



**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS**  
**Zone 6 Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Carleton Place Arena**  
**9:00am**

**1. Welcome & Introduction**

- a) Les Reynolds, Zone 6 Chair*
- b) Introduction of Guests and New Members*
- c) Moment of Silence – Aurele Constantineau*

A. Constantineau led a moment of silence for chiefs who had passed away since the fall meeting.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted on a motion moved by S. Fournier and seconded by D. Tennant. Carried.

**3. Adoption of Previous Minutes of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

The October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 minutes were adopted on a motion moved by A. Constantineau and seconded by C. McDonough. Carried

**4. Treasurer's Report – Steve Knott**

S. Knott reported that the bank balance was \$669.32. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion moved by C. Morehouse and seconded by J. deBernardi. Carried

**5. Business Session**

- a) OAFB Board of Directors Report – Terry Gervais,*

T. Gervais highlighted the recent activities from the Board including:

- Changes to wording for WSIB claims
- On-going restructuring
- Changes to voting procedures

T. Gervais also advised that G. Pigeon would not be running in the next election and that he himself would also be retiring within the year and therefore would also not be running. L.



Reynolds thanked both T. Gervais and G. Pigeon for their efforts to represent eastern Ontario on the Board.

T. Gervais gave a brief report from the Section 21 Committee including the fact that positions have been added, that the OAFC Health & Safety Committee was managing the Section 21 Committee and that they were planning to undertake a review of regulations including 714-94. He noted that he had stepped down from the Committee ahead of his retirement.

*b) Presentation of Plaques to Retired Members*

L. Reynolds and T. Gervais presented G. Pingitore with a plaque and letter of congratulations to pass along to retired Ottawa Fire Chief J. deHooze.

*c) Resolutions to be forwarded for AMES*

There were no resolutions presented.

**6. OFM Report & Questions – John Doucet & Scott Hayes**

**7. Educational Component**

*a) Pierre Yelle, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshall*

L. Reynolds advised that P. Yelle had sent his regrets.

*b) Ty Arslan, Auspice Safety Inc.*

T. Arslan gave a presentation on his company Auspice Safety Inc., outlining the services and training they offered in a wide variety of areas.

*c) Peter Hamilton, OFMEM Investigations*

P. Hamilton discussed forming a regional arson taskforce to allow for sharing information, recognizing trends, bringing training to the area and assisting with investigations (not carrying out the investigations, but providing advice). Support for the idea was received from the chiefs in the room and it was agreed that P. Hutt, Municipality of North Grenville, would be the key contact to assist in get the taskforce up and running.

**8. Members Only Session**

*a) Meeting Registration Costs*



There was a discussion of the best method of covering meeting costs. It was moved by T. Gervais and seconded by T. Hovey that the registration fee be raised to \$40 and that cost recovery take place on no-shows to the meetings. Carried.

It was agreed that this would replace the annual membership fee.

There was a discussion on the use of suppliers to sponsor meals and it was agreed that T. Hovey would check to see which suppliers would like to be involved in a sponsorship program.

b) Plaques & Letter

There was a discussion on the presentation of plaques and/or letters and it was agreed to defer a decision until the fall meeting.

c) NFPA Testing Issues

B. Mahon explained some of the issue the Mississippi Mills department was having with the new NFPA testing and training material and there was a general discussion of the various issues.

L. Reynolds reminded the group to make him aware if they knew of a chief who had passed away in order to ensure they could be honoured in the moment of silence. He also reminded the group that it was the department's responsibility to advise the OAFCA of a chief's passing so they can be recognized at the annual memorial service.

The meeting took a recess at 11:50 a.m. for lunch.

d) Round Table Discussions

**Aurele Constantineau & Tobias Hovey, The Nation** – working on writing a history of each of the 5 stations in the department, buying 2 heavy rescues, new MSEA units in place.

**Pierre Sabourin & Mario Villeneuve, Clarence-Rockland** – calls down significantly

**Bob Foster, Merrickville-Wolford** – calls down significantly

**Paul Hutt, North Grenville** – Council approved a full-time deputy beginning in July, internal posting to begin

**Chris McDonough & Phil Thompson, South Dundas** – fairly quiet on calls, new truck being built, using the Who's Responding app with success

**Cameron Morehouse, Bonnechere Valley** – going fairly well





**Jim Donovan, Elizabethtown-Kitley** – having issues getting OPP reports with enough information to determine residency for billing purposes

**Rod Black, Lanark Highlands** – things are moving along

**Bill McGonegal, Beckwith** – 2 new bays up and running, new pumper approved for next year

**Ron Haskins, Montague** – business as usual

**Bob Machan, Mississippi Mills** – new rescue and a new pumper in 2015, on-going NFPA training, new chief settling in and doing well

**Greg Saunders, Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley** – working with Perth to hold a vulnerable occupancy course, re-vamped accountability systems

**Paul Cameron, Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley** – rescue equipment van equipped and outfitted

**Steve Fournier, Perth** – 4 new firefighters going through training, new pumper will be at the trade show, having issues with members not wanting to attend mutual aid meetings

**Les Reynolds, Carleton Place** – 3 new firefighters going through training, awarded contract for new rescue and a pumper, new hydraulic tools bought

**Bob Gareau, Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards** – new tanker purchased, renovated fire hall to accommodate tanker, new communications system in the works for fire, roads, emergencies, etc.

**Gerry Pingitore, Ottawa** – adopted mandatory retirement at 65 for firefighters and 70 for auxiliary, changed foam systems

**Gerry Bennett, Gananoque, Leeds & 1000 Islands** – full-timers under a 6-year contract, 1000 Islands is busy, training centre is plugging away, undertaking a Master Fire Plan

**Steve Knott, Petawawa** – new rescue will be at trade show, having issues with a fire safety plan and asked for advice from other chiefs

**John Okum, Arnprior** – master fire plan process going forward in 2015, looking for consultant names



**Guy Longtin, Renfrew** – firefighter recruitment is underway, mutual aid association disbanding at the chiefs' choice, firefighters looking at starting a county firefighter association to keep mutual aid separate from firefighter issues

**Chris Dwyre, Brockville** – new ladder truck was delivered, going to arbitration over 24-hour shifts, on the path to going back to a composite department, will be retiring shortly

**Eric Korhonen, North Frontenac** – grand opening at the end of June for fire hall, getting a new chief's car

**Terry Gervais, Greater Napanee** – dispatch moved to Kingston all under one roof, full-timers working on new shifts as a result of not having to dispatch, will be retiring in a few months, selling a 1999 tanker and a T&T combo tool purchased in 2012

**Normand Beauchamp, Smiths Falls** – hired a new Fire Prevention Officer, converting a rescue truck

**Gary McRae, CNL** – CNL being bought at the end of the summer, planned shutdown of reactor in 2018, department's role may change, purchasing a training tower, got 24-hour shift in arbitration

**Douglas Tennant, Deep River** – collective agreement ended in 2014, negotiations to begin soon, master plan presented last year, strategic plan being undertaken, going to recommend a composite department and association is onboard with it

**Kim Ayotte, Ottawa** – thanked the chiefs for the nomination to the Board and their support

**9. Adjournment:**

It was moved by D. Tennant and seconded by B. Gareau that the meeting adjourn.