

# Country Fire Service Volunteer Association Mt Lofty Branch

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## Minutes of Meeting

Date	Tue 15 Mar 2022	Time: 19.30 pm	Closed 21:07 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), welcomed new delegates Gwyn (Sellicks Beach) and called for Apologies.				
Apologies	Colin & Shirley Chomel (Mawson Gp), Cathy Hutchesson, Margaret Pearson				
	Actions and Agreements			Who	When
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	Moved: Vicki, Seconded Wally Bolt- Accepted by consensus			
3.	Guest speaker	N/A			

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4.	<b>Business Arising</b>	<p><b>Notebooks:</b> Richard Hirstle reported that Notebook costing estimates at \$3.00 each had indicated a production run for a plain pocket size notebook issued to all members by CFSVA would cost at least \$6K. By consensus this project was abandoned.</p> <p><b>Masks:</b> Richard Hirstle informed the meeting that a working group has been formed to review the Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPD) used for bushfires. The WG is meeting monthly and is aiming to have a decision back to the State WHS Committee by end of Jun 2022. It was reported that there were still recent instances of melting masks - Richard stressed the need for these to be reported through HIRMS.</p> <p><b>Disciplinary Process:</b> Richard Hirstle reported that CFS were addressing the issues around this. Richard Hirstle reported some good results from recent cases. He stressed the need for these to be resolved at at the lowest possible level with a need to take swift follow-up action to prevent issues festering and affecting brigade morale.</p> <p><b>Sexual harassment and code of conduct:</b> we are awaiting the release of a simplified version of these documents and the development of training modules.</p> <p><b>Helmets</b> - All officers to get a new one on promotion.</p>		
5.	<b>Correspondence</b>	N/A		
6.	<b>Presidents Report</b>	(In Agenda)- Moved accepted by Ivan Hosking, Seconded Vicki Littler		

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7.	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	Shirley Chomel (absent) had provided the Finance report. Account Balance \$6355.60 It was resolved to sign up for on-line statements: Moved Wally Walt, Seconded Chris Tanner		
8.	<b>Museum</b>	Colin Chomel (absent) had communicated that on Saturday 9 April there would be a Memorial Service at Naracoorte with a Plaque to be dedicated in memory of Louise Hicks.	.	
9	<b>WHS</b>	Ivan Hosking reported that nothing had been heard from the Committee and he strangely had not been invited to any meetings.		
10	<b>Truck design working group</b>	Chris Tanner made a short presentation on the results of the working group which he has been a member of. The group had expressed the concern of a number of Brigades that their requirements were not being listened to by HQ paid staff. "One Size" does NOT fit all requirements owing to varying terrain, vegetation and F/G operational conditions and rural/urban technical requirements. Some vehicles were grossly over-equipped and hence overweight. Rollover protection is a major priority. These matters are before RVMC with the hope they will be approved for escalation up to COAC.		
11	<b>Brigade issues:</b>	<b>Emerald</b> - Dean Mortimer (Strathalbyn) informed the meeting that entry into Emerald of SMD completion by Brigade Training Officers will be available in April. However, there was no commitment for regular reporting of updates to Emerald.  <b>BA</b> - Some discussion ensued on the urgent requirement for B/A training at STC to be given a shakeup. There is currently a 12-month training backlog the consensus was that this needed to be treated as a core skill rather than a specialist role with the appropriate level of funding and staff.		

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12	SACAD	No news from the chief as to where this is going. It would appear that RNAT won't now be incorporated. The chief is keen to link into AVL so that the system knows exactly where trucks are to establish a true 'fastest, most suitable' response. General consensus that the existing system isn't broken it just needs some educated, experienced intervention and tweaking by a human.		
13	AVL	<p>Richard Hirstle reported on the recent Teams update by SAFECOM on this project. All of the VA members on the call expressed concern at the way the project was progressing.</p> <p>It is now way behind schedule (was due to complete June this year - now start of next FDS at the earliest).</p> <p>There was a distinct lack of clarity as to what would be delivered, in particular with regard to the app on the tablets in the trucks. Specific questions around the use of SA service maps (as opposed to the standard street maps we were shown), and the potential for future updates to include Crimson data were largely unanswered.</p> <p>The project doesn't seem to have any contractual delivery dates or specifications so it's proving difficult to hold the supplier to account.</p> <p>Richard and all branch presidents will be raising their concerns at the upcoming RVMC meetings. Sonia StAlban and her opposite number in SES will be meeting with the project leader at SAFECOM to also raise our concerns.</p>		

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14	<b>Diesel particulates</b>	Ivan Hosking reported that their group were continuing their work in this area and were about to commence trials and measurements within some of the brigades in their group.		
15	<b>Management team</b>	<p>Garth Morgan (Minutes Secretary) announced his resignation due to his retirement and re-location out of area. He thanks the CFSVA for their camaradrie.</p> <p>Richard thanked Garth for his service to the association and wished him well for the future.</p> <p>Richard informed the meeting that Shirley Chomel would also not be continuing in her finance role after the next AGM. He asked that anyone interested in taking on either of these roles to please contact him to discuss them in more detail. He stressed that both took up very little time but were of vital importance to the smooth operation of the branch.</p>		
	<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>	Richard Hirstle closed the meeting at 2107 hrs and announced that the next meeting would be in June 2022 - date to be advised. Venue: Region 1 HQ Mt Barker		