

Country Fire Service Volunteer Association

Mt Lofty Branch

Representing the interest of CFS Members



Minutes of Meeting				
Date	Tue 16 March 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- noting that the intended Guest Speaker Sonia St Alban was unwell and had lodged her apologies.			
Apologies	Sonia St Alban, John Ats, Deb Parker, Hamish Cooper, Jeff Braddock			
No	Actions and Agreements		Who	When
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	Accepted by meeting Moved: Wally Bolt, Seconded- by Ivan Hosking		
3.	Guest speaker	N/A		
4.	Business Arising	The President called upon Colin Chomel to briefly report on the Heritage Committee: Colin reported that 650 hard copy photos held by Rex Hall at the Naracoorte Museum were planned to be digitally scanned and suitable images recorded on a DVD for sale to CFS Members and the public. It was planned to approach Brenton Ragless to provide a suitable audio commentary.		
5.	Correspondence	N/A		
6.	Presidents Report	Richard Hirstle had circulated soft copies by email		
7.	Treasurers Report	Shirley Chomel had already circulated the Finance report for signature by the appropriate State Delegates. Moved Colin Chomel, Seconded Ivan Hosking		
8.	OH&S	Ivan Hosking reported on the removal of WH&S from Brigade representation	.	

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		<p>Issues were raised by several Brigade and Group representatives about the appalling unresolved issues at CFS facilities directly affecting the health of volunteers. These included sub-standard or non-existent toilets, inadequate or complete absence of air -conditioning, over-crowded engine bays and car- parks requiring hazardous shuffling of vehicles and other issues that have resulted in no action over several plaintive years.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED UNANAMOUSLY that: SAFEWORK SA is the appropriate body to action these critical issues and that this should be driven in the first instance by Sonia St Alban.</p> <p>Moved: Geoff Cappur (R1 Ops), Seconded: Ivan Hosking</p> <p>Richard raised the question of the removal of the requirement to appoint an OH&S brigade rep in the amendments to the Fire and Emergency act. The meeting considered it essential that this clause be reversed.</p> <p>MOVED (Chris Lambert) SECONDED (Ivan Hosking) Action to be sought from Stack Stevens, State WH&OS Representative. UNANAMOUSLY carried.</p>		
9.	KI Firestorm	Report due from Chief Officer Monday 22 March (CFS to see before media)		
10.	Report from Sonia St Albans	<p>1. AVL Trials went well, feedback OK, on-time, tenders under way. Should be on all CFS Vehicles by '21/'22 Fire Season.</p> <p>Question relayed from Peter Venning (MAWSON GP) by Secretary: is AVL to be used also by MFS? Answer YES- CFS.MFS and SES but not SAAS</p> <p>Much general discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -AVL will result in more workload down the chain of command and thus will not be helpful; -it is useful only for CRIMSON, Incident Controllers & IMT; -a huge expenditure when not all Brigades will use it. 		

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Regional Volunteer Support Staff: CFSVA requesting that CFS Volunteers be used for Admin support.3. Disciplinary process: it is taking too long & should be less than 30 days; CFSVA needs to be involved for support; regulations should be written by Staff, not by volunteers.4. Chain of Command: Volunteers are advised to follow this always.5. Return to work: Still fighting for same rights as paid staff. Will be pushing politicians in upcoming elections.6. Volunteer Charter: Crown Solicitors refusing to accept changes so VA have refused to sign -off on regulations.7. It has been agreed that the independent Chair of SAFECOM will be appointed by the Minister in consultation with the VA.		
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11.	Web site	The system was being revamped by Kirsty: what would members like to find there? The user interface will be designed so as to be accessible on all devices.		
12.	Promotional	Proposed we supply car window stickers for volunteers. Richard showed the proposed design that used the traditional Star logo rather than the corporate CFS version. Moved Wally Bolt, Seconded Ivan Hosking: Adopted by show of hands.		
13.	Induction Process	Every new CFS member should get a pocket-size notebook incorporating a pen/pencil- labelled courtesy of CFSVA. Brigade reps are requested to solicit Brigade requirements. Clarendon provided the induction model, Kailee evolving.		
O/B	Fireground catering	A sore issue with Upper Sturt Bde (Kathy Hutchison): a piece of bread & fish pattie?? Food availability (Bradbury) was not passed on: NBG		

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Meeting closed	President Richard Hirstle	2145 hrs.
NEXT MEETING Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 1930 hrs. Venue: Region-1 HQ Mt Barker	Minutes Secretary Garth Morgan CLDN	

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thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at 2130 hrs.

NOTE: Both AGM and next GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD – Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7pm

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS: Election of all office bearers of the CFSVA will be held at the next meeting- nomination forms will be sent out to all listed CFSVA representatives.

NOTE: Please can all Group Officers supply names of CFSVA Representatives ASAP to:

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