



Nelson Marlborough Provincial Fire Brigades Association

MINUTES OF THE 89th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NELSON/MARLBOROUGH PROVINCIAL FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE NELSON FIRE STATION AT 11:00HRS ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2023

President Gawen Howard 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: Nigel Patterson, President: Gawen Howard, Senior vice President/Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Grenfell, Junior vice President: Samuel Oliver, Challenge panel Convenor: David Knowles

Patron: Graeme Miller

Delegates

Blenheim:

Brightwater: Nathan Palmer

Havelock: Auston Dusseault

Koromiko: Ryan Mills

Motueka: David Knowles

Nelson:

Rai Valley: Nigel Patterson

Richmond: Sam Oliver

Stoke:

Tapawera:

Wairau Valley:

Woodbourne: Ryan Grenfell

Blenheim Rural: Steve Smith

Collingwood: Graeme Miller

Kaiteriteri:

Mapua:

Murchison:

Picton: Paris Forbes

Renwick:

Seddon: Justin Stephens

Takaka: Kale Reid

Upper Moutere:

Wakefield:

Life Members Present: PP Graeme Miller, PP Alan Reid

Invited Guests: Grant Haywood - District Manager, Jeff Manson – Past president Otago southland fire brigades provincial Association. Ryan Anderson-Blenheim Rural, Cole Slotmaker-Brightwater,

Apologies: Past presidents Grant Bessant, James Mackay, Keven Black, Philip Woolf, Ross Bailie, Dave McFarlane, Chris Andrews, Wairau Valley Brigade, Upper Moutere brigade.

Moved that apologies be accepted: Ryan Grenfell **Seconded:** Graeme Miller

Carried.

Scrutineers:

President asked for nominations of scrutineers.

It was moved that PP Graeme Miller and PP Alan Reid be scrutineers for the meeting.

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

Carried.

Obituaries:

President Gawen Howard asked for any obituaries.

SSO Robbie Alan-Nelson

Ex CFO RJ Lill-Collingwood

Ex DCFO D Miller-Collingwood

Meeting rose and observed a minutes silence in honour of the departed.

Welcome:

Host brigade Nelson 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 88th Annual Conference.



88th AGM
Minutes.docx

Moved that the minutes be accepted: Graeme Miller. **Seconded:** Nigel Patterson

Carried.

Matters Arising:

Basketball is set to be September 2024 but have not herd any more about hosting?

Guest Speaker: Jeff Manson

Introduced him self and thanked the executive for the opportunity to speak today. Told the meeting about his history with the Otago/southland provincial, Explained the competitions run by them the Toughest FF comp, Waterways, Trauma, RCR and Drivers challenge and that he is going to stand for the vice presidents' role with the UFBA at the coming AGM. Said Provincials are starting to have a bit more say now that they are all working together and using the monthly catch ups, they should only grow stronger. Questions were put to Jeff, and he spoke to them some questions were What would you like to change in the UFBA? What are your thoughts on lowering the Quorum needed for the AGM? And Is there still any relevance in the UFBA and Provincials? Jeff then thanked everyone for there time.

Patrons Report

Written report read to members.



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Patron Report.docx

That the patron's report be adopted.

Moved: Alan Reid. **Seconded:** David Knowles.

Carried.

Challenge convenors report

Report delivered to members.

Dave thanked everyone and said it's been a challenging year, but we made it through.

Have the mountain biking coming up in October, hopefully a water way open day in

November, Toughest Firefighter challenge in Havelock on 10 Feb 24.

We just had the Golf in Seddon last weekend. It went well but was low on numbers so will hopefully grow from here and be bigger next year.

Dave encourages all brigades to pass messages and dates down thru their brigades to get the word out about events.

That the challenge convenor's report be adopted.

Moved: Nigel Patterson **Seconded:** Kale Reid.

Carried.

Presidents Report:

Written report read to members.



President Report
2023.docx

That the president's report be adopted.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Graeme Miller.

Carried.

(Incoming) Presidents Report:

Written report read to members.



Incoming
Presidents Report 20

That the incoming president's report be adopted.

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Justin Stevens.

Carried.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Honours Presentations for Murchison, Kaiteriteri, Takaka, Collingwood and Mapua, Gold star invites for Seddon, Upper Moutere, Tapewera, Stoke, Richmond, Wairau Valley, Brightwater, Picton and Motueka x2. 50 Year medal presentations at Stoke, Richmond, Takaka, Renwick and Motueke x2

Outwards:

Annual Conference Invitations to Past Presidents and Brigades, posters and entry forms for competitions. Enquiries into new LHM lapel badges, enquires into a trophy to present at 25 & 50 year medal presentations instead of the FENZ plaque.

It was moved the inwards be received and outwards be approved

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Dave Knowles.

Carried.

Financial report:

Nelson Marl
Provincial Fire 2023 .

It was moved that the financials be accepted.

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

Carried.

Secretary Expenses:

We could not find a secretary after the last AGM Ryan Grenfell has been doing it for this year and will get \$400 Honorarium. Graeme miller may know someone who could do it for this year will let us know once he has spoken with them. If that doesn't work out Sam Oliver will do it for the coming year, and we make it part of the Senior vice presidents role if the Secretary/Treasurers role is not filled at the AGM.

