

**Minutes of the City of Salmon Arm Firefighters' Association Overall Meeting
Held on June 16, 2015 @ Firehall # 3**

The meeting was called to order by **President Rob Stunzi @ 19:17 hrs**

Introduction of New Members:

Hall #1: None

Hall #2: Steven Doherty

Hall #3: Lucas Sonntag

Hall #4: None

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were not located and/or read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report was presented by **Treasurer Darin Gerow**

Checking Balance: \$ 11535.97

Seminar \$ 16055.04

Scholarship Balance: \$ 13880.83

Shares Balance: \$ 143.77

Benevolent Balance: \$ 5940.36

Patronage Balance: \$ 17.95

Honour guard \$600.00 (included in checking)

Muscular Dystrophy \$644.36 (included in checking)

Balance of accounts: \$ 47573.92

Comments on Treasurer's Report:

Motion by: Terry Swidyk

Second by: Chris Kraft

All in favour? Motion PASSED

CORESPONDANCE

TOPIC: Thank you card from Shuswap air cadet squadron. We had returned the donation they previously had given to us.

TOPIC: Army Cadet letter looking for donations for fundraising and donations to rent and supplies for bush exercise. A donation was not given at this time.

Committee reports

TOPIC: Curling – 20 teams . down 4 from previous year. 16 team received prizes. In the end we made \$152.64

Golf report- not available yet

Darin Gerow won the low gross. Dale Widdifield and John Bootsma tied for low net

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Brad Shirley:

TOPIC- Payroll – was deposited last Friday, If any errors were found please contact Debbie.

TOPIC- Duty Crew operational guideline reminder. Remember to get coverage if unavailable or if you are unable to respond in a reasonable amount of time. Any delay can make a difference in the outcome, especially brush fires given the current conditions and forecast.

TOPIC- If you require additional resources (mutual aid or additional equipment) do not hesitate to do so or get Chief Shirley involved to call them in. We are in the extreme weather condition so be aware of extra resources

TOPIC- Rods replacement – The position is being revaluated, Occupational Health and Safety duties have been moved to the City HR dept. The city will be looking to

fill this position. FD will benefit because they can use the body they hire 5 days a week towards Fire dept. responsibilities.

The new position is expected to be posted around early July and filled by late summer.

TOPIC- Canada Day Wednesday 1st. No practice Tuesday 30th. Dispatch will do the page as scheduled and announce the duty crew at that time regarding

TOPIC- Canada day Event, please let Debbie or admin know if you are interested.

TOPIC- MD drive –Darin will have something to bring up later.

TOPIC- Letter from Lady with 6 year old son, looking for....(waiting on updated info.)

TOPIC- Woldy our department Chaplin will be moving on from SAFD, he will assist us find a replacement. He will be leaving in the fall of 2015. The chief personally thanked him.

TOPIC- Thank you to all members for dedication and commitment. Received great feedback from a variety of the public. Spoke of Smith house fire, Hall 1 pot on fire resident. Hall 3 – Bill Laird apartment fire was very grateful that fire did not spread further. MVA hall 4 good public response regarding recent MVI and rescue.

Assistant chief Jim Nickles:

TOPIC- A cigarette did start the roof fire that was attended last week

Assistant Chief Mike Bailey

TOPIC: None

OLD BUSINESS - Previous minutes were not present or read.

NEW BUSINESS

TOPIC- SAFD BBQ July 26 @ hall 2 Bouncy Castle

TOPIC- MD –Ryan Macintosh is not in attendance, passed on info to Darin. Darin reported thank you for the poker run volunteers.

-June 27 Safeway is looking for volunteers. Looking for anyone interested. From 12-2pm. We must let Debbie Cannon know by tomorrow June 17. Only one member was available. This event was passed on by our members

- Silver backs and Big box opener, Ryan will pass on more information. Roof top camp out.

TOPIC Honour guard SASCU statements are now going to Darin, Currently has \$59.12 John Hanna suggested funds be held in currently account and if honour guard needs money they can address it at that time. Gary Liebeter may have signing authority on account. Darin will contact bank to find out who has signing authority now that Rod McFarlane has retired.

TOPIC- June 28th 11a,m at Bowers, PAT SHIRLEY SERVICE – FORMAL ATTIRE.

TOPIC- Chief Shirley made a motion that Rod McFarlane to be elected as a life time member into the association after 20+ years of service. Second By: Mike Picul. Vote was unanimous that Rod is part of the association.

