



MINUTES OF MEETING

Executive

President: Ted Morrison
1st Vice: Keith German
2nd Vice: Jim Allen
3rd Vice: Mike Gamba
Treasurer: Norm Sherboneau
Secretary: Doug Ede

2009 September 21

Minutes of the OAFTO general meeting held at the Ontario Fire College

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1940 hrs

Welcome by President Ted Morrison

Congratulations and thanks to 1st Vice Keith German for his 6 years of service on the OAFTO executive, and the presentation of a gift from the association.

Norm Sherboneau announced the process of draw prizes for the members attending the meeting.

Alan Brody made a short presentation on the updated OAFTO website that will be on line tomorrow, it will include new links and drop down pick lists, there are still some bugs to be worked out and we are focusing on this to the best of our ability.

If you would like to post information to the website send it to both Ted Morrison and Al Brody. If you would like it also to go out in a blast cc Doug Ede and state what you would like to go out included in the information.

There was a short discussion on privacy issues and a member's only area on the website. This is being looked into by Alan Brody there is a concern posting contact information for the membership on the site.

II. ROLL CALL

Alderman, Mark	Burlington
Allen, Jim	Central York
Arnold, Brian	London
Beatty, Bruce	Orangeville
Bicum, Steven	St. Clair
Bolen, Lawrence	Centre Wellington
Booth, Norman	Brantford
Bouskill, David	Halton Hills
Boutilier, Jim	Niagara Falls
Brassard, Andrew	Milton
Brody, Alan	FN Rama
Brown, William R.J.	Toronto
Burke, Chris	Milton
Chadwick, Robin	Georgina
Craibbe, Richard	Oakville
Crocker, Gary	Mississauga
Da Silva, Silvio	Cambridge
Dart, Craig	Toronto
Demarest, Ron	Norfolk County
De Vries, Peter	St. Clair
Ede, Douglas	Kingston
Fansolato, Wayne	Niagara Falls
Fenton, Murray	Cornwall
Fournie, Les	St Clair
Friesen, J. Dennis	Norfolk County
Gamba, Michael	Pickering
Gawlik, Paul	Richmond Hill
German, Keith	Fort Erie
Goodwin, Arnold	Haldimand
Goustos, Bryan	Brampton
Hampson, Gordon	Whitby
Hicks, Darrell	Hamilton
Hobson, R. Garry	Central York
Jones, Lawrence	St Catharines
Kingyens, John	Sarnia
Knight, Steven	Alvinston
Koenig, John	Napanee
Kroes, Brian	Atomic Energy Chalk River
Long, Clint	Kingston
MacEachern, David	Mississauga
Maranda, Richard	West Nipissing
Martin, Patrick	Chatham-Kent
Molloy, Michael	Meaford
Morrison, Ted	Ajax

Musclow, Mark	Brampton
O'Hara, James	Ajax
Pittaway, Mike	Hamilton
Purdy, Peter	Hamilton
Renny Rayner	Brockville
Robertson, Thomas	Halton Hills
Sabourin, Gerald	Timmins
Sherboneau, Norman	Gananoque
Sherren, Don	Hamilton
Siersma, Scott	Whitby
Sorrell, Paul	Thorold
Thomas, Brent	Hamilton
Uptegrove, John	Puslinch
Volpe, Rocco	Richmond Hill
Willison, Bob	Innisfil
Willson, Dale	Haldimand
Wilson, John	Loyalist
Wood, Glen	Oshawa

III. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion to Accept: Dennis Friesen

2nd: Norm Booth

CARRIED

IV. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

We thank the new members' interest and support and those that have paid their memberships for the current year.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Keith German

Expressed the meaning of sitting on the PSSB board for Training Officers, there are a lot of changes coming out in the standard not unlike other standards that are being reviewed and updated. While sitting on the board he has found a greater understanding of the overall fire service and how it functions. The Training Officers Standard will be broken down along the lines of junior to senior officers and how they function as staff in support of the fire service. He commented on how great his six years of service on the executive of the OAFTO was and how his understanding of the body representing the various aspects of the fire service works. He expressed his support of certification of fire

service personnel and spoke of his enjoyment representing training officers in Ontario.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Allen

We have T-shirts available from our spring supply; sizes are limited and will be available this week. On August 13 Jim visited Camp Bucko. There are children from the age of eight to seventeen that have been the victims of fire with minor to extensive burns. Our problems as Training Officers or as fire personnel equate to nothing compared to what these young people and their families suffer. Jim suggested raising money with a pool or raffle, etc. He was there for about 3 hours and it had a worthwhile and humbling affect on him, he would like to see the OAFTO donate some of our funds and what we can raise this week and in the future to these 56 or more children that are fire burn victims. He is also regularly involved in the Education Committee.

A question was raised from the floor about the donation that was made last year we raised about \$300 at Boston Pizza and topped it up with OAFTO funds to \$1,000.

