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Annual General Meeting
January 26, 2018
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	Steve Huska	Viking Fire Protection Inc
Shelby VanGroothest	Shelby International	Pat Purnell	Intertek Testing
Ron Foxcroft	Fire Safety Services (Calgary) Ltd	Robbin Foxcroft	Fire Safety Services (Calgary) Ltd
Mike Monette	Viking Fire Protection	Wayne B	Protech Fire
Brian Mc Bain	ULC	John Schmidt	JAS Electrical
Darrell Shermak	Intertek Testing	Tara Ross	22 South Fire

Robbin Foxcroft opened the meeting at 10:05 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 (January 26, 2018) is \$10,173.71. All bills and accounts are paid and up to date.

New Business:

- New executive elections, completed, no changes were made from last. All have volunteered to remain for the next term.
- AFSA Fiscal Year end – completed.
- Website maintenance, new company needed. Please email any suggestions – Action item
- Training videos for Safety Codes officers and inspectors to be posted on the website. Starting with portables, then moving onto other disciplines if positive feedback. Address the new 311 reporting process in the videos.
Will this be professionally produced? Can these training videos be useful for owners, inspectors, safety codes officers? Everyone? – Action Item
- Fire Alarm Engineered verifications for upgrades and/or renovations not being performed or left on site for the service companies. Confusion with “like for like”. Skipping the legal process of filing electrical permits/building permits. Companies will test the devices but will not issue certificate until the legal process/verification/documentation have been completed.
- Tina Parker will be Chief Fire Administrator Feb 5, 2018.
- The Ontario problem of pre-engineered systems with sprinkler fitters.
- Action Item update - 10.13.17.3 Amerex non-stamped cylinders. Brian McBain, ULC and UL have opened an investigation. Once information is given it will be passed on.

Committee Reports:

- Portables:** (Darrell Shermak): New NFPA 10, 2018 is available.
- Fixed Systems:** (Ron Foxcroft): Currently rewriting the SAIT certification course to new codes and standards. Another counterfeit booth was found in Calgary. Booth had no listing; building never had building permits for two booths installed. The booths are now being removed.
- Fire Alarms:** (John Wingert): John Schmidt – the sprinkler industry is now required to report deficiencies to the 311 reporting process in addition to fire alarm systems. In the same 10 day period. Sandy would like to see the time frame be pushed to 21 days rather than 10 days to allow sufficient time for repairs to be done. John and Johnny feel that the 10 days has not been a problem that it was thought to be.
- Fire Sub Council:** (Robbin Foxcroft): Unable to attend last meeting due to illness. Updates will be delivered at the next meeting in April.
- Canopy Cleaning:** (Shelby VanGroothest): There has been talk of an Alberta School for canopy cleaning. There is also a company out of Florida looking at coming into Alberta. Alberta Municipal Affairs will have to approve the curriculum. They had two people go to the Florida Course, and are going to give feedback to AMA. Wayne, having problems with trying to do kitchen system inspections, but the canopies are too dirty with grease, and other companies will go in and certify the system regardless of the excessive hazard build up. One suggestion is to involve the health department.

- f. **Sister Associations:** Sandy - Fire Prevention Officers has not had a lot going on. CFAA new director in place, was out here last week for meetings regarding Part 1 and Part 5 online course for CFAA certification. NAIT and SAIT and Grande Prairie will be coming on board for Journeymen certification. AGM for CFAA is in May, technical conference will be September or October. Negotiating with NAIT to have it held there.
- g. **Fire Administrator’s Office:** (Tina Parker) Due to the snow storm in Edmonton Tina was not able to attend.

Membership: No new members since last meeting

Round Table:

Brian McBain - ULC purchased a company called Clebb. Standards from ULC – CAN ULC-S1001 Communication between contacts and fire alarm systems for multiple integrated systems testing. Fire Code of S1001 is required in 2015 NFC, requiring the testing be done 12 months later, and 5 years thereafter. This can be retroactive as well.

Working on a new CO alarm standard for commercial use. There is already a standard for residential CO use.

Products no longer being manufactured are still listed as per testing requirements of the manufacturer date.

UL extinguishers coming into Canada on new equipment. ULC has no capability to stop UL fire extinguishers to come to Canada; this is up to the manufacturer, to ensure the right mark is on the right product coming into Canada. Many manufacturers are going to dual listing with UL and ULC to solve this problem.

Devon – what do you recommend for vehicle extinguishers? What Standard(s) are referenced? Answer Transport Canada is responsible for vehicle extinguishers, and some specific industries (forestry) will have their own standards, requirements.

Pat Purnell – Darrell Shermak has moved to Intertek Testing Services as an inspector. Inspections have increased to every six months rather than once a year. Reasoning behind semiannual inspections is to ensure continual compliance, deficiencies are being rectified, and quality assurance.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for April 20th, 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 11:57 pm.

President

Randy Brown

Secretary/Treasurer

Robbin Foxcroft

Action Items

10.13.17.2	Initiate conversion with ‘National’ to expand AFSA & membership	
10.13.17.3	TC requirements for Amerex cylinders	Brian McBain/Robbin Foxcroft
01.26.18.1	New website hosting company required	
01.26.18.2	Online Training Videos	