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Annual General Meeting
October 13, 2017
Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, AB

Members Present

Sandy MacKenzie	Behr Electric	John Wingert	Riviera Electric
Kurt Bertrand	Premium Fire Protection	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
Kirsty Cameron	Johnson Controls	Steve Huska	Viking Fire Protection Inc
Joseph Jean Lunick	Reality Power Clean	Yussuf Noor Sheikh	Reality Power Clean
Kurt Bertrand	Premium Fire Protection	Shelby VanGroothest	Shelby International
Pat Purnell	Intertek Testing	Kevan Jess	Alberta Municipal Affairs
Ron Foxcroft	Fire Safety Services (Calgary) Ltd	Lorne Buczyk	Guest
Robbin Foxcroft	Fire Safety Services (Calgary) Ltd	Kim Bevons	The Firehalt Co. Ltd.
Paul Huntington	Viking Fire Protection	Daryll DeWaal	Panther Integration
Garry Saunders	Guest	Larry Manning	Guest
Randy Brown	F451		

Randy Brown opened the meeting at 10:11 am, and stated we would follow the agenda as distributed.

Minutes: The minutes of May 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. Pat Purnell moved and Sandy MacKenzie seconded the minutes be approved as read. **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report: Bank account as of today (October 13, 2017) is \$13, 680.30. All bills and accounts are paid and up to date.

New Business:

- 40th anniversary, slide show
- New executive will be up for elections in January 2018. Email will be going out to self elect. – Action Item
- Compulsory sprinkler trade in Ontario, affecting fire suppression personnel. Kevan has spoken with the CASA to clarify that the Compulsory Trades will not be accepted if fire extinguishers and special hazard systems are not removed from the Compulsory Trade Description.
- We need to look at getting new blood in the association. We are unable to hire a staff, maybe look at taking this National for the association. “Initiate a conversation between National”. – Action Item
- New laws for cannabis affecting business – smaller companies should be adding impaired requirements to their company policy. Unsure of the direction of testing, for personal and/or medical use to determine impaired.
- Eliminating poor workmanship, non-certified installations of all trades. There is no way of taking away credentials, but if there is a code violation, charges ‘could’ be laid. How do we give more control to revoke qualifications? Suspension? Province wide license or permitting system may help this. CFAA trying to form a disciplinary document for the above problems. Could this become a decertification disciplinary process?

Committee Reports:

- Portables:** (Darrell Shermak): Unable to attend. Pat Purnell – directory; portable extinguisher directory for certified shops moving ahead from Intertek. Roll out of 2018. Upgrading from annual to bi-annual inspections. ULC directory online already for certified shops.
- Fixed Systems:** (Ron Foxcroft): Engineer/architectural specifications listing name brands of systems. Trade and legal violations. Amerex suppression cylinders not required TC Stamp? According to email provided from Amerex. – Action item
- Fire Alarms:** (John Wingert): John - City of Calgary has now fully enforced the mandatory 10 day reporting period on 311, must have agreement in place to fix deficiencies 10 days from inspection date. The sprinkler discipline has now gotten underway as well.
- Fire Sub Council:** (Robbin Foxcroft): Central registry has been put on hold due to legalities of making it mandatory. May look into changing it to a provincial license instead.
- Canopy Cleaning:** (Shelby VanGroothest):

- f. **Sister Associations:** Daryll: CFAA – Annual tech seminar just over 200 people. Large participation from technicians (approx. 1/3). Next years seminar is offered from NAIT in a seminar hall, and will be pushed probably into mid October. Trying to reduce price by using NAIT. New National Executive Director for CFAA is: Peter Hallinan
AFSOA: Sandy – AFSA has not been very active in the past few years. The future of AFSA is being decided.
- g. **Fire Administrator's Office:** Fire extinguisher tags: deficiencies. Tags do not have the proper information, such as shop certification number; tags are required to be legible and so forth. Standatas are still in draft mode due to other duties, but AMA is trying to consolidate and update and release all Standata to current code. Glycol loop Variance for sprinkler systems will be released in the near future. Allowing glycol loops to remain in required areas, rather than having to remove and replace with Dry Sprinkler Systems.
Fire Commissioner Office: full complement of staff now in the province. Fire Safety Codes officers training is now available on-line, the full spectrum (except Petroleum Tank inspector).

Membership:

Round Table:

Sandy MacKenzie – To contact emergency generator service to be apart of our group. Sandy would like to invite a person from one of these companies to talk at our spring meeting. – Action Item

Jack – Buckeye opened Edmonton warehouse in March, Mississauga warehouse opened just recently.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for January 2018 at 10:00 am at the Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, AB date to be announced.

As this concluded the business on hand, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm for the buffet lunch.

President

Randy Brown

Secretary/Treasurer

Robbin Foxcroft

Action Items

10.13.17.1	Email form to members for new executive in January 2018 election	Robbin Foxcroft
10.13.17.2	Initiate conversion with 'National' to expand AFSA & membership	
10.13.17.3	TC requirements for Amerex cylinders	Kevan Jess/Robbin Foxcroft