



MINUTES OF MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 14th MAY 2015

PRESENT: B. Blacker, C. Brown, T. Bruce, B. Kennedy, D. Kerr, D. Lazzaro, G. Meiklejohn, H. Noakes, S. Pearce, P. Reeve, F. Scarfone, T. Sinclair, P. Thomas, S. Thomas, R. Wellington, J. Wilson

Wollondilly District – D Stimson (FCO 4-1), D. Thomas (G01) & N. Scherer (G03)

APOLOGIES: M. Brown, K. Carter & M Surrey (FCO 1)

T Bruce (President) opened meeting at 1907hrs

Welcome to the District officers attending the meeting – David Stimson, David Thomas & Norm Scherer.

PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES

AGM '14 minutes were on the website but were additionally projected onto the screen (at the AGM) for members to read.

Moved: Peter Thomas

Seconded: Pat Reeve

Votes For: Unanimous

Votes Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Business Arising

There was no Business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jeremy Wilson gave a synopsis of the correspondences for the year was tabled and projected on the screen.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

REPORTS

Captain: Colin Brown presented the Captains Report which was projected onto the screen for the members to review. Report tabled included graphs of 'Type & Frequency of Call Outs', 'Members attendance at Call Outs'. The report is attached. Colin thanked everyone for the wonderful job they were doing in the brigade, and the consistency in attendance.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

President: Terry Bruce tabled and read out the President's Report. He thanked everyone's efforts over the past years and also noted everyone's enthusiasm and camaraderie which is excellent. He congratulated members who had undertaken further training as this helps them as individuals but also the brigade as a whole. Moral is quite high with everyone willing to participate.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None



Treasurer: The Treasure's report was presented by Frank Scarfone and is attached. Frank thanked everyone for their efforts and the executive for their support.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report

Moved: Colin Brown **Seconded:** Gordon Meiklejohn

Votes For: Unanimous

Votes Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passed

Auditor: Terry Bruce presented the 2014/2015 audit was tabled, where he noted the accounts were maintained and all is well.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

Training: Pat Reeve noted training progressed as per the training calendar, which covers all aspects of what is needed in our RFS roles. He thanked everyone for both attending and being enthusiastic. Pat noted he was attempting to do more joint training with other brigade.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

Equipment/Maintenance: Colin Brown advised everything appeared to be working and going okay. Picton has been providing equipment and PPC when asked for. In addition they had provided a TIC which could prove to be extremely useful. Colin noted he'd not heard of any complaints with the equipment but if there were issues, please let him know.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

FFH&S: Bruce Blacker advised there had been no meeting this year, but meetings will be held as and when there is a required. He advised there are new First Aid kits which will be distributed through the district. General there were no issues raised in the district by brigades.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

BCSO: Rodney Wellington report (as the current de facto BCSO) that in the last year there had been two schools and one Kindergarten visits. There were three more pre-school yet to happen. He advised he had started a new PIP's program for whole village, but at the moment was concentrating on the major business and schools in the village. He thanked Shane, Peter and Thomas for their assistance so far.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

RFSA: Peter Thomas advised that since the last General Meeting not a lot had happened, except the BBQ at Lakesland that went well.

Questions Raised: None

Actions Required: None

Election of Field Officers and Admin Officers

The Field Officers and Admin staff relinquished their positions with the exception of the President and Secretary who remain to the end of the meeting.

David Stimson took over the meeting for the voting.

David Stimson thanked everyone for their commitment especially over the last 12 months which had been busy, but that The Oaks had become more and more active including undertaking S44/OoA.. It was noted The Oaks was a good strong brigade and very active especially as it was not a large brigade. He also noted it was a great contributor to not only the local community but also the whole district.

He noted that due to the Brigade Constitution of 'First Past the Post' positions which were not contested did not get voted on, and the person nominating was automatically elected into that position. There were no contested positions.

VOTING FOR FIELD OFFICERS & ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS

VOTING RESULTS

Field Officers

Captain: **Colin Brown**
Senior Deputy Captain: **Jeremy Wilson**
Deputy Captain: **Rodney Wellington**
Deputy Captain: **Terry Bruce**
Deputy Captain: **Peter Thomas**

Administration Positions

President: **Terry Bruce**
Vice President: **Peter Thomas**
Secretary: **Jeremy Wilson**
Treasurer: **Bruce Blacker**
Training Officer: **Patrick Reeve**
Equip/Maintenance: **Colin Brown**
FFH&S: **Bruce Blacker**
RFSA: **Peter Thomas**
CSA: **Rodney Wellington**
Exec Member #1: **Patrick Reeve**
Exec Member #2: **vacant**
Auditor **Terry Bruce**

David congratulated the incoming Field Officers and Admin positions. David also noted that it had been 14yrs since this area had last seen a major fire, and the predictions are for a significantly large El Nino effect for the next 6 months. Which could make the next summer very active, and it would no doubt require a big effort from The Oaks who clearly were up to the task.

David Thomas thanked The Oaks for their continued commitment and noted that it was refreshing to know that The Oaks were also available to support and back up other brigades across the area.

Norm Scherer noted The Oaks were a highly skilled group with members across other specialties such as Support, RAFT, District Training and the like. It was also reassuring that The Oaks were always there to support their neighbouring brigades. There was great leadership from the Captain (Colin) who is doing a great job and thanks to the team that supports him. He also noted it was good to see a sprinkling of younger faces in the team.

MOTION ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS AGM 2014

Brigade Subscription Fees

Discussion: It was proposed that the Brigade Subscription fee was maintained at \$10

Moved: Bruce Blacker **Seconded:** Jeremy Wilson

Votes For: Unanimous

Votes Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT AGM 2015

**Brigade Subscription fees
Destroying of Voting Slips (in contested positions)**

GENERAL BUSINESS

Terry Bruce (President) closed the meeting by thanking all the members for attending the AGM.

Next General Meeting is scheduled for 9th July 15

Time to eat!!

Meeting Closed at: 1958hrs

Note: Minutes and attachments (the reports tabled) will be posted on the Website