

MINUTES OF THE ATLANTIC REGIONAL GROUP

Date: Nov 9th, 2011

Construction Association of Nova Scotia

260 Brownlow Ave., Dartmouth, NS

PRESENT

Joe Young
David Vincent
Claude Melanson
Ryan Rees
Blake Carter
Brian Irving
Mervyn Dunn
Wayne Brown
Matt Quick
Mike Keating
Todd Bresnahan

Guest

Greg Pope, Training Co-Coordinator UA Local 56

REPRESENTING

C.A.S.A
Life Safety Systems
Viking Fire Protection
Fire Stop Enterprises
Viking Fire Protection
Vipond Fire Protection
Life Safety Systems
Viking Supply Net
Victaulic
TYCO
Reliable Automatic Sprinkler

Regrets:

Paul Neate

CALL TO ORDER @ 10:03

ITEM 11/44 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: To approve previous minutes (Sept. 14, 2011) Dave Vincent, seconded by Ryan Rees

ITEM 11/45 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

ITEM 11/46 REPORT AND COMMENTS BY CHAIRPERSON (Claude Melanson)

Attached

ITEM 11/47 REPORT AND COMMENTS BY REGIONAL MANAGER (Joe Young)

Attached

ITEM 11/48 REPORT FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE by (Paul Neate)

None

ITEM 11/49 REPORT FROM NEW BRUNSWICK CONTRACTORS

Contractors have noticed a slow down. Some rumors about the possibility of a mill or two reopening.

ITEM 11/50 REPORT FROM NOVA SCOTIA CONTRACTORS

Some work in progress, anticipating that things will pick up. Discussion regarding PE and why they will not supply water flows which is left up to the contractors to do their own and the charges for the cad drawings. Joe to see if we can get a dialogue with them regarding these issues.

ITEM 11/51 AMS

None

ITEM 11/52 NEW BUSINESS

“Building Futures for Youth”

Ryan Rees explained how this program Building Futures for Youth designed by The Construction Association of NS (CANS) program for high school co-operative education students in order to promote awareness and increase the number of youth choosing careers in the construction industry.

With aging work force this is an opportunity to introduce young people to the sprinkler industry. For more information contact Ryan @ 902 657 2290 or ryan@firestopsprinklers.ca. You may also get information regarding this program by contacting Juanita MacDonald @ CANS 902 468 2267.

JTAC update

Dave Vincent gave the members present an update of the JTAC meeting which was held On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011

Representative from Local 56

Greg Pope was welcomed by the Chair. Greg gave an update on the apprentices training that is presently going on (14 in block 1) at the present time. A new instructor (Jamie Brightman) is teaching the class. There is a block 2 scheduled for January. Greg said that they can customize training if required.

Greg indicated that he would come back a couple of times a year to give an update of training and programs in the making.

ITEM 11/53 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 @ Northeast Construction Association, Moncton, New Brunswick.

ITEM 11/54 ADJOURMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting @11:55

carried

Atlantic Regional Group Managers Report

Letters of support regarding Sprinkler Contractor Licensing in New Brunswick were read. These letters were to and from John Galt to the Fire Marshal, Minister of Public Safety and the Premier.

There is a Staff meeting in Dec. Any concerns that you wish for me to bring up please contact me.

Request that every company send a representative to the regional meetings.

Want to confirm that an early date in May of 2012 would be ok if a Design Symposium was to take place in 2012. The date to be confirmed early in the New Year. Check with Joe Oliver to confirm his involvement.

Respectively submitted by
Joe Young

Atlantic Regional Group
Chairpersons Report

November 9, 2011

Atlantic Canada is still experiencing some of the see-saw effects brought on by the global economic turmoil.

If we listen to news reports, the sky is falling every second day. The ARG man-hours to date indicate good numbers for NS (+14.3%) and NB (+2.4%). Newfoundland is somewhat off from last year (-18.3%) but if they could just close some tenders on time, things would change. If we look at the ARG as a group, we are virtually even when last year (+2%) at this point (9 months). If we also focus on the NF economy in general, they are still performing better than the majority of the other provinces. Government and private sector investment is still strong and should remain so through this year and next. This is typical of the sprinkler industry in Canada with some groups up and others down. All in all, not too bad.

As we discussed at our last meeting, the fate of Newpage Port Hawkesbury is still in question but now we have the added insecurity of Bowater in Liverpool. These mills create a lot of spinoff in our economy so if they do go down there will be an impact, a condition that New Brunswick has been dealing with the last couple of years. Fortunately we do have the good news from the Irving shipbuilding program which will give NS a much needed boost (late 2012).

We do have some encouraging news from CASA head office in terms of the sprinklers activity in Canada. Head shipments are up for the first 6 months of the year on the strength of the residential market. The changes to high rise residential market in Ontario are paying off.

Also the new UA ITM course has been released and positive feedback has come back from the first group of attendees. This will no doubt help to strengthen our industry and promote a standard in which inspections are performed. We will see this available in our area early next year and we will keep you apprised.

The new and improved CASA web page is up and running with an expanded members section and I would encourage you to check it out. In the near future you will be able to register for events and conferences right from there. And the new link "Perkopolis" is an exciting addition offering discounts on several services to our members.

In closing, as we reflect on the past year events, there have been some successes and disappointments but the ARG has made it through 2011 relatively unscathed compared to other parts of Canada. We all have a lot of talent within our companies and on our job sites in Atlantic Canada. As your association embarks into its 51st year, I would like to wish our members continued success in 2012 and all the best for you and your families.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Claude Melanson