



Vancouver Island Firefighters Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 2nd, 2021

Location: via Zoom

Chaired by: Brent Borg, President

Scribe: Adam Harding, Secretary

Call to Order: 1905hrs

1. Introductions and Housekeeping

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Bank balance at \$12,588.62
- b. Generally in a healthy position
- c. Dues in 2020 were switched to a flat rate of \$75/dept
- d. Dues paid in 2020 have been carried forward to 2021 as the last year has been a scratch with the pandemic – next dues notices will go out in 2022

3. Old Business

- a. No old business

4. New Business

- a. Secretary position: Elizabeth Greenberg (Secretary) has retired from the fire service; motion to elect Adam Harding (Port Hardy) in her place moved and accepted.
- b. Remaining executive members: motion moved and accepted to retain other current executive members in their positions until 2022 (given pandemic and the wash that the last year has been)
- c. Society Registration: VIFFA is not currently registered under the Societies Act – required to obtain insurance and reduce liabilities. VIFFA Executive are working to update constitution with the assistance of Art Sanderson from VFABC. Moving towards application submission and full registration within the next few months followed by purchase of insurance.
- d. New website: www.viffa.ca has been rebuilt and is now live. Also a new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vancouverislandfirefightersassociation and a new mailing list. Working on populating the site over the next few months. Suggestion to provide some information about trades supporters as well as a buy and sell for fire equipment.
- e. Art Sanderson provided a report from the VFABC including the volunteer firefighters fund and the new playbook being released by OFC. Some general discussion among attendees about various related topics including the CAFC Answer the Call Survey, Honour House, COVID-19 relief funds.

5. Training

- a. Fall Weekend: Metchosin has volunteered to host the fall training weekend November 19th – 21st, 2021, pending COVID-19 restrictions. Suggestions for desired training please send to Steph Melanson, Training Director (training@viffa.ca).
- b. Spring Weekend: tentative planned for North Cedar April 22nd – 24th, 2022.



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- c. In general, trying to plan training weekends six months in advance so if your department is interested in hosting a weekend, please contact VIFFA.

Adjourned: 2042hrs

Next Meeting: TBD