



Niagara District Firefighters' Association

April 2009 Minutes

The April meeting of the Niagara District Firefighters Association was held at Hamilton International Airport on April 30th, 2009 with 95 members present. President Frank Kielbowich (Hald. #10, Byng) called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m... Jim McKenney (NF #6) read the opening prayer. Airport Director Frank Scremin and Firefighter Mike Pittaway welcomed the attendees on behalf of Hamilton International Airport.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes were read by Marci Weston (NF #4). No errors or omissions were noted. A motion to accept was made by Crispin Bottomley (NOTL #4) seconded by Adonis Sommerville (NF #5) CARRIED.

Communications: None **Accounts:** Dues for 2009 have been received as follows: Fort Erie (all stations) \$450, Welland (all stations) \$150, West Lincoln \$75. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,358.32 plus \$675 in dues received for a total of \$4,033.32. This was put on file for the audit committee.

Committee Reports: **Education** – Registration for the Golden Horseshoe Training Seminar is going well. There are only a few spaces left for Firefighter Survival & Auto Ex, get your registration in ASAP if you are interested in this course. There are 12 students confirmed for Pump Ops Train the Trainer, need 2 more students to bring in a 2nd instructor Low number for Forcible Entry and Basic Emergency Management, these may be cancelled if registration does not pick up. You should have already received a confirmation form if you have already submitted an application, if you haven't received one please speak to Owen Simmonds. **Laws & Legislation-** N/R **Trophies** – Please have your trophies ready for the Convention. **Historical** – N/R **Competition** – A letter was received from Ron & Bob Timson with a copy of the past 2 years competition results (attached) to allow teams to see their times and set goals for this year, and to encourage new teams to give it a try. Come out and have some fun at the convention and Mudcat Festival. Organizers are also looking for Past Presidents to volunteer as judges for the parade. **Nominating** – Two nominations were received for the position of 2nd Vice-President. **Membership-** N/R **Public Relations-** N/R **Convention-** Camping venue has been changed to Byng Conservation area. Please contact Alicia Sherwood (Hald. #9, Dunnville) ASAP with your counts for camping. Convention T-shirts are now on sale @ \$10 each and a flyer is available describing the Ladies Night activities. **Regional Chief's-** N/R **Credentials** - 55 Life members, 23 delegates, 17 visitors, for a total of 95 with 22 departments represented. The 'Silver Helmet' was awarded to Niagara Falls #6.

Unfinished Business: A proposal was made by the Striking Committee at the Sept. '09 meeting to create a NDFFA Medal of Honour/Medal of Merit. President Frank Kielbowich (Hald. #10, Byng) has researched the process used by the FFAO in awarding their Medal of Merit, please review the discussion points (attached) based on the FFAO model and be prepared to discuss and vote on establishing a process for the NDFFA Medal at the June Convention meeting.

New Business: None.

Announcements: 1) Tom Clark made a final reminder to purchase fish fry tickets tonight 2) Queenston (NOTL #4) will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary with an open house on May 2nd and a

spaghetti dinner on May 8th 3) Niagara Falls Stn. 6 is holding a Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast on Sat. May 9th 4) May 16 there will be a show of Fire Apparatus at Niagara Falls Fireman's Park 5) Haldimand Fire Prevention is holding a Firefit Challenge (like the Scott Challenge but less onerous) on weekend of May 23rd, entry forms are available 6) Port Robinson F.D. still have openings for Golf Tourney May 24th 7) West Lincoln Fire is holding a benefit for resident Paul Wylie on May 30th at the Smithville Arena 8) Charity Haircut on June 14th @ 3 pm at N.F. Optimist, pledge forms available 9) FFAO is organizing a trip to the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Sept., \$139 for accommodation, \$50(+/-) for bus, see Carl Pearson

Education: Mike Pittaway (Hamilton Int'l Airport) introduced Don Festaiuti, 2nd Assistant Chief of the Clarence Center V.F.D. Asst. Chief Festaiuti gave a riveting first-hand account regarding the municipal response to the crash of Colgan Air Flight 3407 in Clarence Center on Feb. 12, 2009. Asst. Chief Festaiuti may be contacted as follows: email: Don71ny@roadrunner.com phone: (716) 741-3311. Mike Pittaway (HIA) presented Mr. Festaiuti with a plaque and Steve Rumerfeld (Hald #1, Caledonia) thanked him for his presentation.

