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Annual General Meeting
February 10, 2017
Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, AB

Members Present

Sandy MacKenzie	Behr Electric	John Wingert	Riviera Electric
Mike Colbourne	Pro-Tech Fire & Safety	Jack Miedema	Buckeye Fire Equipment
Devon Tretiak	Brogan Safety Supplies	Bastian Morin	The Firehalt Company Ltd
June Morin	The Firehalt Company Ltd	Scott Thackray	Innovative Fire
Mike Harlow	Panther Integration	Steve Huska	Viking Fire Protection Inc
Mike Morette	Viking Fire Protection Inc	Darrell Shermak	Amptec Fire & Security
Kurt Bertrand	Premium Fire Protection	Cindy Webber	Amptec Fire & Security
Pat Purnell	Intertek Testing	Kevan Jess	Alberta Municipal Affairs
Ron Foxcroft	Fire Safety Services (Calgary) Ltd	Lorne Buczyk	Tyco Integrated Fire & Security
Robbin Foxcroft	Fire Safety Services (Calgary) Ltd		

Robbin Foxcroft opened the meeting at 10:00 am, and stated we would follow the agenda as distributed.

Minutes: The minutes of September 2016 were distributed by the secretary Robbin Foxcroft on the AFSA website. Robbin moved that we dispense with the reading and adopt them as they are circulated. Darrell Shermak moved and John Wingert seconded the minutes be approved as read. **Motion carried**

Business arising from the minutes: There is no business arising from the previous minutes.

Treasurers Report: Bank account as of today (February 10) is \$10,714.23. All bills and accounts were paid and up to date.

New Business:

- Proper disposal of expired powder – Pat Purnell – where can we dispose of powder with proper authorization. Kevan will talk to his colleges at Environment. He believes it shouldn't be a problem. Kevan will check if there is a protocol that can be sent to landfills across the province.
- Sandy MacKenzie audited 355 floors of complexes' in downtown Calgary. (90 floors were empty on a side note). They put together a Guide and Maintenance Manual for the user. One of the things the fire department has failed to do is teaching buildings what their responsibilities are for maintenance. Sandy's company does an audit of the building to design a maintenance guide specific to the building. It appears in the buildings he visited, the contractors are not making the buildings aware of their responsibilities either, nor do they have the proper documentation from maintenance that is performed on site. Therefore the proper maintenance is not being completed by contractors or buildings in order to comply with AFC.
- Kevan Jess regarding fire extinguisher tags conforming to AFC – Kevan seems to continually have tags sent to him without the proper information. He would like to put forward to have all extinguisher tags filled out with the rating of the extinguisher (such as 2A10BC) so it is stated properly on the tag. All fire extinguisher Standatas are being combined into one Standata so it is clear. Also, please have technician sign or print their name legibly so AHJ is able to determine the technician's name that serviced the extinguisher.

Committee Reports:

- Portables:** (Darrell Shermak): Darrell had an extinguisher come into his shop (3A40BC First Alert) when it was discharged it turned out to be a BC fire extinguisher. NAFED is looking for Canadian representatives, if interested please email NAFED for more details.
- Fixed Systems:** (Ron Foxcroft): March in Toronto – Amerex is running courses for kitchen and dry chemical and vehicle systems. Info on the course can be found on Sava Fire website. Kevan is going to be asking manufacturers' curriculum for training on installations to validate the courses. Lack of proper training could be the problem with poor workmanship. Cross contamination of industries such as canopy cleaners disarming suppression systems to complete the cleaning, and not arming them properly after and such.
- Fire Alarms:** (John Wingert): Testing with magnets still allowed? No, manufacturer's manual does not supersede fire code.
- Fire Sub Council:** (Robbin Foxcroft): Qualified Persons Registry – hoping for roll out this year. FSC needs letters of support to make this a mandatory registration. Re-emphasized the importance of the registry at the last meeting. Information on listed products can be found on the Intertek website.

Food trucks do need to comply to the Safety Codes Act, and must comply with code requirements. SCC is rewriting the training for Safety Codes Officers through the Safety Codes Council for online training (besides the hands on training). They may be looking to the members of the AFSA for input on the hands on portion on sites.

The harmonizing of the 2021 Fire Code is still in process.

SCC is looking for sponsors for the Annual Meeting in Banff.

- e. **Canopy Cleaning:** (Shelby VanGroothest): How do we track the companies out there not following the certification protocol? There are companies with one certified employee and they are not going to every site, so the non-certified technicians are doing most of the work.
- f. **Sister Associations:** CFAA Sandy MacKenzie next meeting Tuesday February 14, 2017. SAIT is dropping level one and level two? CFAA is looking for a new national director. Next technical seminar for CFAA October – Calgary, AB.
- g. **Fire Administrator's Office:** In the middle of re-issuing Standatas, if they are still listed on the website, they are still in effect until they are officially removed. Working on consolidating them as well.

Membership: The Fire Halt Company, Viking Fire Protection, OP Fire & Safety, Alberta On-Site Fire & Safety Inspections Inc, Vipond Inc.

Round Table:

Buckeye just opened a warehouse in Edmonton, filled with fire extinguishers and systems.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for May 5th, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, AB

As this concluded the business on hand, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.

President

Randy Brown

Secretary/Treasurer

Robbin Foxcroft