



Nelson Marlborough Provincial Fire Brigades Association

MINUTES OF THE 90th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NELSON/MARLBOROUGH PROVINCIAL FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE NELSON FIRE STATION AT 10:00HRS ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023

President Ryan Grenfell welcomed Delegates and Past Presidents as well as invited guests to the conference and asked that all jackets be put on.

Roll Call: The secretary called the roll which was answered by the following:

Executive: Immediate past President: Gawen Howard, President: Ryan Grenfell, Challenge Panel Convenor: Cole Slotemaker

Delegates

Blenheim: Gordon Munn

Brightwater: Cole Slotemaker

Havelock: Bruce Moffat

Motueka:

Nelson:

Rai Valley: Nigel Patterson

Richmond: Proxy (Takaka)

Stoke: Lance Williams

Tapawera: Proxy (Takaka)

Wairau Valley:

Upper Takaka: Proxy (Takaka)

Woodbourne: Ryan Grenfell

Blenheim Rural: Steve Smith

Collingwood: Proxy (President)

Kaiteriteri:

Mapua:

Murchison:

Picton: Paris Forbes

Renwick:

Seddon: Jonathan Everett

Takaka: Gawen Howard

Upper Moutere:

Wakefield:

Life Members Present: PP Ross Bailey, PP Nigel Patterson

Observers: Aaron Waters (Picton/Koromiko) Tim Norman & Tomaash Cernik (Marahau)
Cade Grice (Blenheim Built) Ryan Anderson (Blenheim Natural) Victoria Sangster (Seddon)

Apologies: Past presidents James Mackay, Keven Black, Philip Woolf, Alan Reid, Wakefield VFB.

Moved that apologies be accepted: Ryan Grenfell **Seconded:** Gawen Howard

Carried.

Scrutineers:

President asked for nominations of scrutineers.

It was moved that PP Ross Bailey and Observer Aaron waters be scrutineers for the meeting.

Moved: Nigel Patterson.

Seconded: Gawen Howard

Carried.

Obituaries:

President Ryan Grenfell asked for any obituaries.

None Received.

Welcome:

NMPFBA welcomed everyone to the AGM and hoped everyone enjoys the conference and rest of their day.

Voting Power:

The Secretary advised that there were 17 eligible votes and therefore the number of votes required to elect is 9.

Minutes of Previous Annual Conference:

The minutes of the previous Conference were circulated and confirmed as a true and correct record of the 89th Annual Conference.



89th AGM Minutes
2023.docx

Moved that the minutes be accepted: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Nigel Patterson

Carried.

Matters Arising:

Website- All going well will be up and running in the next couple of months.

Trophies- Golf trophies are being engraved and then will be given back to recipients

Patrons Report

Written report sent in by Patron Graeme Miller and read to members by President Ryan Grenfell.



Patrons Report
2024.docx

That the patron's report be adopted.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Nigel Patterson.

Carried.

Challenge convenors report

Report delivered to members.



Convenor agm
speech.pdf

That the challenge convenor's report be adopted.

Moved: Lance Williams **Seconded:** Gawen Howard.

Carried.

Presidents Report:

Written report read to members.



Presidents report
2024.docx

That the president's report be adopted.

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Lance Williams

Carried.

(Incoming) Presidents Report:

No Report as Junior Vice President Dave Knowles has resigned FENZ and in accordance with our rules cannot stay on the executive of the NMPFBA past this AGM it was decided that immediate Past President Gawen Howard, President Ryan Grenfell and Senior Vice President Sam Oliver will stay in their current roles for another year until the 2025 AGM so other positions have a chance to catch up and carry on as normal.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Invitations to present honours at Seddon, Kaiteriteri, Upper Moutre, Lake Rotoiti, Collingwood and Havelock. Invitations to 25 Year presentations at Picton, Havelock, Renwick x4, Richmond x2, Motueka, Blenheim Rural and Stoke. Invitations to 50 Year presentations at Wakefield and for the area management team. AGM Nominations, Financial reports, Dave Knowles Resignation.

Outwards:

Invitations and reminders to this AGM, Posters, and entry forms for combat 2024, mountain biking 2024, Solum shield 2024, Emails to Philip Woolfe about the use of the Jacqui Woolfe medals, Emails to organise financial report and Insurance.

It was moved the inwards be received and outwards be approved

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Paris Forbes.

Carried.

Financial report:



Annual report
2024.pdf

It was moved that the financials be accepted.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Second:** Lance Williams .

Carried.

Secretary Expenses:

Secretary's expenses are currently set at \$500 for the year. This is believed to be reasonable so no need to change so will remain for the coming year.

That the above be adopted.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Ryan Anderson.

Carried

Presidents Expenses:

President's expenses are set at \$500 for the year and \$1.00/Km can be claimed by any member representing the Provincial at an awards ceremony up to \$1000/Year. This is believed to be reasonable so no need to change so will remain for the coming year.

Just for reference the year just gone President Ryan Grenfell travelled 1887 Km to present at awards ceremonies this year. Nigel Patterson travelled 258 Km when he attended the ones Ryan couldn't make. Ryan informed the meeting he won't be claiming this as he knew he would have to travel for the role, and he was always given a good feed and time at the events. And even though he tried not to use accommodation he did receive accommodation from a couple of brigades when it was a long trip and would rather see the money go to progressing the provincial's events somehow.