That the Secretary's Expenses increase to \$500.00

Moved: Nigel Patterson. **Seconded:** Sam Oliver

Carried

Presidents Expenses:

Honorarium will stay the same but with fuel prices increasing the Executive that travel to represent the provincial at Honours functions can now claim milage at \$1.00 per Km. Caped at 1000Km per year. This will be reviewed on 16 March 2024 to ensure it is feasible.

That the above be adopted.

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Graeme Miller.

Carried.

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Levies

That the Brigade Levies remains at \$250 for the 2023 year

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Graeme Miller.

Carried.

Remits:

All remits were read by the Mover and discussion was had between members and then were voted on.



Remit rule 7.11.pdf

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

Carried.



Remit rule 8.1.pdf

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

Carried.



Remit rule 8.4 &
11.3.pdf

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

Not Carried.



Remit rule 12.,2.pdf

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

Carried.



Remit rule 12.3.pdf

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

Carried.



Remit rule 12.4.pdf

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

Carried.



Remit rule 14.7.pdf

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



Remit rule 14.8.pdf

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

Guest Speakers: Grant Haywood

Started by thanking everyone for attending and been given the opportunity to speak and encouraged more communication with the district team.

The district team still finding there feet ant there needs to be big movement in the Reduction area and brigades are encouraged to be more involved with community risk reduction locally. This district still has a way to go to improving brigade culture and this needs to be sorted as bullying and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated. District encourages all brigades to hold culture workshops, so everyone is on the same page. We have a new HR person for the top of the South Island based in Blenheim.

The establishment of Nelsons LAC is underway and should be stood up soon, Marlborough's has been going since day one.

Fleet-Trouble with the roll out of the new type 3 appliances has slowed down the cascade of the other type 3's in the area. Type 1,2, & Medium 4WD vehicles coming through. District is looking at what vehicles are where, and some may be swapped with Med 4WD if it is needed. Both sides of the hill are light on Tankers so there may be more moved into the area as they are made available. IMT vehicle should be in Nelson soon and there is an ablutions Traylor and can be requested for larger scale and long duration events.

It looks like we are going to get a long hot summer with a lot of wind, so brigades need to be prepared for some big hot fires over summer. restrictions could come in early, and responses will be ramped up to ensure small fires don't turn into big fires.

Invite Execs along to competitions so they can come along and support and keep Taylor informed and use the district newsletter to get info out there.

General Business:

- Cole presented the proposed new website. Looked good and should help gaining interest within brigades.
- Graeme miller asked about the trophies being brought back in and said they were all collated when the sub associations ended and then given back to the last winning brigade. Gawen Howard said some of the trophies can be re purposed for other comps and from now on when trophies are won there will be a contract to state when they will be returned, the condition they should be returned in, once presentations are done the trophies will be given back to be engraved and then returned to the brigade for the remainder of the year.

Election of Officers:

Patron

Graeme Miller agreed to stay on as Patron.

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

Carried

President Gawen Howard declared Graeme Miller duly elected.

Junior Vice President

Nomination from the floor David Knowles

Moved: Ryan Grenfell **Seconded:** Alan Reid .

Carried

President Gawen Howard declared David Knowles duly elected

Challenge Committee Convener

Nomination from the floor Cole Slotmaker

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Nathan Palmer.

Carried

President Gawen Howard declared Cole Slotmaker duly elected

Secretary:

Nomination received: Nil

Graeme Miller may have someone to fill the roll and will inform in time when known.

Challenge Committee members:

Nominations from the floor Auston Dusseault

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

Carried

Nominations from the floor Ryan Anderson

Moved Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded** Steve Smith.

Carried

Nominations from the floor Kale Reid

Moved Dave Knowles. **Seconded** Alan Reid.

Carried

Trustees:

That the trustees/signatories for the ensuing year be PP Nigel Paterson, President Ryan Grenfell, Senior Vice President Sam Oliver and Secretary/Treasurer (When found) until a Secretary/treasurer are found Senior Vice president Sam Oliver will be the account holder.

Moved: Gawen Howard. **Seconded:** Graeme Miller.

Carried

Auditor:

Move that Blenheim Accounting be elected as auditor.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Graeme Miller.

Carried

Installation of Officers:

Life Honouree Member Medal presentation:

IPP Nigel Paterson was presented with his LHM medal.

President:

Gawen Howard moved Ryan Grenfell be installed as President.

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

Carried

Ryan Grenfell moved Gawen Howard be made a life honorary Member of the Nelson Marlborough Fire Bridges Association.

Moved: Ryan Grenfell. **Seconded:** Graeme Miller.

Carried

Senior Vice President:

Sam Oliver was installed as Senior Vice President.

Junior Vice President:

Dave Knowles 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.

2023 AGM

Nelson – Date to be arranged next year.

Closure:

There being no further business, President Ryan Grenfell thanked everyone for attending and declared the 89th Annual Conference of the Nelson Marlborough Provincial Fire Brigades Association closed. **Meeting Closed at 14:08 hrs.**