

SOUTHERN MAINE FIRE NOTIFICATION ASSOCIATION  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12,2011 MEETING

The meeting was held at the Waterboro ME Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by President Jon Chamblee

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Worcester MA Firefighter Jon Davies, who died in the line of duty last week.

There was no one from the Waterboro FD available to welcome us, as they went mutual aid to a fire in Newfield.

Secretary's report given by Mark Watson SM922:accepted as read.

Treasurer's report given by Bob Convery SM147: accepted as read.

EMA report given by Wendell Hamilton SM510: EMA is moving into the new building as of today, EMA responded to a few incidents.

Old Business:

Narrowbanding Update: Ric Plummer SM653 reported on the FCC narrowbanding mandate. the FCC license has been modified for narrowband The group must now start planning for the transition of the repeaters to narrowbanding to take place sometime in December 2012 and for members to make sure their radios are compliant and reprogrammed as well. The Channel 1 repeater will be looked at by Southern Maine Communications, the Channel 3 repeater replacement is in hand, and the Channel 9 & 12 repeaters can be reprogrammed to narrowband.

Channel 12 Coverage: Lindley Deering SM300 passed out copies of the updated coverage map of Channel 12, shows good range from Portland to almost Augusta, and over to the Fryeburg area.

Facebook Page: Mike Winters looked into Facebook and recommended that a Yahoo group would be preferable. He was aksed to proceed with this.

2012 Meetings: Wendell Hamilton passed out a sheet with the dates and locations for the 2012 meetings. These will be posted on the web site, and updated with changes as necessary.

New Business:

Mike Winters asked if all members could have 2SMFNA.org eMail addresses. After discussion this seemed unfeasible.

Application Revision: Lindley Deering proposed a revision to the group's membership application to include wording stating that when signing he/she agrees to operate per SMFNA guidelines. Motion made, seconded and passed to revise the applications.

Election of Officers was held with these results:

Ric Plummer was elected as President

Wendell Hamilton was elected Vice President.  
Bette Jean Espgernette for Secretary  
Carleton Winslow for Treasurer.

Executive Board: Steve Felker, Bob Convery, John Chandler, Mark Ladrie and Gus Espgernette  
Membership Committee: Lindley Deering, Jim Fraser, Ted Blood and Paul Krippendorf

The newly elected President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer took their seats at the head table. New President Ric Plummer thanked the outgoing President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer for their work on behalf of SMFNA.

President Plummer went on to say he wants to find ways to encourage more members to become active on the radio, and is open to suggestions on guest speakers, video or photo presentations at meetings as ways to increase attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:45 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Watson SM922  
Secretary