

LACOMBE REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

November 26, 2002

GENERAL MEETING

Present:	Bill Knight - Chairman	Lacombe County
	Ray Prins	Lacombe County
	Greg Gordon	Town of Lacombe
	John Williams	Village of Alix
	Shelley Nicholson	Village of Clive
	Darryl Stanyer	Village of Mirror
	Ken Kendall	Town of Lacombe
	Tim Timmons	Lacombe County
	Fred Millar	Regional Fire Chief
	Tom Fisher	Lacombe Deputy Chief
	Jim Von Hollen	Alix Fire Chief
	Monte Zaytsoff	Clive Fire Chief
	Andrie Anderson	Mirror Fire Chief
	Alen Scholing	Floor Member
Absent:	Jim Dixon	Town of Lacombe

1. Call to Order

Bill Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

Motion: By Darryl Stanyer that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Darryl Stanyer requested that his name be spelled correctly.

Motion: By Ray Prins that the minutes of the February 26, 2002 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

4. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

4.1 Regional Fire Chief – Performance Assessment

Ken Kendall informed the group that he had only received one completed assessment. Several members stated that they did not have the package. Ken Kendall said he would get them out. Revised date for completion is no later than December 6, 2002

New members were advised that they only had to comment on areas that they had observed.

Shelley Nicholson requested a copy of the Regional Fire Chief's job description. Chief Millar will send copies of the Lacombe Regional Fire Service Policy Manual to the new members.

At this time Bill Knight requested that everyone present at the meeting introduce themselves.

4.2 Joint Purchase of Emergency Vehicles

Chief Millar tabled a discussion paper on the subject.

Motion: By Greg Gordon that the discussion paper be accepted for information.

Carried

4.3 Lacombe Fire Department Equipment Van

Tim Timmons felt that this was a Town of Lacombe and County issue. Once specifications are completed respective councils will give direction regarding tendering.

5. Information

5.1 Fire Fighter Injuries – Worker's Compensation Board

Chief Millar stated that Lorrie Dupuis had approached him on this matter. A Clive Fire Department member had been injured several years before and the issue was still not resolved. Tim Timmons stated that he had been talking with Worker's Compensation Board on the member's behalf and that the case was back on track.

At this time Monte Zaytsoff left the meeting.

6. Report From Technical Support

6.1 Alix District Fire Chief

Chief Von Hollen apologized that his report was completed but was on the computer that had been stolen the night before. His responses years to date were 34 fire and 55 medical.

He informed the group that the Department was applying for Society status so that they could work casinos and do some serious fund raising. It was suggested that they might use the Fire Service Society initially so they would be able to fund raise sooner.

Chief Von Hollen mentioned that his department had been involved in responses to horrific accidents and some members had needed counseling which the Chief had arranged through Lacombe Victim Services. Chief Von Hollen wanted to know how, if required, further counseling services would be paid for. Chief Millar stated that after diffusing and debriefing if the member still experienced difficulty he should see his/her family physician who would refer the member to a mental health professional.

Alix Fire Department now has 25 members.

Chief Von Hollen commented that he felt uncomfortable asking for quotes on equipment from companies when it seemed the County purchased from other suppliers. Tim Timmons stated that the County had preferred vendors but the bottom line was lowest price. Tim asked the Chiefs present for ideas on how to resolve the problem.

6.2 Clive District Fire Chief

Chief Millar submitted the Clive Fire Department report. They had year to date 16 responses, the majority being grass fires.

The new fire hall is complete.

6.3 Mirror District Fire Chief

Chief Anderson informed the Board that there had been no responses since the last meeting and that they have not had any calls in 4 months.

The issue regarding hose adaptors for the new pumper has been resolved.

6.4 Lacombe District Deputy Fire Chief

Tom Fisher informed the Board that Lacombe had come in first at an auto extrication seminar/competition at Ponoka in October. Teams from Ponoka, Lacombe, Innisfail, Hobbema, Bentley and Sylvan Lake participated in this event.

6.5 Member From The Floor

Alen Scholing informed the Board that he had nothing to report.

Ken Kendall mentioned that there was no solution for the T4 issue discussed in the previous meeting.

6.6 Regional Fire Chief

Chief Millar tabled an activity report and informed the Board that he had conducted Fire Fighter Parts I II, III and IV, Pump A, Vehicle Extrication and C5 courses this year. Chief Millar stated there would not be as many courses next year in order to transition to the modular system of training coming into effect in April 2003.

Motion: By Greg Gordon that items 6.1 to 6.6 be accepted as information.

Carried

7. New Business

7.1 Lacombe Regional Fire Service 2003 Budget

Chief Millar tabled a draft budget submitted to Lacombe Town Council. Chief Millar was requested to provide a breakdown, in the revenue section of the 2003 budget, of the total membership fees to be paid by each municipality including the 50% portion of the fees levied against the Villages of Alix, Clive and Mirror that is paid by :Lacombe County.

Motion: By Ray Prins that Board recommend the draft budget as amended to respective councils.

Carried

7.2 False Alarm Bylaw

Chief Millar stated that there had been instances where there had been several false alarms at one address and that in one case were not really related to fire. He felt there should be some type of penalty in place to encourage owners and landlords to maintain their alarm systems correctly and not to use them as refrigerator alarms, etc.

The members around the table felt that this was mainly a Town of Lacombe problem.

Shelley Nicholson mentioned that Ponoka had such a penalty in place and that it was very effective in reminding her employer of the alarm system problems.

Ken Kendall suggested Chief Millar amend the existing Town Fire Bylaw rather than preparing a new one.

Motion: By Ray Prins that this item be accepted as information.

Carried

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the new Clive Fire Hall on February 25, 2003 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion: By Darryl Stanyer that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carried

Recording Secretary

Chairman