

BCFTOA

Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2004

Opening:

The Annual General meeting of the **BCFTOA** was called to order at 08:32 on June 3, 2004 in Cranbrook, B.C. by Bruce Dundas.

Roll Call:

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Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Moved: Lane McDonald

Second: Dave McLiesh

Reports:

President Attached

1st Vice Attached

2nd Vice Attached

Treasurer Attached

Secretary Attached

Reports Accepted: Dennis Montgomery

Seconded: Geoff Playfair

Zone Reps

1 – Jamie Svendsen as attached

1A – Dan Oullette as attached

2/2A Bob Gordon/ Bryant Ross - as attached

3 – Brian Livingstone as attached

4 – Tim Boutin Verbal – Kim McLean

4A – Al Collingson Verbal –
Looking for Postmaster

5 – Dave McGliesh as attached

Committees

Fire Chief's Assoc – Bruce S215 cert problems

Fire/Safety training centre – Bob Cannon no meetings

Public Fire/Life Safety Ed – Bob Cannon attached

Paraphernalia – Simon Grypma

Archive – Howie Exner no report

VFFA/JIBC Steering Committee – Bob Cannon Attached

Accept all reports as Stated: Moved: Dave Palmer Seconded: G.Playfair

Unfinished Business:

Resolution #1 : Be it resolved that the BCFTOA support the initiative of the stakeholder group, facilitated by the JIBC, to pursue a strategy to approach the provincial government to secure the Fire Insurance tax premium for it's originally intended purpose. Further that the BCFTOA appoint a representative to the working group.

Outcome : **Unsuccessful** **Bruce**

Resolution #2 : Be it resolved that the BCFTOA petition the FCABC to pursue allowing FD to expand FR III endorsements to include:
Use of Pulse oximeters
Taking Blood pressure
Use of IV's And medical interventions

Outcome: **Defeated at Chief's** **Bruce**

Resolution #3 : Be it moved that the required program for emergency response driver training be available from more than one source (PTEC)

Outcome: **Ongoing – See 2nd Vice report** **Bruce**

	Geoff Playfair confirmed Whistler host of 2005.	Geoff Playfair	
Fire & Safety Division report	Bob Aldcorn reported on the survey results.		
Fire Services Insurance tax	That we support the FCABC resolution that this tax go directly to supporting the Fire Service Letter attached	Carried	Moved D Montgomery Second H Exner
Jl Library donation	Donation of \$1000 to library buy a book fund	Carried	Moved B Cannon Second D Palmer

JIBC Library donation	Cow Bay AGM voted to continue donation of \$1000 to Jl library. It will be done.	Carried	Moved Seconded
Bursary	Received 5 Applications		

Correspondence:

5 Applications received for Bursary – Under review.

New Business:

New Resolution #1:

Moved: Dave Palmer Seconded: Steve Virgint carried

Be it resolved that the BCFTOA approach the FCABC to initiate discussions between the JIBC and other involved agencies to insure that equivalency credit is given for equivalent courses.

New Resolution #2:

Moved: D. Palmer Seconded: Dean Larivee carried

That the constitution be amended to read that zone representatives, whose two year term has expired, shall be elected at the annual general meeting to serve until the completion of the two year term.

Motion: Lane McDonald Seconded: D.Montgomery carried

Ladies would like more voice in the seminar planning.

New Resolution #3:

Moved: Dave McLiesh Seconded: Dale Unrau carried

Be it resolved that the BCFTOA through the FCABC approach the Ministry of Advanced Education and the Industry Trade Assoc. to request further support and funding for fire service training.

Motion:

Moved: Dennis Montgomery Seconded by: Ernie Clayton

That the BCFTOA employ Zone West to handle our association's merchandise.

Motion:

Moved Simon Grypma Seconded: tabled
Move conference date from May to September

Motion:

Moved: Bob Cannon Seconded: Jeff Ulliyot carried
JIBC Library donation \$1000.00

Motion:

Moved: Bob Cannon Seconded: Lane McDonald carried
Move that the annual dues be increased to \$80.00 per year to help defer increased insurance costs.

Motion:

Moved: Bob Cannon Seconded: Lane McDonald carried
Move that the annual conference fee be raised to \$200.00 per person to help defer the increased insurance costs.

Purchase new banner for the association.

Recess for Lunch 11:30 Re-Convene 12:35pm

C. Elections

Secretary – Trent Shields elected
1st Vice – Simon Grypma elected
Manufacturers Rep appointment - ?

Zone Rep appointments:

1a – Dan Oullette
2a – Bryant Ross

4a – Al Collinson

D. Ballots Destroyed Moved by Lane McDonald
Seconded by Dave McLiesh

Obligation of office – Kim McLean

Thanks to host depart

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 13:18 Moved by: Jack Walkley
Dundas.