TOPIC - John Hanna – addressed proper application of medals and bars on uniforms. The 20 year bar on left breast pocket above pocket. Any other bars centered on left side. Any MD Pin or something like it should be on the right side. Collars should be left for collar dogs/officer designation. Any pins should be centered like a bar above the pocket. We should not wear MD pins or pins like it all of the time, but to be saved for special events. John used the example of Federal, provincial city from right to left. Also online can be a good resource if John is unavailable for Canadian medal placement. When given a medal it is your medal and is against the law for anyone else to wear. Your name is on the Federal Medal. Looking at the edge your name is inscribed. On the provincial medal the name is inscribed on the back of the medal.

TOPIC- Al Middleton will be taking over the website from Andreas and will be meeting with him soon. Was looking for any events or anything of value that can be placed onto the site. Al will send out a heads up once the page is up. Al was also looking for a volunteer to manage the Facebook site. A twitter account also came up, Chief Brad Shirley said we do have a twitter account. Al was looking for a volunteer to take over the social media for the department. Steve Bennett volunteered.

TOPIC- Rob Stunzi, mentioned that Mike Damond who is a ranchero / Deep creek fire fighter was burnt at the recent propane fire. Rob was looking for anyone who may know him and that could give an update, The last update is that he was in Kamloops hospital and now is in Vancouver, Non one knew otherwise.

TOPIC- Tom Gizas gave an update on Jerry Jones condition. Jerrys PSA levels have raised again, Jerry is driving to Kelowna every day for treatment.

Chris Lowe made a motion to support Jerry for his daily travels for treatment. The executives would decide and deliver the amount donated.

Second by John Quilty

All in favour – passed

TOPIC- Jackson Roberts was looking to see if anyone had an update on Lyle Roberts condition. Lyles house has sold and has a new place of residents. Jackson will arrange to send him a card or to do something for him soon to show that we are thinking about him.

TOPIC- Chief Shirley was going to present awards to Jerry Jones and Jim Lepine 35 year service bar. Steve Fabro will also receive a service award. Due to the members not in attendance the Chief decided that he would wait until September meeting -10 year City of Salmon arm service medal to Jim Nickels

TOPIC- Captain Chris Lowe was enquiring about our funds. The idea of increasing our dues came from it this is due to less members and higher costs. The seminar account has 16,000 the checking account has appx. \$9900. A suggestion was made by Rob Stunzi that we raise the user pay for the golf Tournament or Dues. Rob can tell we are slowly chipping away at our checking account. No decision was made at this time.

TOPIC- Chief Shirley brought up lot washing. The water usage concerns were brought up from the public is a concern. Lot washing may not be available next year.

TOPIC- Rob Stunzi –brought up Life/Health insurance plans and that the insurance guy will be coming to the September meeting. Annual premiums were up \$112 was the most expensive. Life insurance policy was reviewed in some detail. Add a family member was an extra \$33.

TOPIC- Terry Swityk brought up the tires for the old fire truck at the Haney house. The tires are at fountain tire. The truck will come down to hall 3 then installed. Wheels will be painted at that time.

TOPIC-John Quilty brought up the scholarship fund. – Kings Christian school wanted to know if they could apply for it. John said due to process they could not access Kings Christian school records and only SASS records. He suggested that other schools should have a fund as well. Rob spoke about Carmen Guidos Daughter who is graduating from the group. Rob received a long email from Gale which did not help with pursuing this further. It was brought up to all members if anyone had any good ideas of how we can extend this to kings Christian school. A discussion on how the school does the application process was discussed and that the school does this in the fairest way possible. It was noted that not all members children of the SAFD were not guaranteed this scholarship. This was one year where 5 or more SAFD members would be eligible. A question of what qualifies for the use of the scholarship was brought up. The best explanation was that it is post secondary education towards a diploma or certificate.

Point brought up by Tom Gizas made the motion that we leave the policy as is.

Second by - John Hanna / Chris Lowe / Graham Spence

TOPIC-

Motion made by Jackson that the overall buys a round
Second by Ian Webster- all in favour

Motion passed – all in favour

Motion made by Terry Swytyk to adjourn meeting

Second by Ed Jespersion

Meeting Adjourned @20:42pm

NOTE*

January meeting minutes were found after the meeting

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