That the above be adopted.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Bruce Moffat.

Carried.

Levies

Brigade Levies were discussed, and it was suggested that \$250 may be too much for some smaller brigades. It was stated that our provincials' subs are around average when compared with the other provincials in NZ. It was suggested that levies be based on establishment. The executive was unsure if this could be done but would find out.

A motion was put forward that the Brigade Levies remains at \$250 for the 2024 year, but the executive would find out if levies can be based on establishment and report back at the next AGM with options if it can be done.

Moved: Gordon Munn. **Seconded:** Jonathan Everett

Carried.

Remits:



Remit 12.3.pdf

Remit was read by President Ryan Grenfell. A proposed change to the remit was suggested by Collingwood brigade to change option 2 to have a clause to state that a team can only be made of 2 different brigades. Delegates thought it was too late to change now that it had already been discussed at brigade level and if changes were to be made it should be put forward at the 2025 AGM. Discussion was had around the 2 options. The need for inclusion of all members of the provincial, the possibility of a “Super team” being created and no one else having a chance of being competitive, clarification was made that under option 1 mixed teams could still compete, but they would not be eligible for awards. The 2 options were then read again, and everyone was clear on what each option was proposing. Delegates then voted with the results being

Option 1 – 10 Votes

Option 2 – 7 Votes

With option 1 the favoured option rule 12.3 will be amended.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Nigel Patterson.

Carried.

General Business:

- Ross Bailey has been asked what it is the provincial delivers? Competitions, Honours presentations and in a limited capacity Advocacy. Suggested a quarterly newsletter or something similar to get/keep our name out there.
- Ross Bailey also suggested when the rules are updated a new copy should be sent out to member brigades with the date on the last page updated.
- Paris Forbes asked that the AGM minutes be sent out to brigades also.
- Nigel Patterson reminded the executive that the 2 competition keisers will need some work before the next firefighters challenge in February

Election of Officers:

Patron

Graeme Miller agreed to stay on as Patron.

Moved: Nigel Patterson. **Seconded:** Lance Williams.

Carried

President Ryan Grenfell declared Graeme Miller duly elected.

Junior Vice President

Nominations from the floor Cole Slotemaker & Ryan Anderson

Candidates spoke to the delegates, and it was decided as these nominations were from the floor and the proxy brigades had no way telling their preferred nominee it was decided that only those present would vote giving a total of 13 votes with 7 votes needed to elect.

The vote was conducted with results being

Cole Slotemaker – 6 votes

Ryan Anderson – 7 Votes

Moved: Ryan Grenfell **Seconded:** Gawen Howard.

Carried

President Ryan Grenfell declared Ryan Anderson duly elected

Challenge Committee Convener

Nomination from the floor Cole Slotemaker

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Nigel Patterson.

Carried

President Ryan Grenfell declared Cole Slotemaker duly elected

Secretary/Treasurer:

Nomination received from the floor Paris Forbes

Paris said she would do the secretary role but was not keen to do the treasurers role. President Ryan Grenfell explained the role and after some discussion Nigel Patterson suggested splitting the role and he would take the treasures part.

Moved Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded** Gawen Howard.

Carried

President Ryan Grenfell declared Paris Forbes duly elected Secretary

President Ryan Grenfell declared Nigel Patterson duly elected Treasurer

Challenge Committee members:

Nominations received Jonathan Everett

Moved Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded** Nigel Paterson.

Carried

Nominations received Ethan Harwood

Moved Gawen Howard. **Seconded** Steve Smith.

Carried

Nominations from the floor Gordon Munn

Moved Lance Williams. **Seconded** Gawen Howard.

Carried

Nominations from the floor Aaron Waters

Moved Nigel Patterson. **Seconded** Gawen Howard.

Carried

Trustees:

That the trustees/signatories for the ensuing year be President Ryan Grenfell, Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association Past President Bruce Moffat and Treasurer/Past President Nigel Patterson

Treasurer Nigel Patterson will be account holder.

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Ryan Grenfell.

Carried

Auditor:

Move that Blenheim Accounting be elected as auditor.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Nigel Patterson.

Carried

Installation of Officers:

Life Honouree Member Medal presentation:

President Ryan Grenfell thanked Immediate Past President Gawen Howard for his time with the Provincial and was presented with his LHM medal.

President:

President remains Ryan Grenfell

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Nigel Paterson.

Carried

Nigel Patterson moved even though not yet past president given the time served Ryan Grenfell be made a life honorary Member of the Nelson Marlborough Fire Bridges Association.

Moved: Nigel Patterson. **Seconded:** Gawen Howard.

Carried

Senior Vice President:

Sam Oliver remains as Senior Vice President.

Junior Vice President:

Ryan Anderson was installed as Junior Vice President.

Further Business:

Ryan Grenfell informed everyone delegates can claim for mileage to attend the meeting and forms are on the table with lunch.

The hosts for upcoming AGMs are as follows.

2025 AGM

Nelson – Date to be arranged next year.

Closure:

There being no further business, President Ryan Grenfell thanked everyone for attending and declared the 90th Annual Conference of the Nelson Marlborough Provincial Fire Brigades Association closed. **Meeting Closed at 12:04 hrs.**