

**ARGYLE MUNICIPAL FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**  
**November 08, 2018**

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 19 members in attendance from 8 of the 9 departments in the municipality as well as EMO and the Training Committee.

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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 September meeting were read.
- The issues with Mutual Aid in Yarmouth were with getting a response from their own members. Bruce had said that DNR doesn't provide that type of service with forest fires, not Ken. The water from the province was non-potable.
- Motion made by Donnie to accept the minutes with the mentioned adjustments. Seconded by John. All in favor.

**Treasurers report:**

- There is a balance of \$1,712.<sup>69</sup>, with \$8.<sup>00</sup> worth of service charges.

**Old business:**

- Traffic control discussed. Vests are a must. Use radios to communicate with each other. Noted that vests aren't always seen. Discussed.
- George questioned driving to and from the fire scene. Rule used to be that you had to have the correct class of license to return the apparatus after the fire. Still must have air brake endorsement.
- Good turnout at the Local Assistance to the Fire Marshall's Office course in Wedgeport.
- Hazmat Awareness course in Wedgeport on November 17 at 9 AM. Maximum of 40 participants. No need to pre-register.

**EMO:**

- Janine spoke and thanked the various departments for helping out during the drought. Water to be available at the various fire departments in the future. Went through 30+ pallets of water over the summer.
- About 10 families took advantage of the well drilling program.
- Janine mentioned that reflective vests are available at the ECC.
- Steve then mentioned 9 wells that had been drilled back in the 1970's in the Comeau's Hill area and how much water they had put out at that time. Plenty for today's needs and not too far from the road. Janine questioned the current funding for that.
- Questioned if everyone has gotten their papers in for the new dispatching system. Not yet, but it's still in the works.
- TMR's discussed. There are a small amount of old radios that have been converted, that they want to get rid of. Radios are being given out at no cost, but each buyer will have to pay about \$350<sup>00</sup> for the programming.

**New business:**

- Guy commented on the 2 day advanced BA course which is open to 12 to 14 people. Might be better to have that course after Christmas.
- On November 12, there will be BA training at the trailer in Wedgeport, starting at 6:30 PM.
- ICS100 available online at [www.weicourses.com/register.php?=-12313734013587](http://www.weicourses.com/register.php?=-12313734013587) with an access code of 68161415611393. Details shared on the Yarmouth County Fire Departments facebook page. Janine may do the course in person at some point in the future.
- November 18, live fire training in Argyle. Last of the Level 1 for the current class.
- Wedgeport is trying to get another trailer for live fire training.

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- Aaron from Quinan discussed the lack of communication on training and the trailer. Training committee discussed this further. Agreed to no bill in the past, but received one anyway.
  - George spoke about the insurance levy. Why can't the cost of the trailer be covered under that. Discussed. We'll have to use the fire school's trailer until we get one set up here. The fire school has minimum numbers for participation for some courses. (If you pay for eight people and only four show up, you still end up paying for the eight.) Maybe we could offer spots to the fire departments in the Yarmouth municipality.
  - The local trailer could be used multiple times a year, compared to the once a year that we get from the fire school. Training would be more consistent as well. (Various trainers from the fire school providing different training each year. Members of the same department may have been shown different ways to do the same thing.)
  - Traffic management brought up at FSANS. Paddles (of various sizes) were not discussed. All traffic people must have the traffic course. It's still available through the insurance levy. Paddles discussed.
  - Bruce discussed the inspection of BA's. Never heard anything back from whoever he'd been in contact with. Cost to have them inspected is \$75<sup>.00</sup> per unit, plus parts if needed.
  - Dispatching discussed. Not a question of if, but when Yarmouth dispatch will be cut off. No one has been given a notice as of yet for when that will happen. Someone needs to step up and say what is needed to the town. The current budget has been set until April of 2019. As a labour dispute, this could go on for a while. Waiting to be told what date the dispatchers will be done. We need a confirmation date from the town or they'll be blaming us for waiting until the last minute.
  - Aaron asked if we could change the month of our meetings, as we currently have a bunch of meetings one after the other. Same things discussed at each meeting.
  - Aaron made a motion to switch the Argyle Municipal Fire Fighters' Association meetings to the other months of the year, when the Yarmouth County group doesn't meet. Seconded by Noah. New schedule to start next month. Voted and all in attendance were in agreement for the new schedule.
  - Questioned if anyone else needs the forms to switch dispatch. George asked if anyone had entered an effective date. No one had, so far.
- Next meeting is Thursday, December 13, 2018.
  - Meeting adjourned.

Peter Hansen  
Secretary  
Argyle Municipal Fire Fighter's Association

*Election of Officers to take place at the next meeting.*