

Eastern Canada FF Presidents WebEx Meeting
Facilitator - Angie Grikis, Chair of Council of FF Presidents

Tuesday, April 19, 2016
 10:30 am EST - 1 hour

Participants:

- Angie Grikis - Council Chair
- Christiane Beaupré – Canada East Field Rep
- Barrie Smith for Pat Reynolds - FF Haliburton Highlands
- Heather Oliver - FF Greater Hamilton and Burlington
- Karin Lampman - FF Niagara
- Gordon Hamden - FF North Bay
- Andrew Stirling for Donna Nicholson - FF Ottawa
- Murray Pink – FF Stratford & St Marys
- George Maclaren - FF Toronto
- Guy Bedard – La force de l’amitié de Montreal
- Ginette Delage – La Force de l’amitié de la région de Québec
- Pierrette Laborde for Lise Plante – La force de l’amitié de la région de Sherbrooke
- Jocelyne Tessier – La force de l’amitié de la région de la Capitale Canadienne

Assistance: Rich Whitehouse from FF Edmonton & Area – Insurance Advisor
 Mathew Nidek – FFI

Observers: Cecile Latour - FFI Board of Directors
 Bill Harkness – Canffex.ca Webmaster

Angie welcomed all participants and outlined that the meeting was to discuss the insurance proposal. During a round table, Angie asked participants for their input as well as for the number of members in their club and whether they currently had insurance. (This information will be tabulated on the survey).

Points of view presented:

Quebec:	42 members - no insurance and no interest in the club – coverage at the individual level seems enough for them Will follow the discussions for now.
Ottawa	actual insurance in place for 10 years - seems insufficient – no claim so far concerned with the distribution of costs if it increases the cost already incurred by the club
Montreal	66 members - insurance taken in January 2016 – cost: 900\$ both General and Officers looking for better/similar product at a lower price
Halliburton	62 members - No insurance – interested in participating but the cost is a concern – looking for a better rate Could be open to adjust the club fees Asking about event insurance which could maybe cost less
Toronto	39 members - Toronto is in favour of getting insurance but concerned with the costs – no insurance as of now
Greater Hamilton	49 members – no insurance as of now - the club is interested to participate -

Burlington	Raised two questions: could we get another quote to provide a base for comparison; what are members covered for in the proposal- make sure all volunteers and activities are covered as well – needs more details
Capitale Canadienne	58 members - No insurance at the moment – would like to participate – interest in how the cost will be distributed
Niagara	87 members – have an insurance interested in participating with the other clubs – their membership is 42\$ already 10\$ each it would work
Stratford's –St-Mary's	23 members- no insurance at the moment - Is interested in having insurance for Board members but concerned with the cost. Asking to get other quotes. Also concerned with the timing of all clubs to start together.
North Bay	43 members – concerned with the costs – would hope to keep it to around 10\$ per member- interested in knowing more about this question
Sherbrooke	30 members -Have their own insurance for General Liability 900\$ per year Would like to participate to get both policies and would cancel their policy - Understand that it will be difficult to get another quote, little interest on the part of Insurance companies
Regional representative	3 questions: The commitment is for how many years? How to make it work in terms of costs when you join at a later date or how to manage the costs when there are changes to the number (+ or -) of members in all clubs ? Will Wanita provide service in French when a club calls in? What is their bilingual capacity?

Rich Whitehouse provided some clarifications to all participants on the proposal and will come back with answers on the questions raised by the presidents.

In summary, there is general interest from the clubs to get insurance but the concerns are around the costs and the distribution of costs among the clubs. Only one club has indicated that they are not interested in participating in this initiative.

More information is needed to pursue discussions with the membership. The FAQ was seen as very useful and more information will be added from the questions received at the two Webex meetings.. The FAQ will be translated into French.

Angie will pursue the discussions with Rich and will get back to the group; next steps are expected in early June.

Christiane Beaupré
April 25th, 2016