**2014 Annual President’s Report:**

**Highlights of 2014**

**AGM:**

Brendan Hennebery stepped down from the board of the association. Eric Rice was elected to replace him for a one-year term. Bill Jamieson and Amanda Gunn were re-elected to the board for three-year terms.

The membership unanimously adopted the Mission Statement of the Fire Department as presented by The Fire Chief.

Ron Willick was appointed director until the 2014 AGM.

**‘Old Schoolhouse’**

The proposal of the Fire Chief’s to repurpose the top floor of the existing fire hall, as temporary offices did not seem to have any uptake from the MIID. Given that a positive vote on the referendum would give us no time to plan or prepare for actions regarding the ‘Schoolhouse the association decided to move forward with negotiations with the MIID on the following:

* To establish the framework for a lease agreement to establish a Bare Land Lease.
* To negotiate the change or ownership of the ‘Old Schoolhouse’ from the MIID to the MIVFFA.
* To agree on the conditions and location for the relocation of the ‘Old Schoolhouse.

The Association established a building committee in February consisting of Per Nielsen, Ron Willick, Bill Jamieson, Eric Rice, and Eric Walker.

During the AGM, the membership voted to endorse the recommendations of the building committee and move forwards with signing the Lease Agreement. The association voted to move forwards with the move of the building and its' rejuvenation.

The membership also voted to name the hall the “Paddy Lambert Memorial Hall”

Agreements on the terms of the lease were reached and the Lease was signed on May 12th. We paid the MIID $10.00 rent for the next 10 years.

The lease comes up for renewal in May 2024.

By the end of May, the site had been cleared, the additions to the Schoolhouse had been removed, the waste disposed of and the foundations were poured ready for the Building to be moved. By mid June, Nickel Bros. had lifted the building and placed it onto it’s new foundation. Addition work to support the floor system with posts and beams, securing the building with tie downs and pouring the skim coat in the crawlspace were completed.

By the end of the year, the footings and footing reinforcing were in place.

At the end of 2014 the members and friends contributed 796 hours and spent $40,503.00. At year end there was slightly under $20,000.00 in our accounts.

**Fundraising:**

A fundraising Committee was formed with Christie as the head.

Carol Munro volunteered to establish a fundraising plan and to create a brochure to assist in our fundraising efforts. Bill met with Carol to develop the plan. By the end of the summer, a plan was in place and the brochure had been created.

We estimated that we needed to raise approximately 45,000.00 for completion of the project.

As part of the grant application process, volunteer hours needed to be accounted for. By the end of the year, the MIVFFA had contributed 780 hours of Labour.

Eric Rice suggested having Association banners made to be used at public events.

Bill took several of the photos taken during the move and had them enlarged and printed on Foam core.

The association participated in several market days in conjunction with the Fire Department to raise awareness of the fundraising program.

The Mayneliner offer us article space for free. Several articles were submitted to the Mayneliner highlighting the project.

‘I Support Tee Shirts’ were ordered. These were sold at events such as Mother’s Day and Oktoberfest, at the Market and through the Fire Hall.

*Charitable Donations*:

We raised $4,452.00 in charitable donations.

*Work Crew:*

We raised $2,163.00 in donations for services

*Tee Shirts etc:*

We raised $881.00 through tee shirt sales etc. We reordered more Tee shirts this year.

*Charitable expenses:*

We donated 442.00 to the Heart and Stroke Foundation

We purchased the hydraulic Ram for the Fire Department. Cost $5,040.00

*Non-Charitable Donations (Includes Benevolent Fund):*

We donated 250.00 to John Griffin and $1,000.00 to a member for benevolent purposes.

*Fundraising expenses:*

We spent $1,975.00 on fundraising expenses.

*Raffle:*

Judy Taylor has donated a quilt, which she would like to see used as a fundraiser through a raffle. Bill has donated a commission piece as well. In addition, Ken and Marlie Chubb have donated a pool table (FMV $650.00). Bill will investigate what is required to be licensed to hold a raffle.

*Firefighters’ Ball:*

The idea of a return to the Firemen’s Ball was presented to be held in the summer of 2015. The Ball could combine a dinner, dance, charity auction and the drawing of the raffle.

**Family Day:**

The second family day hot dog sale was held with food donated by Tru Value. A total of $442.25 was raised for the Meredyth James fund.

**Referendum:**

On April 23rd the results of the referendum were confirmed. Yes – 396, N0 – 301. We are getting our new Fire Hall.

**Fire Hall Business:**

The Fire Chief pointed out that the actions of the association regarding Discipline specifically, and Officer’s reports / Safety and recommendation of recruits for employment as members of the department don’t fall under the constitution of the

Association and could create problems for the association regarding our status as a charitable society.

After reviewing our constitution, I had to agree with the Chief. Former Chief’s had added these roles to the business of the association under the management of the Fire Hall. It is my belief that these areas properly belong with-in the framework of the Fire Department and should be addressed using the command structure.

The Constitution was read into the minutes of the association.

The member’s of the Fire Department need to establish a framework with the Fire Chief to develop a ‘Code of Conduct’ and a framework for discipline that includes appeal processes.

Safety concerns, Officer’s reports and the development of SOG’s need to be done through the Fire Department Structure.

**Car Show:**

Mike Maxwell requested volunteers to support the Car Show. An opportunity to host the beer garden as a fundraiser was offered. The THARR training course on Pender Island is the same weekend. The Beer Garden was declined.

**New Members:**

Motion to invite new Firefighter’s three new members to join the Association. One person requested membership, the members voted to accept him as an as an associate member.

**Market Presence:**

Sell T Shirts, Promote and sell tickets for Oktoberfest, Red boot for donations.

Bill and River will staff the booth.

**Website:**

Eric Rice has donated the services of his sister in law to work on setting up our website.

River Judd donated space on his domain and secured the website address of [www.mivffa.ca](http://www.mivffa.ca). River began the process of setting up the website.

Eric Walker took over the website and began to flesh out the framework.

Bill Jamieson set up a Pay Pal account for charitable donations. By end of year, we had received one donation using the Pay Pal account.

**Mother’s Day:**

Mother’s Day attendance was up from 2013. With the Tru Value paying for the food through the certificates, we generated $1,945.00 this year.

**Water Day:**

The firefighter’s Association and the Fire Department participated in Water Day for the end of school celebrations again this year. The event was held at Miner’s Bay Park.

**Oktoberfest**:

Oktoberfest was organized and held. Ticket sales and revenues were much better than 2013. We generated 1,200.00 this year. All agreed it was a much better event this year.

**Halloween:**

The FFA applied for a grant from the Parks and Recreation Commission in support of Hallowe'en.

A new location was found for the Halloween festivities. The school allowed us to hold it on the school grounds. Per organized the fireworks again. A smaller bonfire was permitted and organized by Kyle. The event went off very well and the suggestion was made to approach Maddi (the Principal) to continue to hold Halloween at the school). We generated $840.00 in cash.

We received financial support from:

Parks and Rec commission: $1,700.00

Mayne Island Lions Club: $ 400.00

Agricultural Society: $ 500.00.

**Tween Night:**

We did not apply to Parks and Rec for support for Tween night this year. We used $434.00 worth of certificates before we had to postpone Tween night due to construction

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**MIID Liaison Director:**

Brian Deardon was appointed the Liaison Director to the association.

**Benevolent Fund:**

Request for support was received by a member to allow her to travel to Ontario to see her stepbrother who was in ICU and be with her family.

Request approved for $1,000.00