News Brief  September 14, 2015 Meeting Report

Our September meeting was at the facilities of the Old Orchard Beach Fire Department.

Chief Plummer provided a complete run down on the department and all aspects of it’s operation from apparatus and run assignments to changes in communications systems. They are now dispatched by Scarborough and unit numbering has changed. They are in the middle of a major station renovations as we saw on our tour.

Department historian, Arthur Guerin, gave an excellent presentation on the department history. Much of this was based on large fires in the resort area. Many large hotels and of course the pier fires of the years.

Both presentations were excellent and very much appreciated by the group.

We toured the station and viewed the in process renovations as well as apparatus.

(I have no idea why I didn’t get pictures of apparatus and station, sorry)

We are grateful to the Chief and his staff for this excellent visit.

Business Meeting

There was no secretaries report as there is no secretary

The Treasurers report was read and accepted as read

There was no EMA activity to report
Carleton, SM777, reported on the IFBA convention
   Successful clubs operate canteens and are connected with a fire dept.
   CT fire photographers is primarily just photography

Should we do a meal at a meeting? Why not try it? So, let’s try York in June

Ideas for increasing participation were discussed: a news story, a brochure, better FaceBook postings of events
   All ideas, but no takers to make them happen

The meeting was adjourned at 21:00