



The Country Fire Service Volunteer Association

“Representing the interests of CFS members”

CFSVA LOFTY Annual General Meeting 27/08/2019

REGION 1 Headquarters Mount Barker 7.30pm

ATTENDEES: Adrian Muldoon, Chris Lambert, Colin Chomel , Damon Wagner, Dean Mortimer, Garth Morgan, Geoff Braddock, Graeme Hinckley, Ivan Hosking, John Ats, Kerry White, Avril Davis, Robert Sadler, Nathan Watts, Richard Hirstle, Robert Sadleir, Shirley Chomel, Vicki Littler, Jeff Clarke (Deputy President State CFSVA), Frank Regan, Kate Howard, Robert Medhurst and Avril Davis for Henry Davis.

APOLOGIES: Kelly Hansberry, Henry Davis

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PREVIOUS MINUTES of the meeting held 11 September 2018 were sent via e-mail to all prior to the meeting.

MOTION: that the previous minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Ivan Hosking

Seconded Chris Lambert

Motion Accepted

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PRESIDENTS REPORT (Richard Hirstle)

I started the year with five key objectives:

- Raise awareness of who we are and what we do.
- Improve communications
- Regain respect of volunteers
- Improve our resilience,
- Increase numbers of Brigade Reps

With your help we have made progress on most of them.

The design and production of leaflets and posters that are gradually filtering out to the Brigades has helped to ensure volunteers, particularly new recruits, know who we are, why we exist and what we can do for them.

By being proactive, willing to listen and act where appropriate we are starting to change the opinion of those members that had lost faith in us. I have visited a number of Brigades, and attended group, brigade and RVMC meetings to spread the word we are back and determined to make a difference. I believe it is vital we establish lines of communication outside of the CFS structures and channels. To that end we have set up cfsvalofly.com.au so that members can let us know their contact details, and I have been passing out forms at all the relevant meetings I have attended.

Our intention is not to increase member's inbox overload. We want to make the way we communicate more engaging and adaptable to each member's preferences. This will be a facebook group, videos, and a quarterly email newsletter with links to articles of interest. For all those we need to start with a contact email address – hence the lists.

We have made a start on increasing the range of benefits we can offer members. Graeme has been approaching local companies and found them keen to get involved. The first to come on board are a local gym with more to come.

With a couple of notable exceptions, increasing the number of brigade Reps is going to take time. Brigades are struggling to fill the more important roles in their brigades. In the absence of a brigade rep we will add the captains to our mailing list in the hope that they will pass the information on. My hope is that as we get better at the first four objectives this one will follow.

A big thank you to Colin, Shirley and Graeme and Ivan for their help and support through the year and to all of you who give up your time to come to our meetings and be that vital link with the Brigade members.

<p>3</p>	<p>TREASURER REPORT (Shirley Chomel) (Shirley reminded all present that this for members only and not for public disclosure) Opening Balance (1/7/2018) \$5210.99 Income Subscriptions from Region CFS Groups\$480 Bank Interest\$8.40 Transfer of funds from closed Police Credit Union Account \$6092.73</p> <p>Balance \$1179.68 Expenditure Nil Closing balance as 30/06/2019 \$1179.68</p> <p>MOTION: That the treasurers report be accepted as a true and accurate report. Proposed Adrian Muldoon Seconded: Damon Wagner <i>Motion Accepted</i></p>
<p>4</p>	<p>MUSEUM REPORT by Colin Chomel</p> <p>Memorial service held in April was well attended with the variety concert at night also well attended. The building site is all ready for the start of the building with all council approval and contractors ready to start. All the essential services connected. Two federal grants have been received to complete the main building. Builder appointed and hoping to be finished by Christmas. Next years memorial service will be on 4th April 2020</p> <p>Latest news as of last week: The Tea Tree Gully old Ford fire appliance was handed to the Museum with a cheque to cover the restoration. The Birdwood Motor Museum has donated the old Land Rover Gumeracha Command Car to the Museum.</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>ELECTION OF DELEGATE Process by ballot Both nominations Kelly Hansberry and Henry Davis were unable to be present at the meeting. Avril Davis read a statement from Henry and Richard Hirstle read a statement from Kelly Hansberry. Jeff Clark Deputy President of the CFSVA State was the scrutineer Kelly Hansberry was the successful candidate voted in as the new delegate.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Other Business NIL</p>
	<p>Next Meeting 22nd September 2019 Meeting closed 20:20</p>