



**Kings County Firefighters Association**  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 8, 2011

- Welcome: Chief Scott Burgess welcomed attendees to Windsor Fire Department, meeting host.
- Presentation: Chief Scott Burgess and Deputy Chief Albert Bahri presented their plans, issues dealt with, preparations, and lessons learned providing fire protection for the recent winter games held at Martock Ski Resort.
- Treasurer Report: Bills and Accounts: totaling \$1,025 for training and \$53 for office supplies. Invoices were mailed to all departments for 2011 Association dues. The bank balance is \$13,411.73
- Business Arising: No Business Arising from the previous minutes
- Minutes: Minutes of March 8, 2011 were read and approved as presented.
- FSANS; Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia. No report.
- Firefighters School: Report by Albert Bahri:  
Recent elections during the Annual Meeting saw the following elected officials Preston Illsley, President, Albert Bahri, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Mike Locket, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
- The School is concerned that many fire department members from across the province are not attending business and annual meetings of the Fire School. If meeting attendance continues to be poor, the Board will be forced to become smaller since there are too few members attending and able to stand for a position on the Board or volunteer to serve on various committees.
  - With the CBRM and Halifax Regional utilizing their own live burn trailers, the school will be able to make their burn trailer available throughout the rest of the province on a more frequent schedule.
- Training: Kings County Training Coordinator Brian Deslopes presented the following;
- Training is now completed. Level 1 Firefighter to start mid September 2011 and Fire and Emergency Company Officer Level 1 to start Mid October 2011. All departments will be sent new schedules and reminders to register students.
- Recruitment: FF Hugh Stronach gave the following report:  
The Home and Garden Show held at the Kentville Centennial Arena April 15 – 17, 2011 was a success. Members volunteered their time to operate a booth, giving away 334 ballots for prizes. They gave away 13 prizes: smoke detectors, safety glasses, T-

Shirts, and first aid kits donated by Safety Source, Foster's Fire Extinguishers, Waterville Fire, Canning Fire, and Kentville Fire. The Lions' Club displayed civic numbers for sale. The members sold Muscular Dystrophy tickets for the motorcycle draw. Pamphlets on various aspects of fire safety were also available.

Thank you to our sponsors, The County of Kings, Safety Source, Fosters' New Minas Lions, and to members who worked the booth, Amy Schofield, Donnie Misner, Steve Palmer, Jason Silver, Aaron Roulston and Randy Hill.

Valley  
Dispatch:

Joan Garden presented as follows:

Reminder that Valley Dispatch can assign the TMR channel EOW4 as a talk group to any fire department across the Valley. That will allow any fire department or other responding agencies to communicate on the same operating channel during an emergency.

DNR:

Lt. Andrew Mitton, Department of Natural Resources provided the following report:

- All fire reports must be filed with the local DNR office on Exhibition Street in Kentville within two (2) weeks of incident occurrence. This will allow DNR Technicians adequate time to investigate the fire scene, locate it by means of GPS, calculate the area burned and file their report indicating responding fire departments complete with a list of equipment for payment of services rendered.
- Technicians are continuing to visit local fire departments to review equipment, and share a video respecting grass and woods fire fighting techniques and safety standards.

EMO:

Emergency Measures Organizations, Kings County representative Gary Smith gave the following report:

- Thanked FF Hugh Stronach and those who worked the recruitment drive at the recent Home Show.
- Sent a memo to all Kings County Fire Chiefs inviting them to attend the Emergency Management Centre training offered at Acadia University.
- REMO is planning its next meeting, May 18, 2011 to undertake a Municipal self-assessment and mapping of hazards.
- Project Life Saver, a program to assist members of our community with Alzheimer's disease and children with Autism is ongoing.

KCFFA

Executive President Kevin Thomson presented as follows:

- President Kevin Thomson will now chair the meetings of the Kings County Fire Chiefs. Secretary Brian Desloes will record and distribute the minutes.

Fire Reports:

Fire Department	# of Alarms March, 2011 to May, 2011
Port Williams	4
Greenwich	4
New Minas	44
Kentville	29
Waterville	31

No other reports by members given.

New Business: Viking Uniforms of Dartmouth are marketing station wear uniforms for fire departments as an alternative to a full Class "A" uniform. Shirt and pants are available

at a cost of approximately \$90. They can manufacture and apply your departments crest to each shirt at a cost of \$5 per crest.

Camp Brigadoon on Aylesford Lake, a camp for kids, are currently in the middle of a fund raising campaign. They are looking for teams of 8 to 20 people to raise a total of \$2,000 per team to support the camp. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, they will celebrate the success of this fundraiser with a Camp Night attended by all participating teams.

Amy Schofield and Cheri Cameron are promoting this event to all area fire departments, they are encouraging the fire service participate in this fund raiser

MOTION: B. Desloges, seconded by Tony Young – The Kings County Firefighters Association donate \$300 to a fire service team in support of Camp Brigadoon. Motion Approved.

MOTION: Scott Burgess, Albert Bahri, Motion to adjourn. Motion Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 21:15. Lunch followed

NEXT MEETING - September 13, 2011, Greenwich Fire Station

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Prepared:

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President: Captain Kevin Thomson

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Secretary: Safety Officer Brian Desloges