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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Otago Museum Dunedin on Wednesday 3rd August 2011

The meeting commenced at 8.35am with 53 members in attendance, increasing to 58 during the meeting.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from TeA Cook, D Jack and M Donaldson

That the apologies received be accepted
Moved J Kerr, Seconded P Wishnowsky (carried)

Minutes of the AGM 28th July 2010

That the minutes as posted on the FRFANZ web page be accepted as a true and correct record.
Moved R Hamilton, Seconded G Wallace (carried)

Matters arising: Covered in the Agenda.

Chairman's report:

The Chairman, D Ashford, presented his report to the meeting. Key points were:

- Conference Registrations at 164 are a new high, thanks to the Conference Committee for this achievement.
- 2010/2011 Fire season. Higher temperatures but frequent rain, although there were late season fires in Canterbury.
- Some movement on Enlarged Fire Districts with Northland gazetted and Marlborough next year.
- FRSITO – now EMQUAL is once again our major sponsor for both the Annual Conference and the National Wajax Competition and we thank them for their generosity.
- Fire Service Commission thanked for their grant assistance to enable volunteers to attend the Conference.
- Website – G Wallace needs input from members for news to keep the website current. Rural Fire History web page, www.ruralfirehistory.org.nz is a great record of NZ Rural Fire History. Target date for the release of Helen Beaglehole's "History of Rural Fire" is mid 2012.
- FRFANZ clothing. Big demand over the past year and after visiting South Africa for the Wildfire 2011 Conference, the power of branding of clothing for Rural Fire Agencies was most evident.
- 2010 Wajax Nationals. Thanks to Ashburton District Council and the rural volunteers that made this the largest to date.
- FRFANZ Service medals. Congratulations to those members that have received medals and bars over the past year. The number of 25 year Gold Stars is evidence that volunteers are here for the "Long Haul".
- FRFANZ Management Committee held four meetings during the year, one in Ashburton prior to the Conference, one in Whangarei prior to the Nationals and two in Wellington at the EMQUAL Office. The committee thanks EMQUAL for providing the venue and Bill Robertson's updates. Other attendees have included NZFS Commander, Mike Hall and the NRFO Murray Dudfield or his deputy.
- Strategic Plan 2011-2016. Following the motion from the 2010 AGM, a draft Strategic Plan has been developed for the future direction of FRFANZ and this will be put to the meeting for discussion.
- Thanks to the Committee members and their employers for the commitment to FRFANZ. Retiring committee members are TeA Cook, M Donaldson and Morrie Geenty. Special thanks to Pat Towersey for her input in handling typing and emails for Morrie over the last 22 years.

That the Chairman's Report be accepted.
Moved D Ashford, Seconded P Wishnowsky (carried)

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented his report to the meeting. Main points were:

- Financial Statement, as carried on the website, has a trading profit of \$12,438 with accumulated funds at \$76,538.
- Subscription income as \$12,950, Rural Fire Clothing at \$11,488 and Service Medals and Bars at \$9993.

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- Conference 2010 at Whangarei produced a positive balance of \$3914 and was a credit to the organizing committee.
- Membership increased from 263 to 279 over the year despite the loss of several through retirements, redundancies and amalgamations. An encouraging trend is the increase in Volunteer Fire Forces.

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
Moved M Geenty, Seconded G Lockyer (carried)

Strategic Plan:

The Draft Strategic Plan was available on the web site and comments from the floor followed:

- P Baker. There should be written submissions as an option. Felt that Rural Fire Operations was too broad.
- M Owen. Been on the website for some time and should proceed and be adopted at this AGM.
- K Ihaka. Should proceed. Can still make changes to the final document.
- R Londeman. Quite happy to promote and moved.
- M Grant. Values don't change so should carry on.

The Strategic Plan was adopted unanimously.

- K Ihaka commented that Forest Contractors sought professional management from Innovatek and have proceeded to develop.

The Chairman introduced Brent Apthorp from Innovatek who gave an overview of the company, staffing, clients, advertising and information distribution, conference and seminar organizing and promotion. An indication also of funding levels from members to support the services.

- M Owen. This is a long term process and the Management Committee should look at various options.
That the Management Committee further investigate
Moved D Scott, Seconded B Kitto (carried)

Committee Elections:

Nominate D Ashford for Chairman

Moved B Walsh, Seconded P Wishnowsky (carried)

Nominate D Scott for Deputy Chairman

Moved B Kitto, Seconded M Owen (carried)

Current committee members available for re-election:

P Wishnowsky, E Smith, M Boere, K Ihaka, G Wallace

That the five current members be nominated

Moved J Kerr, Seconded P Wright (carried)

Nominate L Johnston

Moved K Ihaka, Seconded B Walsh (carried)

Nominate R Londeman

Moved D Scott, Seconded G Foster (carried)

That the Committee now has the required number of members, Nominations close.

Moved M Owen, Seconded T Mitchell.

That the Committee investigate and second R Hamilton as secretary if available.

There being no further business, the AGM closed at 9.32am.

MR Geenty
Secretary