



CFS VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes Mt Lofty Branch
General Meeting 16th June 2020**

Date	16th June 2020	Time: 19.30	Location: Zoom
Attendees	Richard Hirstle, Dean Mortimer, Graeme Hinckley, David Suter, Ivan Hosking, Vicki Littler, Kerry White, Garth Morgan, Moose Dunlop, Fred Keal, John Ats, Kelly Hansbury, Henry Davis		
Apologies	Nathan Watts		

No	Actions and Agreements	Who	When	Completed
1	Welcome to all. No Safety Briefing required			
2	Minutes of last meeting accepted - and moved by Ivan Hoskin, seconded Kerry White			
3	Conflict of interest NIL			



4	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>AEDs and SAAS support - Richard asked for comments on the request for expressions of interest in working with SAAS. AEDs and SAAS support still a work in progress as regards protocols and potential additional training. As AEDs are intended for use on members they are on the trucks so we would need to be responded to provide assistance to members of the public at the station.</p> <p>Medals - resolved - so long as potential recipients are still active members there wouldn't be an issue so Richard suggested ensuring they are moved to OPs support.</p> <p>Charter - now completed and ready for printing and signatures</p> <p>AVL - One of Keelty report key recommendations - the chief has put in for funding - hoped to be live late 2021.</p> <p>Project Renew - all now allocated - now looking to secure a second round and looking for potential projects from brigades to prove there is still a need.</p> <p>Facebook group - now live with a number of posts and some responses - needs more effort to make it useful as a discussion forum.</p> <p>Small BA masks - are available and will be paid for by group or region - brigades just need to follow the correct procedure to ensure they are required</p>			
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5	<p>Reports</p> <p>President - posted on website - Richard added comment on SAFECOM analysis and the reasons the state committee were going to great lengths to reign in the ambitions of Dominic Lane as they consider them to be unconstitutional.</p> <p>Richard reported on the chiefs comments at the recent RVMC meeting regarding the burnover incident reports from the KI fires. Moose Dunlop expressed his concerns that these incidents, that involved three of his brigade members, had been classed as non dangerous when there clearly were significant injuries and the potential for loss of life. His members suffered airway burns and significant psychological trauma. The report into the incident has still not been released nearly 6 months later. He called on the VA to push for the release of the report and for improvements to the way such incidents are dealt with.</p> <p>Dean's brigade also had two of their members at the same incident and said that the person debriefing them had suggested that such incidents should be called entrapments.</p> <p>Kerry called for more consistency in the way these incidents are reported and responded to by the chain of command.</p> <p>Henry commented that after the incident there was heated discussion about the circumstances and cause and there may well be differing opinions from the crews and operational staff.</p> <p>Moose replied that the objective of investigations like this are not necessarily to apportion blame but to find what was done well and what wasn't so changes can be made to procedures where required. The longer it takes to release the report the more people will make up their own stories.</p>			
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6	<p>Donations</p> <p>Dean requested clarification on whether we would continue to request subscriptions from the groups. Richard confirmed that we would.</p> <p>It was agreed we should be looking to make better use of the funds we have sitting in our bank account. There was discussion around what would be the best uses for those funds. Two options were tabled: Donations to The Trojan Trek project, and CFS Museum.</p> <p>Henry proposed we use some of the funds to promote the VA perhaps to stage social events for for the region. He agreed to come back with some suggestions for formats for this type of event.</p> <p>Moose Dunlop gave some background information on the Trojans Trek project, how they were run, and what the objectives were.</p> <p>It was agreed we would defer a decision to the next meeting and that everyone should go back to their brigades and seek opinions on the options.</p>	Henry Davis		
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<p>4</p>	<p>Any Brigade issues: There was some discussion around making brigades more aware of the role of the VA. John Ats thought we should be more proactive in picking up and helping to resolve issues we hear about rather than waiting to be approached.</p> <p>Fred asked about first aid training. Richard said it had been raised at the recent SVMC meeting. The priority has been BFF1 courses but first aid was next on the list subject to COVID restrictions.</p> <p>John Ats proposed we become more proactive in taking up long term issues and trying to find solutions plus picking projects we can take up and run with rather than wait to respond to issues raised with us.</p> <p>It was decided we get together more often, probably monthly and online without the formality of a general meeting to discuss these issues and potential projects.</p> <p>Fred suggested that one such project could be training. In particular ensuring that all members achieve a certain standard of training and training is delivered in a consistent manner across brigades. Fred agreed to put together a paper for discussion at the first strategy meeting in a month's time</p>	<p>Fred Keal</p>		
<p>5</p>	<p>Secretary Graeme explained he will be standing down as secretary as he is moving to Victoria. Richard thanked him for his contributions, suggestions and support over the past year and a half and wished him well.</p> <p>Richard asked for anyone interested in taking over from Graeme to please contact him so that we can elect someone to the role at the AGM in September.</p>			
<p>6</p>	<p>Meeting closed and next meeting Closed 21.33 next meeting will be our AGM and a general meeting on 8th September</p>			