

# ARGYLE MUNICIPLE FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

April 11, 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.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> East Pubnico	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lake Vaughan	<input 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 February meeting were read.
- Motion made by Joe to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Mike. All in favor.

## Treasurers report:

- There is a balance of \$1,692.<sup>69</sup>, with \$8.<sup>00</sup> worth of service charges.

## Old business:

- We have yet to hear from the municipality on the purchase of the TMR radios. No information on buying in bulk.
- First aid course to be held this weekend at the Lake Vaughan fire hall. Discussed.
- (Digby) Dispatch discussed. They are getting road names wrong, which may cause for confusion. Call on the Gavel Road dispatched as being on the Gravel Road. Steve said they are getting better with directions. They'll still get the address wrong sometimes.
- Bruce asked about the 6 minute rule. Kemptville had been dispatched to a call in Carleton cause of the 6 minute rule. It should be 9 minutes. Bruce will bring it up at the next Yarmouth County Mutual Aid meeting. There are currently three pages in six minutes and if there is no response, then a neighboring department is paged. Discussed. All departments must be sure to let Digby Dispatch know when they've left the fire hall. Ops channel also discussed.
- No interest yet in the SCBA or Fire Officers' course. Need at least 10 people for the SCBA course.
- Jason asked about traffic control at night. Questioned the use of traffic advisory lights. Volunteers need more than just their bunker gear. Need a Class 2, Level 2 vest. Discussed use of signs. Guy questioned if everyone had their emergency scene traffic management course. Guy also questioned the lack of paddles. Lake Vaughan is trying to get a course going. Contact George if you're interested.
- Bulk purchasing could be discussed come budget time. Hazmat also needs to be discussed via the budget.

## New business:

- Bruce questioned any help from DNR for grass fires. No one working weekends with DNR until May 01.
- Aaron said that the DNR folks had told someone to contact their local fire department to have their grass burnt. DNR will not fight a fire at night-time. They'll call the local fire department.
- Bruce mentioned that a technician must check out the fire before the DNR helicopter will be called. They don't seem to care about the possible urgency.
- Guy mentioned going to the trailer in Wedgeport for training. Some of the guys made a dummy for fire fighters to find. Level 1 and 2 training will be coming up again in September. An advanced BA course could be done some weekend this Spring. All participants must have completed their Level 1 training before hand. Also discussed the Hazmat Awareness course.
- Morgan (from Lake Vaughan) had questions about using the trailer. Guy said that you've got to let him know that you're coming, so that he'll have things ready for whatever training is planned.
- Safety Officer discussed, along with the tag system and the safety of entering a building.
- Questions about the TMR radios going into maintenance mode. Discussed. Must give the TMR's enough time to fully boot up.
- Discussed fire calls. Increased number in Wedgeport due to MFR calls. Suppose to only be a 20 minute response time for the ambulance. Some departments end up waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Discussed. We're helping the community but not so much helping ourselves.

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- Mentioned that Bruce Hubbard is willing to be the Chaplain for the municipality, if we're interested.
- FDIC discussed. Aaron asked about getting a van to go to the conference. It had been denied in the past. Al will ask Alain Muise about this tomorrow.
- Motioned by Joe, seconded by Jason to adjourn the meeting.
- Next meeting is Thursday, June 13, 2019.
- Meeting adjourned.

Peter Hansen  
Secretary  
Argyle Municipal Fire Fighter's Association