Seconded by: Bruce

Minutes submitted by: Trent Shields

Attendees

Abbotsford	Kelowna
Armstrong	Richmond
Big white	Powell River
Buckhorn	Midway
Colwood	Langley City
Coquitlam	Nelson
Courtney	North Saanich
Cowichan Bay	Kootney Boundry
Cranbrook	Ladysmith
Dawson Creek	Windermere
Errington	Mackenzie
Esquimalt	Chilliwack
Fort St. John	Parksville
Grand Forks Rural	Qualicum beach
Jaffrey	Kimberly
JIBC F&S	Lavington
New Hazelton	Weldsood
North Cowichan	Cambell River
Port Alberni	Maple Bay
Port Moody	Kersley
Prince George	Mission
revelstoke	Sasamat
Saanich	Township of Langley
Salt Spring Island	Williams Lake
Sechelt	
Sidney	Howe Sound
South Galiano	West Fraser
Sparwood	Barlow Creek
Sproat Lake	Langford
Squamish	Peachland
Surrey	FCO Kootney
Teck Cominco	Malaspina
Thornhill	Fernie
Whistler	Comox
White Rock	Kamloops

ANNUAL REPORT -2003 -2004

It is my pleasure to submit the 2003-2004 Annual Report for Zone 2. In reality this is a dual report for both Zone 2 & 2A. Over the years our meetings are attended by both Zone 2 & 2A representatives as well as meeting sites being hosted throughout both zones.

In the past year four meetings were held -in Squamish (September), North Vancouver City (December), Vancouver City (March) and Langley Township (May). A total of 62 persons attended the meetings, representing Departments from both zones as well as Independent Instructor members. We also one guest attend our meeting in Squamish.

There were several issues addressed by the Zone over the past year. The first was the proposed First Responder College which is being proposed by the Provincial Government. This proposal is currently on hold until further information is submitted. The second issue was the Emergency Vehicle Operator training, again required by the Provincial Government. A Committee was struck to look into the issues and bring forth recommendations. Proposals and options have been presented to the Fire Chiefs Association for consideration.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Surrey Training Manager Jim Bond for his work on both of these issues. I would also acknowledge the work of Langley Township Chief Training Officer Dave Palmer and Burnaby Chief Training Officer **Bill Lamb** for sitting on the Emergency Vehicle Operator Committee. Dale Unrau and Pat McPhillips

I also received and responded to several enquiries over the last twelve months, most dealing with the Association structure, dues and requests for information. I have also responded to, and worked with other persoFIs and Associations who have called regarding working with members of the Association.

This last year has seen many familiar faces in Zone 2 and 2A leaving our circle due to retirement and promotion. Many of these persons were very active in our organization and made valuable contributions to the cause of better training. I wish these persons well in their new endeavors. In kind, persons replacing those who have left seem to be picking up and becoming active in the Association.

I have endeavored to fulfill my duties as Zone 2 Representative to the best of my ability. I would also thank 2nd Vice President Dave Palmer for his support and assistance in the past twelve months and to the members of Zone 2 and 2A for their assistance when required. '

R.W. (Bob) Gordon Zone 2 Chairman

Zone 3 report

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this year's conference in Cranbrook.

As Zone 3 Rep this past year I wish to report that there is very little zone training news (toher than the Rockets winning the memorial cup... they have an awesome training program). It appears that we have all been too busy to get together. We had scheduled a meeting & training day in Kelowna this past November, but due to circumstances related to Fire Season 2003 we were unable to meet.

Larry Walkinson (a new BCFTOA member) from Big White Fire Dept. is trying to put together a list of email addresses of all the zone 3 members. Larry will be attending the conference so I have suggested that he touch base with our executive in assisting him with the task. I think Trent should be able to assist him. It would be nice to have a master list of all BCFTOA members!!!!

Thanks.

Can you pass this email on to the zone 3 delegation for the zone meetings on the 31st? "if any other member wishes to take over as the zone rep then feel free to do so during the conference. It wouldn't require that you challenge me to a leg wrestling competition, or choose option #2 which is an endurance test... a "night out on the town with Simon" or something like that. Either way I will keep the position if you want.

In closing I would like to wish all the BCFTOA members a safe and eventful conference.

Brian Livingstone

Asst. Fire Chief Summerland Fire/Rescue

Zone 5 Report

Wes Patterson - Thornhill

- The Paramedic Academy is going to offer BVM training to dept.
- NESTA is still alive and doing training with and through the JI

Chris Stern – Buckhorn

- There is ICS training that is funded by gov't being done around the prov.
- The Northern Training weekend was successful and there will be one next year.
- Prince George, area fire dept, in conjunction with the JI will be hosting a pre-employment course. The course will be next May to Aug.

Zone 5 would like to make a motion.

That the BCFTOA send a letter of support to the FCABC for them to go after training funding from the BC Gov't.

