next time.
- Al spoke with Transport Canada. Must remain within 2 nautical miles of the shore with the pleasure craft operators course. The course can be done online.

New business:

- Noah questioned the link at the bottom of the page when fire fighters receive the page via a text message. Questioned the ability to bring up the page showing who was responding. The chief will have to contact Digby dispatch know if they want to see it. Discussed.
- Janine questioned the current water level in Quinan. There are certain areas where the water is close to the road. Could be a problem with the coming rain.
- Steve thanked Lake Vaughan for responding to a flooded basement at 4 AM. Digby dispatch has been spoken to about not paging a neighboring department for a flooded basement.
- Discussed paging and that they are supposed to page three times before going to the neighboring department. Lake Vaughan mentioned 2 pages being done before Quinan was dispatched. Discussed. We've never had an automatic mutual aid agreement before now.
- Paul Gould discussed the FSANS conference taking place May 02 & 03 in Truro. Something mentioned about Wild, Wicked and the Everyday mentioned. Still waiting on the Motor Vehicle Act review. New TMR's available through Kenwood soon. Coverage being reviewed for Workmen's Comp. Discussed. Need to make sure PPE's do not expire and that CISD teams are called when needed.
- Janine mentioned the GSR folks sending water to Quinan last summer. One of their members was involved in an MVI. Workmen's Comp will not cover the cost of the ambulance because of how things were done.
- Discussed liabilities and responsibilities of the chief(s). Potential legal issues due to liabilities coming.
- Jason Saulnier commented on the need to stop using the word "volunteer." Just cause fire fighters are not being paid to fight fires, it doesn't mean that they can get away with not doing things correctly. Discussed training. Each department needs to participate in training throughout the year. Discussed training throughout the municipality. (Some departments train weekly, while others are monthly.)
- Mentioned DNR and other types of medical calls. Be sure to document everything. KED's and backboards are possibly on their way out.

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- Maritime Fire Chief's convention taking place in Halifax, from July 17 to 19.
- New website for FSANS at www.fsans.ns.ca.
- Morgan asked about some sort of award; media, training and a third category. Jason Saulnier commented that Gary Nickerson should be nominated for the media award.
- Training in Clare discussed. No one wanted to do their Level 1 so they started with a passport book type system. They have red, yellow and green, comparable to our tag system. Argyle also uses the passport system, a little bit. Discussed the tag system and how it could be improved.
- Devin d'Entremont made a motion that we scratch the current tag system and use something newer. (We need to be sure to use it though.) Seconded by Jason Bourque. Discussed past experiences with the tag system. Still have members without a tag.
- Do we want to form a committee tonight, or talk to the municipality first? Al will bring it up to the Municipality. Think over things to bring up to the committee, to be discussed in February. Also discuss with your departments. Noah questioned having a representative here from the Municipality. Counsellor Guy Surette usually attends our meetings.
- Discussed training and potential liabilities. The employer is the employer and they may be concerned about our training. Paul commented on the need for the required courses. Only do what you have been trained to do. If you haven't taken the traffic control course, then you shouldn't be doing traffic control. Discussed training.
- Janine mentioned no EMO meeting in January. REMO discussed. Argyle to be the host. Things will be in place in January. There will be four planning meetings per year. Janine is asking a few people from this association as well as the Yarmouth County Mutual Aid group to attend their meetings and report back.
- Motioned by Joe d'Eon to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Peter Hansen
Secretary
Argyle Municipal Fire Fighters' Association

Meeting schedule for 2020

- Thursday, February 13 @ 7:30 PM at the Lake Vaughan Fire Hall
- Thursday, April 09 @ 7:30 PM at the Lake Vaughan Fire Hall
- Thursday, June 11 @ 7:30 PM at the Lake Vaughan Fire Hall
- Thursday, October 08 @ 7:30 PM at the Lake Vaughan Fire Hall
- Thursday, December 10 @ 7:30 PM at the Lake Vaughan Fire Hall