

# Country Fire Service Volunteer Association

## Mt Lofty Branch

Representing the interest of CFS Members



<b>Minutes of Meeting</b>				
Date	Tue 29 June 2021	Time: 19.30 pm	Closed 21:45 pm	
Meeting	Ordinary Meeting, Mount Lofty Ranges Branch C.F.S.V.A. – Region 1, Mt Barker			
1. Welcome & Attendees	President Richard Hirstle opened the meeting at 1930 hrs, welcomed representatives (as per attendance sheet) and called for Apologies			
Apologies	Colin & Shirley Chomel (Mawson Gp), McEgan (Aldgate Bde), Parker (Meadows Bde), Knight (Carey Gully Bde)			
No	Actions and Agreements		Who	When
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	Moved: Wally Bolt, Seconded- by Ivan Hosking, Accepted by consensus		
3.	Guest speaker	N/A		
4.	Business Arising	<p><b>Cherry Gardens fire -sub-Standard Fire-Ground Food:</b> Graeme Dudfield (Mylor) added, having discussed with Bradbury OPS that the food issued by the CFS Contractor was in fact dangerous &amp; the matter should be raised at RVMC. He stressed however that the food supplied by Brabury CFS OPS and the Mount Lofty Group was of the highest quality and food handling was exemplary. Moved Chris Lambert, seconded Wally Walt- adopted by consensus. John Ats will also raise through Mawson Group.</p> <p><b>Facility Upgrades:</b> Particularly Cherryville &amp; Lenswood: the latter has been informed by Regional Cmdr that they will get a new Dual Cab 24P and a new Station within 2-1/2 years. Cherryville also progressing.</p> <p><b>WH&amp;S and Brigade closures:</b> How did this get into the rewritten Act?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brigade Reps must complete the Course</li> <li>- For Groups it is a Constituted position having legal powers: must be</li> </ul>		

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		<p>elected and complete the formal Training Course.</p> <p><b>Induction Training:</b> Now on-line course.</p> <p><b>Notebook:</b> it was thought by some that this only needed to be a plain pocket size notebook issued to all members by CFSVA.</p> <p>Garth Morgan relayed the concerns of CLD BDE for more information on dealing with <b>EV and Hybrid vehicle fires</b> and suggested that an upgraded decision flow chart be included along with the other mnemonics as per the comprehensive CFSVA notebook/ memory jogger previously issued under Wendy Shirley's committee.</p> <p>Re this question, the S.Fleurieu Group Rep stated that all new EV and Hybrid vehicles were fully detailed in the MODITECH Software Guide- available to download at a cost. Groups usually pay for this for use as a RCR Tablet Guide for airbag safety, battery and EV/Hybrid firefighting.</p> <p><b>Vehicle Stickers:</b> Regional Commander declined the use of the star logo and region now have supplies of corporate logo version.</p>		
5.	<b>Correspondence</b>	N/A		
6.	<b>Presidents Report</b>	Richard Hirstle had circulated soft copies by email		
7.	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	Shirley Chomel (absent) had already circulated the Finance report for signature by the appropriate State Delegates. Account Balance the same as previously listed. Moved Des... .Seconded Vicki....Accepted.		
8.	<b>Museum</b>	Colin Chomel (absent) had reported by telecon that there had been a lesser turnout than expected at the recent Commemorative Service.		
9.	<b>WH&amp;S</b>	Ivan Hosking reported that there had been no meeting in the interim. As to the question as to why WH&S documents are not able to be viewed by Group Officers and below Ivan resolved this issue by stating that it centred around a government report on a particular fireground incident that was sub judice.		

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10.	<b>Brigade CFSVA Reps</b>	President Richard Hirstle stated that a Brigade can decide not to have a CFSVA Rep.		
11.	<b>Volunteer Charter</b>	<p>The regulations behind the charter have now been approved by the VA and SES so this will now proceed to the formal signing session.</p> <p>Discussions moved to the question of disciplinary procedures and the recent draft documents on sexual harassment and code of conduct. The process and documents were considered too complicated. CFS are working on single page versions of the policy documents. Group officers need to raise at RVMC meetings to find out what is happening.</p> <p>John Ats (Mawson Group) concurred: the decision process is caused by administrative delays. It needs speeding up or follow-up by means of software ticketing.</p> <p>Chris Tanner also agreed that issues raised need to be traced with an historical record of actions.</p>		
12.	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>Station facilities and condition:</b></p> <p>Dean Mortimer outlined the points made and the response a recently circulated document comparing CFS and SES stations. Some Stations have grossly inadequate facilities- the expenditure compared with that on new SES building is disproportionate (91 SES/400 CFS).</p> <p>Equipment Audits don't take account of Station premises (eg., asbestos linings). The Chief Officer wants to know about deficiencies in Brigade facilities. In order to establish accurate data our branch have created an on-line questionnaire (see <a href="http://cfsvalofty.com.au/survey">cfsvalofty.com.au/survey</a>). President Richard Hirstle urged all to get their brigade to complete a survey. The hope is</p>		

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		<p>that other regions will set up similar surveys so that an accurate statewide picture can be provided to the chief.</p> <p><b>Respirators:</b> NSW and AFAC at the National level are looking at replacing P2 masks with respirators. At present there is no change from P-2 Masks with the mandatory training in fitment and use as a temporary measure. It was noted that National Parks are already using Respirators. A motion: “Where is the Respirator issue right now?” (Moved- Wally Bolt, Seconded Chris...) Carried by show of hands.</p> <p><b>Induction process:</b> Cathy Hutchesson suggested that new members are asked to sign up to join the VA. Not because we necessarily need them to, as they are automatically members, but because it gives us the opportunity to get their contact details and permission to send them information plus raises the profile of the VA. Richard will investigate.</p> <p><b>Quick-Cut Saw:</b> Chris Tanner reported that he had raised with Brenton Eden the need for a Training Course for the Quick Cut Saw for RCR as SES are using it.</p> <p><b>CPR Training:</b> John Ats cautioned about such courses and commented that ROTCOM had decreed that CPR Training was NOT to be done by external agencies- Region-1 Training Committee had determined that if so this had no legal standing.</p>		
<b>MEETING CLOSED:</b>			President Richard Hirstle	2145 hrs.
<b>NEXT MEETING: AGM – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at 1930 hrs. Venue: Region-1 HQ Mt Barker</b>			Minutes Secretary Garth Morgan CLDN	