Second Vice Presidents report

Zones were contacted and two issues came forward:

Emergency Driving training – section 122 of the MVA The part of the act governing firefighters and ambulance attendants has been proclaimed and is law. The date for implementation has not yet been set but it appears that it will be sometime in the future – possibly up to 4 years.

We contacted the FCABC. As a result meetings have been held with the Solicitor General and there are 3 options being considered.

1. Training delivered by a designated agency such as PTEC
2. Training delivered over the internet. This looks to be an option for BCAS
3. Training delivered in the form of an “edu-kit”. Materials can be brought as a package and taught by departments. Tests would be provided to individuals upon request and completed by the members. Tests and marks would be maintained by a central agency such as the JIBC or ICBC. They would also be responsible for keeping records.

College of Emergency Medical Attendants

The legal steps to set up the college have been taken. The final step of approval by the minister has been held up. It seems that the concept is being reviewed and the outcome is uncertain.

At this time nothing with regard to the college needs to be done.

Simon is still looking after the paraphernalia. Once again he has done an outstanding job. Thanks Simon.

We are still looking for postmasters in the zones to be the clearinghouse for information and serve as communication links.

Secretaries Report for BCFTOA 2004

There are 99 voting members, 80 lapsed and 40 associate members

To a total of 139

69 departments attended 2004 Seminar

I've sent out three newsletters.

Membership:

Sent reminder letters to all departments that have yet to pay 2004 dues. I am instituting a proper invoice system where members will receive an invoice in January and a reminder in April if their dues remain unpaid. Due to discrepancies in the membership database, I'll send a letter to the departments that are showing past due to find out what their status is.

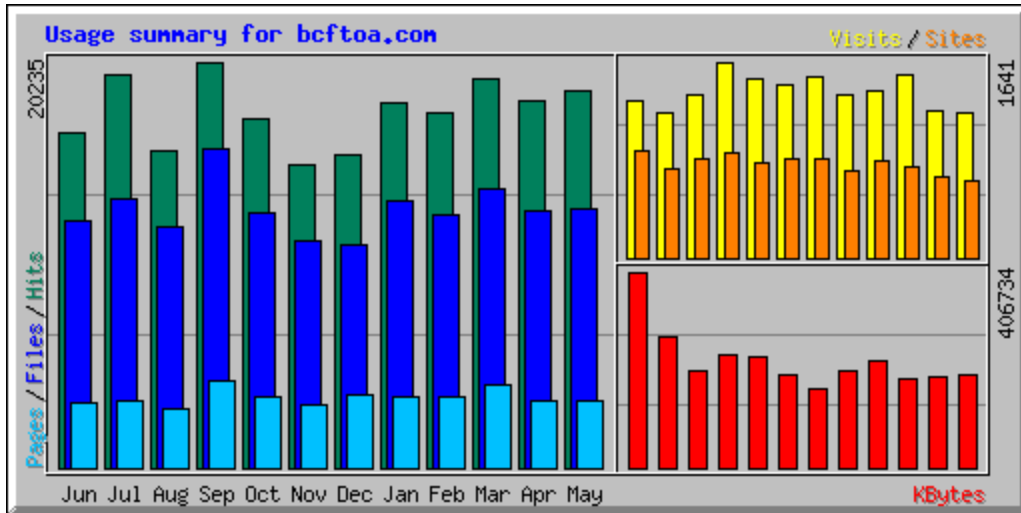
Information Exchange:

I am also putting together an info package for the Zone reps and postmasters that will include a current list of dept's in their zones and the email list for those areas.

As Always, we are still looking for content to post on the web site. If you have anything that you'd be interested in sharing, please send it to me.

Web site

I've put up a new forum. We have forty members that are using it now. We average 45 distinct visits a day to the site. The majority are from searches and search engine crawlers, but approximately 45% are targeted entries.



Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg					Monthly Totals				
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
May 2004	697	476	124	44	638	194020	1211	3358	12861	18833
Apr 2004	608	426	111	41	679	189457	1239	3349	12797	18269
Mar 2004	626	448	133	49	761	185000	1525	4138	13906	19435
Feb 2004	610	435	122	48	814	223746	1394	3561	12638	17709
Jan 2004	588	430	114	44	727	199655	1371	3546	13352	18237
Dec 2003	504	358	116	48	834	166013	1510	3598	11115	15640
Nov 2003	503	375	105	48	827	192820	1454	3159	11279	15111
Oct 2003	562	408	112	48	800	228277	1492	3501	12661	17442
Sep 2003	674	528	142	54	879	232883	1641	4288	15862	20235
Aug 2003	509	387	93	44	834	200373	1372	2911	12009	15794
Jul 2003	631	432	107	38	751	271713	1208	3335	13403	19587
Jun 2003	557	409	108	44	902	406734	1321	3265	12274	16726
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