



The Country Fire Service Volunteer Association

"Representing the interests of CFS members"

CFSVA GENERAL MEETING 19/11/2019 REGION 1 Headquarters Mount Barker 7.30pm

ATTENDEES: Chris Lambert, Colin Chomel, Damon Wagner, David Suter, Ivan Hosking, Kate Howard, Kelly Hansberry, Kerry White, Shirley Chomel, Vicki Littler, Bailey Farrari, Richard Hirstle, Graeme Hinckley.

APOLOGIES: Dean Mortimer, Garth Morgan, Nathan Watts, John Ats and Geoff Braddock.

Conflicts of interest – NIL

Welcome to new reps: Kelly Hansberry and Bailey Farrari and Damon Wagner.

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PREVIOUS MINUTES of the meeting held 18th June 2019 were sent via e-mail to all prior to the meeting.

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

Moved by Chris Lambert sec Vicki Littler

MOTION ACCEPTED

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TREASURER REPORT (Shirley Chomel)

Opening balance of \$11843 Closing balance of \$11352.01

Credits of \$0.93 interest

Debits for CFSVA promotional leaflets and flowers for John Gilbert funeral \$492.60

MOTION: That the treasurers report be accepted as a true and accurate report.

Proposed, Ivan Hosking - Seconded: Chris Lambert – *ACCEPTED*

3	<p>MUSEUM REPORT by Colin Chomel</p> <p>The frame is all cut out.</p> <p>Started to assemble the framework 19/11/2019 and will be finished tomorrow if weather conditions are alright.</p> <p>Thursday will be lifting the complete framework up inot position to start on the next step. Hoping to be finished by Christmas.</p> <p>Memorial service 4th April 2020.</p> <p>MOTION: That the treasurers report be accepted as a true and accurate report.</p> <p>Proposed, Ivan Hosking - Seconded: Chris Lambert - <i>ACCEPTED</i></p>
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY: Richard advised he spoke to the person responsible for the survey and the full details will be released on the portal in a few days time. Some highlights: 2/3 of respondents replied to the survey by mail rather than using the survey monkey. ½ of respondents were 50 and above. Most liked and the volunteer newsletter and quarterly magazines. Many people preferred communications via facebook, face to face or SMS text communications.</p> <p><i>ACTION: This was in answer to questions raised last meeting</i></p>
5	<p>NEW CHIEF</p> <p>Discussion around the first impressions of the new Chief with some positive feedback from the State CFSVA and their meetings with him. The VA remain fairly positive about the appointment.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Info only</i></p>
6	<p>25KPH speed limits - More robust discussion about the 25kph issue and the need for more conversation but sustaining position of 25kph. The Strathalbyn rep put forward the views of SAPOL officers within their Brigade. Suggestion of adding the wording to the legislation “unless otherwise stated” which was seen as a sensible compromise but that there is still widespread support of the 25kph rule amongst members.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Richard to relay concerns and feedback to State management meeting</i></p>

7	<p>CFSVA Charter – Going ahead and state management are seeking more input. ACTION: Richard Hirstle is seeking more information about details and input required.</p>
8	<p>MEMBERS SERVICE MEDALS Vicki raised the matter of the CFS taking too long to award medals resulting in some members not receiving their medals in time. Example of a member with 50 years service resigning due to illness after their 50 years service but due to delays was to miss out on receiving the medal. This was eventually overturned but only due to several paid CFS members fighting for the medal to be awarded. Presently the CFS looks at service medals on the 1st September every two years in line with elections. If this is the case we need to fight to make sure that medals become available when due and without delays. ACTION: For follow up with CFS administrative issues such as ID tags</p>
9	<p>DEFIB UNITS. Discussion about Defib units being available through CFS appliance as an incident response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milang has a Defib unit in the appliance registered with the SAAS and the CFS has been responded to take their defib unit to an incident until the ambulance arrives. - We are being asked to do more and more assistance with SAAS - Many believe that if we are more than a fire service then there needs to be more attention to keeping up medical type courses and should not be just the responsibility of the Brigade to fund such as Advance Resus. - If we perform this assistance role with SAAS then we should be to be responded in the normal way via Adelaide fire and not SAAS ringing local Captains to respond the Brigade. - Several regional Brigades are a lot closer to SAAS and have many SAAS members within their brigade. In Victoria they have they have Emergency Medical Response Units that are called out for more medical responses as well as other emergencies. - Suggestion that Defib Units should be available on the outside of the building or station for public use. - It is believed that a range of these issues associated with SAAS is due to SAAS ramping. <p>Richard suggests that these concerns about DEFIB be discussed through the brigade and group meetings and RVMC ACTION: Brigade reps to take discussion and concerns to the Brigade and Group Meetings</p>

10	<p>POLITICAL WISH LIST. This is a list that we may be able to take to Politicians for support around critical times such as future elections or media coverage. This could be to continue the “Project Renewal” or more technology assistance or equipment needed that members feel are important and could be raised with politicians seeking their support.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Brigade reps to discuss ideas with brigades and submit ideas to generate wish list</i></p>
11	<p>COMBINED CFS SES SERVICE IN REGIONAL AREAS</p> <p>Discussions about the previous issue of combining some SES and CFS brigades, particularly in regional areas where there is a lack of people in small towns to service both services. One problem is that the SES is a federally funded and CFS State funding and a joint venture might not equal proper funding for either.</p> <p>Yankallila is a joint station. QLD is fire and emergency but still have trouble changing hats between the two services.</p> <p>Are there any other options we could think of to help solve the issues that aren’t just a black or white answer?</p> <p>Bailey Farrari outlined how they work together in other states.</p>
12	<p>COMMUNICATIONS NEWSLETTER</p> <p>Recent Lofty Newsletter was sent to all registered members. Several people did not receive the recent Lofty Newsletter and most people would prefer a Lofty CFSVA facebook. The recent survey backs this preference.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Lofty CFSVA community to create a facebook page</i></p>
13	<p>ISSUES REGISTER - Suggestion for an issues online register for CFSVA both state and Lofty Groups using software such as Zen Desk or Service Desk.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Committee to test trial software for suitability</i></p>

<p>14</p>	<p>Suggestion to purchase Polo-shirts for the CFSVA brigade representatives. MOTION: That we use the CFSVA funds to purchase T-Shirts for Reps. Proposed, Vicki Littler - Seconded: David Suter – <i>ACCEPTED</i> <i>ACTION: Size try on next meeting. Richard and Graeme to bring several sizes for fittings</i></p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Next Meeting is a General Meeting confirmed as the 17th March 2020 at 7.30pm</p> <p>Meeting closed 20:52</p>