Motion: Richard Craibbe

The OAFTO make a charitable donation of \$1000 to Camp Bucko

2nd: Bruce Beatty

Jim Allen spoke in support of the Motion

CARRIED

Motion: Norm Booth

To investigate getting the money that is raised by the purchase of educational materials from the OFMPSC that would be paid to the OAFTO donated to Camp Bucko

2nd: Clint Long

CARRIED

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Gamba

We are about one half of the way through the spring seminar organization. Mike and the Education Committee are working hard on the seminar for the spring concentrating mostly on the HOT Topics. The topics will be posted on the web in December with descriptions, and enrolment opportunities will be available on 01 January 2010.

The cost for a one day course is \$140 and a two day course is \$280.

At the Ontario Fire College lodging the night before the course is covered. The cost of food for the duration of the course is also covered. For a two day course the second night includes food and lodging.

In Oakville lunch is provided daily there is no lodging or other meals provided.

On Friday 30 April 2010 the Hands on Training (HOT) hydrocarbon fires at the Oakville Suncor/Petro-Canada Training site.

At the Oakville Training centre for fire service excellence we will be working with the heavy equipment tow truck operators doing heavy truck extrication as well as working on new hybrid vehicles.

For all of the participants there are tickets for the trade show at the Congress Centre in Toronto that will be handed out.

A question was raised about the difference in costing between the FFAO and the OAFTO a discussion ensued and was unresolved.

Another question was raised about transportation to FDIC from Ontario and OFC Instructor Doug Outtrim answered it with the cost of flying from Ontario was cost prohibitive as a group and that travelling by bus was probably not very convenient for those that were going to attend the FDIC event.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Norm Sherboneau

We are continuing our partnership with Ontario Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and have a second \$5,000 credit for goods from them. Tonight we are raffling off a \$500 certificate, and a getaway weekend Toronto, the OAFTO is giving a digital picture frame and a keyboard and mouse package.

11 Departments took advantage of our partnership to buy materials from the OMPFSC whose contact with us is Peter Townsend and it has raised us \$1,129.95 for this year. Of note, it is not necessary to be a member for \$100 which gets the department as much as a 10% discount on materials purchased. Any Training Division/Department that is a member of the OAFTO is eligible to be part of the 5% deal for our Association.

Current Balance: \$ 42,291.68

We have 134 paid members

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Doug Ede

Asked the members to send me their email addresses if they are not receiving Blasts from me, also explained the process for putting blasts out with more than one item for members to peruse. Thanked the members for their support and for understanding that some things take time when there is other pressing work and personal matters.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ted Morrison

Overall Fire Service Certification issues are important. EMS is a real threat to be our boss. Fire has issues with Funding and a single Voice to communicate with upper tiers of Government. Fire is municipally funded EMS is provincially funded and is speaking with a unified voice. OAFCA President Richard Boyce spoke passionately about the threat. EMS has staff certification on their side and is also expanding out of their "normal traditional" response capabilities to include some of the Technical Rescue capabilities that some Fire Services are currently providing.

Ted is attending the October 15th meeting of the OFMPSC.

We are still awaiting a positive reply to our petition for equivalency to NFPA Standard 1041 for Fire Training Officers under the Ontario Curriculum.

OAFCA has been interested for a long time to represent Firefighters on the Section 21 Committee, we sent a letter to the OPFFA President expressing interest in representing the Training aspect of the firefighters to the Section 21 Committee and the President responded that the firefighters were adequately represented by the OPFFA and the FFAO on the committee. One idea is that the OAFCA could write to the Minister to apply to attend the Committee meetings as an observer similar to the MHSA.

Next week we will be sending out renewal form for memberships. Given the difficult economic times we will be holding our membership dues at \$125.00 the same as last year.

VII. TRAINING ISSUES

Brian Arnold spoke about and handed out a short survey on Fire Service delivery of training as it relates to EMS and patient care.

Flashover – New materials are being investigated for use in the burn box of the unit, such as solid wood. The OFC is doing on site courses only and is using rough cut pine and there is a bit of a time issue due to the fact that forms have to be built to insert into the unit. The effect is taking longer to produce results and the effect is more of a large roll over as opposed to a flashover. It should still be enough to meet the outcomes required for the awareness that the course is trying to the participants.

Cambridge Flashover is currently shut down.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

The Firefighter Memorial reconstruction costs will total about \$400,000

Motion: Norm Booth

The OAFTO will donate \$5,000 to the Firefighter Memorial Restoration Fund.

2nd: Clint Long

CARRIED

X. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The listed below were duly nominated and stood for office:

1st Vice: Mike Gamba

3rd Vice: Alan Brody

3rd Vice: Craig Dart

Secretary: Doug Ede

The 1st Vice and Secretary were acclaimed as no other nominations were received.

There was an election for 3rd Vice that was won by Alan Brody

The president and the executive thanked the participants for showing interest in standing for office and congratulated Al Brody on his success election to 3rd Vice.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion moved: Bruce Beatty

2nd: Bob Willison

At 2100 hrs

CARRIED

MEETINGS FOR 2010

Kingston, January 21, 1000 hrs

Hamilton March 19, 1000 hrs

OAFTO/OAFC Conference - To be determined