



September 14, 2016

Western NS Chapter Meeting Minutes (Draft)

DATE: September 14, 2016
TIME: 5:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Fisheries Safety Association of NS, Queens Emera Centre, Liverpool
HOST: Stewart Franck, FSANS and Janice Rahme, Electrolab Training Systems
SPEAKER: David MacDonald, General Manager for R.J. Maclsaac Construction
PROGRAM: R.J. Maclsaac is the contractor hired to demolish two decommissioned navy vessels at Liverpool. Also, they were responsible for demolishing the MV Miner off the shores of Cape Breton and have been involved in other marine-related initiatives that pose significant and unique safety challenges. Mr. MacDonald will share some of the experiences surrounding this type of project.

Present:

Blair McKnight – LAE	Stewart Franck - FSANS
Janice Rahme – Electrolab Training Systems	Wanda Balsor – ENNIS Safety and Security
Kathy Betts – Quality Concrete	Dan Oliver – NS Lands
Kerry Morash R.J. Maclsaac – Guest	David MacDonald - R.J. Maclsaac - Speaker
Darren Webster – R.J. Maclsaac – Speaker	Jennifer Rodenhiser – Air Canada Cargo
Melanie Bond - ALL-TECH Environmental	

Regrets:

Heather Wright – Scotia Recycling	Arminta Kennedy – Program
Conrad LeLievre – CBL Engineering	Gary Slauenwhite – GP Safety Consulting
Don Foster – Foster Fire and Safety	Jeff Brett - OHS
Trisha Maclsaac AwareNS	Laurie Alders – Membership Chair

1. Call to Order at 5:25 pm
2. Welcome and introductions - Wanda
3. Approval of Agenda – Melanie moved to approve and Kathy seconded. Carried.
4. Program – David MacDonald, GM for R.J. Maclsaac Construction provided an overview of the company and the bids, projects and exciting growth in NS. Darren Webster, Project Manager at the Liverpool/Brooklyn site (old Bowater-Mersey site owned by NS Lands) provided detail on the work on the ships. Many local people were hired for this project.

MV Miner was demolished on an island with no services in Cape Breton and EXProtecteur and EXAlgonquin are currently being demolished in Liverpool.

The ships came from Vancouver down to the Panama Canal with an American company and continued with Atlantic Towing after the canal to NS.

David and Darren shared with us the importance of doing this work in “green” method as required and under a great deal of scrutiny by DND. The work has included a lot of organization, paper work and hazard material abatement. All details of the ships are carefully logged and some parts are destroyed and all this is monitored.

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- They expect many more opportunities with the aging Coast Guard, Ferries and more military ships.
5. Round Table –
 - Stewart introduced visitor Andrew Dulong from Scotia Garden Seafood
 - Jennifer asked about CHSE experience qualifications – Stewart offered to discuss this with her
 - Wanda -
 - Asked for volunteer for the NAOSH planning meeting on September 20 – possibly Amanda
 - MHFA – progress and plans are coming along. Will reach out to Deirdre (Janice reached out to Louis – Web guy)
 - CSSE PDC – encouraged we have a few members attending
 - Melanie – [ALL-TECH Environmental](#) has a full schedule of courses in NB in October and NS in November. She reminded members that their training courses can be used as continuing education points for CRSP and other designations. The onus is on the student to request this.
 - Kathy ordered and should have business cards for CSSE members. Members can add their names and use them at conferences or exhibits to recruit new members. It will have national's mailing address and website.
 - David and Blair mentioned Dept of Labour Engagement sessions and that a report will be issued shortly.
 - Blair noted that the Port Pub in Port Williams will be the location for November's AGM. He said there is a room for 30 and setting is very beautiful. He hopes people will find it convenient for travel.
 - Janice confirmed that October's meeting will be held in conjunction with MHFA on the first evening and will get that communication out asap.
 6. Review and Approval of May 18, 2016 Minutes. The Draft Minutes posted on line were approved, moved by Stewart and seconded by Kathy. Carried
 7. Business Arising from previous meetings/minutes
 - a. Project Planning update (Heather/Bob):
 - i. Fall Symposium focus on IRS and attract small business - deferred
 - ii. Mentorship – Amanda - deferred
 - iii. Mental Health First Aid as a Western Chapter Educational & team-building event Update
 - b. CSSE matrix for membership – Stewart – working on the matrix – courses are available at the PDC in Vancouver and 6 courses at the PDC in Halifax next year.
 8. Reports – will be reported through the secretary via email after the meeting
 - a. Finance - Kathy – report received – expenses since June includes
Joint Meeting - \$439.70
Fosters 1st Aid Kits for gifts \$412.62
Received MHFA registrations \$525

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- b. Membership (Laurie) – deferred due to website issues
 - c. Program (Blair/Armintia) – MHFA and AGM – any one not attending the AGM to forward their proxy to the Chapter Chair and reminder of the positions available for 2017 – 2018. Wanda will be reaching out to members.
 - d. By-laws Committee (Bob Appointee) Check the bylaw requirements.
9. New Business
- a. Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness- Stewart hoped that John Cameron would be at the meeting to speak to this. Invite him again.
- 10. Date of next meeting – October 21 to be held in conjunction with MHFA**
11. Adjournment – 7:50 pm

**Register ASAP for the October Mental Health First Aid course
at Atlantica Oak Island October 21 – 22**

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Member Name (print): _____ **Signature:** _____

Meeting Date: _____

As my proxy, I appoint:

- Chapter Chairperson**
- Chapter Secretary**
- My proxy may vote according to his or her discretion on all matters that may properly come before the meeting other than the election of officers.**
- My proxy may vote only as set indicated below.**

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