

# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES ASSOCIATION (INC)



*Representing Fire and Rescue Service Volunteers since 1898*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 117<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Captain's Meeting) of the Western Australian Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services Association (Inc) held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the Riverside Theatre of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

### Minutes

Vice President Trevor Jones declared the meeting open at 1605 hours.

#### **1. Opening:**

Vice President Trevor Jones occupied the chair and opened the meeting at 1605 hours. He then welcomed representatives from Association Member Brigades, Executive members, Deputy Commissioner Lloyd Bailey and former DFES Chaplain Ron Wingate and his wife Roslyn.

#### **2. Roll Call and Apologies:**

Executive Officer Max Osborn AFSM called the roll – announced that Cowaramup and Witchcliffe VFRS have joined the Association and that Kalbarri and Port Hedland have returned to VFRS.

104 Captains and representatives from 52 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Brigades were present and answered the roll as per the attached list. Apologies were recorded from 11 VFRS Brigades.

Vice President Jones thanked all Brigades for their attendance at both this Annual General Meeting and the Conference in general. In addition to the Brigade representatives, the following Association Executive Members were also in attendance:

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Central Wheatbelt Zone | Stephen King          |
| Goldfields Zone        | Trevor Jones          |
| South West Zone        | Robert Papalia AFSM   |
|                        | Tony Dodd             |
| Metropolitan Zone      | Andrew Munro          |
|                        | Neil Hawkins          |
| North West Zone        | Michael Booth         |
|                        | Christopher O'Connell |
| Great Southern Zone    | Wesley Beck           |
|                        | Rod Diery             |

Northern Zone  
Association Staff

Frances McAllen  
Stephen Manning  
Max Osborn AFSM  
Jodie Neuzerling

Apologies

Paul du Boulay  
Shane Munro

### **3. Minutes of 2014 Meeting**

The following change is noted for point 4 – annual report should be 2013-14.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014 are a true and accurate recording of the meeting.

**Moved: Laverton**  
**Seconded: Newman**

**CARRIED**

### **4. 2014-15 Annual Report**

The President tabled the 2014-15 Annual Report of the Western Australian Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Association (Inc) as prepared by the Association Executive Officer Max Osborn AFSM and Association Office Administrator Jodie Neuzerling.

#### **Financial Statements:**

President Paul du Boulay tabled the Statements of Income and Expenditure, Cash Flow and Balance Sheet of the Western Australian Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Association (Inc) along with the Auditors' report for the twelve months to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, as contained in the Annual Report.

**Moved: Mandurah**  
**Seconded: Augusta**

**CARRIED**

### **5. Auditor for the 2015-16 Financial Year**

The Association Executive Officer and/or Office Administrator are to contact Winduss & Associates of Osborne Park to request that they act as the Association's auditors for the 2014-15 financial year.

**Moved: Newman**  
**Seconded: Kambalda**

**CARRIED**

### **6. ELECTIONS**

The results of the 2015 Elections of Zone Delegates to the Western Australian Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Association (Inc) were declared by Executive Officer Max Osborn AFSM.

In accordance with the Association Constitution, Brigades in each of the seven (7) Zones were advised that nominations for their Zone representative were due.

As Returning Officer for the above-mentioned Association, Mr Max Osborn AFSM, hereby declares the following results of these elections:

|                        |                    |                   |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Central Wheatbelt Zone | Mr Paul du Boulay  | unopposed         |
| Goldfields Zone        | Mr Trevor Jones    | unopposed         |
| Great Southern Zone    | Mr Rod Diery       | unopposed         |
| Metropolitan Zone      | Mr Neil Hawkins    | majority of votes |
| North West Zone        | Mr Michael Booth   | unopposed         |
| Northern Zone          | Ms Frances McAllen | majority of votes |
| South West Zone        | Mr Tony Dodd       | unopposed         |

## **7. VENUE FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL STATE EASTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Moved: Mandurah**

**Seconded: Harvey**

That – “the venue for the 2017 Annual State Championships be Gilbert Frazer Reserve, North Fremantle. Date will be provided to Brigades after the November Executive Meeting.”

### **CARRIED**

## **8. 2016 STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2016 State Open Championships will be hosted by the Harvey VFRS Brigade. The Championships will be held 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**Noted**

## **9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None presented

## **10. Address by Deputy Commissioner Lloyd Bailey AFSM**

The meeting was addressed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner – Operations, Mr Lloyd Bailey AFSM. He discussed the following:

- 2014/15 Fire Season Overview
- Major Incident Reviews
- Special Area Response Enhanced Mobilising
- Aerial Fire Suppression – 10 fixed wing and 8 helicopters plus the air crane
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rescue Helicopter in Bunbury during the coming financial year
- VFRS Attendance at incidents 2014-15
- FIRS Reports – importance due to new problematic DBA and false fire alarm process
- VFRS Top Ten by FIRS completion
- ICV Rollouts
- Review of safety issues with aerial fire suppression
- Additional PPC totalling \$447,807 rolled out to VFRS and VFES Brigades (L1 Tunics, L2 Helmets – 671 each; rain jackets – 307) – paid for by salary savings within Operations
- Possibility of lobbying local members to assist with funding fire station builds
- New level 1 kit bag is about to be rolled out
- Development of seasonal synopsis – will be available on the DFES website via Volunteer Portal

At the completion of his presentation, Vice President Trevor Jones requested questions from the floor – none were raised.

Declared AGM closed at 1700 hours

Opened general meeting at 1700 – chaired by Vice President Robert Papalia AFSM.

**11. Presentation to Ron and Roslyn Wingate**

Wall plaque and vase presented, along with a scrapbook of memories and thanks, along with a travel voucher.

**12. Presentation to Ron Thompson**

Certificate presented to Ron Thompson by Frances McAllen and Michael Booth on behalf of the Association as thanks for 13 years on the Association Executive.

**13. General Discussion**

Dumbleyung – cancellation of training courses (First Aid / RCR / BA only one qualified); courses being cancelled without notice to attendees.

Northcliffe – thank you to all Brigades who attended the Northcliffe fires earlier in 2015.

Bunbury – volunteers carrying out activities who \*\*\*\* losses (either vehicular or other assets) and lack of support from DFES to cover these losses. This issue was raised at the Midwest Gascoigne forum and they have been advised that a review is currently being undertaken.

Kalamunda – query regarding future fleet; DCB advised risk analysis undertaken and gone to market to find out what is available that may meet these need. A number of prototype vehicles will be made available to Brigades for testing during this financial year. JN to request a future fleet update for Brigades.

Kojonup – difference in timeframes for DBA FIRS reports for CFRS and VFRS; DCB advised that the CFRS requirement is currently being reduced.

Witchcliffe – backfilling of AO/DO leave; DCB advised Regional offices are supposed to manage leave requirements, including backfilling of positions as best they can.

**14. Update on new Website**

Update provided by Executive Member Chris O'Connell, requesting information be provided by Brigades that can be promoted on the website or on other media platforms.

Nothing derogatory will be allowed on the website

Facebook and other general social media

Possibility of a second Facebook page accessible by the general public

An email address will be provided for information to be sent to

Vice President Robert Papalia thanked Mr Bailey and all members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 1725 hours.