Draws: Raffle draws by Mike Pittaway & Frank Scremin (Ham. Int'l Airport) were won by: Felix Lostracco (NF #5) HIA t-shirt; Miles Tuttle (Hald. #10) Bottle of Liquor; George Kowalski (Pelham #2) WestJet Ticket. Delegate draws by Mike Pittaway (HIA) for Fish Fry Tickets were won by Justin Turgeon, Mike Pittaway (HIA), Robbie Sauder, Chad Watts and Alicia Sherwood (Hald. #9). Add'l delegate draw for a bottle & t-shirt donated by Hamilton Int'l Airport was won by Jeremy Bell (Thorold #1),

Adjournment: The host company was thanked by Alicia Sherwood (Hald. #9) and a motion to adjourn was made by George Kowalski (Pelham #2) seconded by Don McCauley (NF #6) CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING

May 28th, 2009

19:30

Fisherville (Haldimand #12)
24 Erie Street, Fisherville



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2009 Striking Committee Item: NDFFA Medal of Honour/ Medal of Merit.

- Information is based off of the FFAO Medal of Honour.
- Prestigious event as an individual or group of individuals are recognized for heroic events, calls above and beyond the call of duty.
- Doesn't mean we have to limit the award to those criteria
- We can pick the criteria that we want
- Pick a committee, thus forming a new committee to look after this event
- Set guidelines on what criteria are required to be eligible to receive the Medal of Honour.
- Set a deadline to receive applications
- Review applications
- Communicate the awarding of the Medal of Honour to recipients
- Host a dinner or luncheon for recipients? (FFAO does)
- Tie in with Conventions
- Develop medal design and certificate to accompany.

This is the information we must consider when deciding on the conception of a NDFFA Medal of Honour.

Frank Kielbowich
NDFFA President 2008-2009

Niagara District Firefighters Association Competition Results 2007 Caledonia

In Order Run	Rescue Race	Ladder Race	Hose Race	Tug
Niagara Falls 5	24.37	29.10	44.38	
West Lincoln	27.66	31.38	37.44 3rd	
Dunnville 2	21.19 1st	26.53 1st	28.85 1st	
Caledonia	25.47	28.06 3rd	32.78 2nd	1st
Niagara Falls 6	26.72	33.00	40.63	
Thorold South	27.28	39.43	45.81	
Dunnville 1	22.65 2nd	31.66	41.94	
Canfield	23.63 3rd	26.90 2nd	40.57	2nd

Most Firefighters on Parade

1st Caledonia **2nd** Dunnville 1 **3rd** Niagara Falls 6

Best Appearing Company on Parade

1st Dunnville 1 **2nd** Caledonia **3rd** West Lincoln

Total Points Awarded and Results

1st Caledonia 17 points
2nd Dunnville 2 15 points
3rd Dunnville 1 11 points
4th Canfield 7 points
5th West Lincoln 2 points
6th Niagara Falls 6 1 point
Niagara Falls 5 0 points
Thorold South 0 points

Chiefs Race

1st Don McCauley - Niagara Falls 6
2nd Wayne Nigh - Dunnville 2
3rd Brad Bird - Canfield

Captains Race

1st Neil Hedley - Canfield
2nd Bob Dennison - West Lincoln
3rd John DiLella - Thorold South

Firefighters Race

1st Cam Hedley - Canfield
2nd Byron Hedley - Canfield
3rd Dave Rutka - Canfield

Thank-you to all the Firefighters and their families
for making this another successful convention.

Bob Timson

Niagara District Firefighters Association Competition Results
2008 Niagara Falls St. #6

In Order Run	Rescue Race	Ladder Race	Hose Race	Tug of War
Caledonia	29.75	31.59 2 nd	49.03	
Dunn #1	30.91	43.09	1:24.06	
West Lincoln	27.44	41.25	44.13	
Willoughby	22.28 1 st	36.62	53.54	
Niag. Falls #6	24.56 3 rd	56.78	35.47 3 rd	2 nd
Thorold South	26.16	31.73 3 rd	32.22 2 nd	1 st
Dunn #2 Byng	24.16 2 nd	26.28 1 st	30.44 1 st	

Most Firefighters on Parade

1st Niagara Falls #6 2nd Niagara Falls #5 3rd Dunnville St #1

Best Appearing on Parade

1st Niagara Falls #6 2nd Dunnville St #1 3rd Niagara Falls #5

Total Points Awarded And Results

1st Niagara Falls #6 15 Points
 2nd Dunnville #2 Byng 13 Points
 3rd Thorold South 9 Points
 Willoughby 9 Points
 4th Dunnville #1 4 Points
 5th Caledonia 3 Points
 6th West Lincoln 0 Points

Best Appearing Ladies Auxiliary

Niagara Falls #6

Chiefs Race

1st Dennis Fisher-West Lincoln
 2nd Don McCauley- Niagara Falls St #6
 3rd Wayne Nigh- Dunnville St #2

Captains Race

1st Jeremy Chrysler- Dunnville St#1
 2nd Tim Hofsonk- West Lincoln
 3rd John Dilella- Thorold South

Firefighters Race

1st Ben Trendle III- Niagara Falls #5
 2nd Brian Patterson
 3rd Terry Scholton