



Tasmanian Retained Volunteer Firefighters Association

State Annual General Meeting 2009

Held at Youngtown Training Complex room 1 – 1135hrs 16/8/2009

Minutes

Welcome

Present: Andrew Taylor (State President/George Town), Mathew Philpott (State Secretary), Craig Hughes (Sthn. Sec./Claremont), Richard Cosstick (NW Sec./Devonport), Bruce Corbett (SFC Rep/NW President/Wynyard), Chris Neilson (NW Delegate/Wynyard), Graeme Facy (Asst. State Sec./Risdon Vale/Snug), Matt Buck (Nthn. Delegate), Don Jones (Treasurer), Colin Triffitt (Sthn. President/New Norfolk), Matthew Fishwick (Proxy Sthn Delegate/Fern Tree), Andrew Dare (Sthn Delegate/Midway Point) D'Wayne Leonard & Nick Dahl (Prospect).

Apologies: Todd Bennetto (Sthn Region Delegate/Claremont), Michael Armstrong (Nthn Region Delegate/Longford), Mark Lillico (Burnie), Scott Clarke (Burnie), Wade Stewart (Risdon Vale), Philip Wilkinson (Somerset), Geoff Mills (Devonport), Tony Beckett (Ravenswood), Faron Wall (Kingston), Errol Gleeson (Nthn. Sec./Deloraine), Rob Dawes (NW Delegate/Somerset), Shirley Triffitt (New Norfolk).

Confirmation of previous minutes –

President's Report

Andrew Taylor presented his annual report, outlining some challenges he has encountered personally with work etc. but passed on his heartfelt thanks for to other members of the Exec for supporting him during this time. He spoke of some frustration with the northern regions failure to hold a successful AGM, however he said this was indicative of the apathy of memberships of not just our but other groups also, people are generally time poor these days, and it's our challenge to improve this.

He thanked all that have given up their time on committees at all levels, singling out Mathew Philpott in his role as secretary and more recently as AAVFBA board member, Bruce Corbett for his work and timely reports on the SFC.

Bruce Corbett moved and it was Seconded by Don Jones a motion of thanks to Andrew for his efforts during the past year.

Treasurer's Report

Don Jones tabled the Treasurer's report which is a new format to suit a TFS model for accounting. The format that has been created for us has two 'forecast' columns which helps us and the TFS (Mike Gallagher) to determine what we (may) need into the future two years.

Andrew T spoke of a desire to get the operating baseline to be raised to \$6000 (currently \$4100) which Mike Gallagher agreed to. Andrew to follow up.

Don moved that his report be accepted, Seconded by Mathew P, CARRIED.

See attached for the current year's report.

Committee Representatives Elections.....

There was a discussion during the SE Workshop which suggested that Committee Reps positions be formally given a two year term, bringing them in line with the State Elections.

Richard Cosstick moved that this be adopted seconded Craig Hughes. CARRIED.

Volunteer Learning & Development – Reference Group x 4

Don Jones notified the meeting that due to unavailability due to other commitments on Wednesday nights. Andrew T asked if any other member was prepared to take on the position for the next 12 months (to the end of the current term), Andrew Dare said he could – Nominated by Don Jones Seconded by Mathew Philpott and with no other party nominated he was elected.

 **AAVFBA Representatives x2 Proxy/Observer x1**

Chris Neilson, moved that the status quo be maintain in relation to the reps for the next 12 months, with the positions to be elected at the next AGM (2011) for a further 2 years. Seconded Matthew Buck
CARRIED.


 **Central Health & Safety Committee x 1**


 **State Volunteer Consultative Committee; (SVCC)**

 **Uniform Committee x 2**

 **Operational Resources & Services Committee x 2**

 **Tasmanian Volunteer Fire Fighters Awards Framework (TVFFAF)**

 A General Meeting will be held immediately after the conclusion of the AGM.

 Meeting Closed 1213.