March 30, 2010

Presidents Report

**Highlights of 2009**

* The whole Fire Hall referendum/Rate Payers Association issue took up a fair bit of time. After a request from the Chair of Improvement District we met and drafted a letter for the Mayneliner which placed our perspective in front of the community. The referendum has been placed on hold and a task force stuck to review the proposal and budget and make recommendations to the MIID. They are attempting to complete this in time for the MIID AGM in April. Two members of the MIVFFA executive sit on this task force. Kyle Stobart and Per Nielsen.
* The Task force recommended that the MIID consider a separate Recreation Hall building for the Firefighters Association and put forward a recommendation that our current hall be removed and we endorse the replacement with a used portable structure. The Membership met and voted unanimously to request the MIID allocate the equivalent funds for the moving and restoration of our existing hall utilizing funds we have already earmarked for this purpose and using in kind labour from the Firefighters.
* This years fundraising for the purchase of Extrication tools and accessories went extremely well. We met our fundraising goal in two months and the funds have been transferred to the Improvement District, who purchased the tools in advance of reaching our goal.
* Mothers Day and Hallowe’en were both well executed to the best of my knowledge. Again we came out ahead of the game thanks to community donations through Tru Value.
* I would like to comment on what I consider to be the steady improvement of the morale of our membership. It makes me personally feel very proud to be a member of this organization. Great work every-one.
* We endorsed two new members this past year.
* It has been brought to our attention that our hall, which we had understood to be our property, actually belongs to the Improvement District. How this will play out in the new plans for the *fire rescue service centre* is yet to be seen. I would like us to consider putting on another Fireman’s Ball as a community fundraiser.