Presidents Report

**Highlights of 2010**

* The referendum to construct the new fire hall was rejected by a significant margin.
* We voted to send a strong message of support to our Chief and Deputy and to the directors of the Mayne Island Improvement District.
* We welcomed several new members to our association.
* This years fundraising for the burn unit of Royal Jubilee Hospital went very well. We raised just under $1,000.00
* We also decided to sponsor on youth for the upcoming Gulf Islands Youth Fire Camp on Pender Island. We sent a cheque for $1,250.00 to Pender Island Fire Department.
* We paid out $2,000.00 from our Benevolent Fund to former members of our association.
* It was brought up that we do not have a set of policies in place for how to review applications for support. I asked Mac Gregory from the Volunteer Firefighters Association of BC (VFFA BC) for a copy of their policies and guidelines and we are using theirs as a starting point to draft our own.
* We have rejoined the VFFA of BC and have become members of their benevolent fund.
* We have also completed the changeover with the CRA. Our revised constitution was filed with the Province and was accepted by the Charities Directorate. We have been issued with a new business number.
* Mother’s Day and Halloween were both well executed to the best of my knowledge.
* Thanks to Tru Value for it’s support and the community for their 1% donations at Tru Value.