



Minutes of the Forest and Rural Fire Association of New Zealand Inc
Annual General Meeting
Held at Intercontinental Hotel Wellington
On Friday 16th November 2018

Welcome:

The annual general meeting was open by Kevin Ihaka at 2.20pm
Present: 53 members in attendance, plus 6 committee members.

Apologies:

No apologies

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Copies of the previous minutes were handed out to all attendees. There were no matters arising or amendments.

Moved: Mark Montgomery

Seconded: Alan Cleaver

Chairman's Report:

Kevin presented his annual report to the meeting. Hard copies of the financial were handed out to all attendees.

- FRFANZ is funded by Fire and Emergency NZ.
- A 2nd grant was offered from FENZ but it wasn't needed.
- UFBA staff are doing Administration services which has been a great help. There is a good system in place and it is working well.
- There were no questions from the members.

Moved: Kevin Ihaka

Seconded: Phil Wishnowsky

Motion carried

General Business:

Kevin talked about the Operating Model.

FRFANZ continue having difficulties contacting its members via postal address and email. Our priority at present is to get the database up to date.

UFBA Staff member rang all FRFANZ members during the year to update the database, but still couldn't get information. The outcome was that Controllers don't read their emails and Secretaries change all the time.

Kevin wished Ceara Owen well in her new role with Fire and Emergency NZ and thanked the FRFANZ members for coming.

Moved: Kevin Ihaka
Seconded: Tom Thomson

Update on the merger:

The progress on the merger of FRFANZ and the UFBA is going well and the feedback from the Roadshow has been positive. The UFBA have good networks for support.

FRFANZ and UFBA are interested in the members thoughts on what they want in a new organisation.

Questions from the floor.

- More training for Urban members?
- Will there be a place on the board after the merger?
- Region 4 are still needing radios

FRFANZ will still run as a separate organisation until time when no longer needed.

There has been no decision made yet on the name change.

We will get as much information as possible out to the members on the Merger update using Fire email addresses. Except only approx. 5% of members pick these up. Will include all PRFO's. An option is to re-direct the website back through the UFBA which can be monitored regularly.

- Fire Forces to help on the new design – suggestions welcomed
- Volunteers on the Working Groups
- Need new ideas
- Feedback

It was suggested to the members that if they are not getting any information coming through, to contact the UFBA Office. If they also need Support Services, the UFBA are there to help.

Kevin will contact the Founders and Life Members for their input and ideas.

Service Honours:

Graeme McIntyre gave an update on Service Honours for FRFANZ Members and advised to get the Application Forms in with plenty of notice, to receive them on time. Some orders come in late, and with the demand, it's hard to get them sent out on time.

Life Honorary Award:

Te Aroha Cook was awarded Life Honorary Medal. Graeme gave a run down on Te Aroha's careers and then presented her with your award. Te Aroha gave a speech of thanks and support.

Graeme had support from committee members to award Kevin a Life Honorary Medal which was a huge surprise to Kevin. Graeme gave a run down on Kevin's career with the help from Kevin's wife Kylie. Kevin was presented his medal by Graeme and Kylie was presented with flowers. Te Aroha presented Kevin with his Gold Start Medal that had never been awarded to him. Kevin gave a speech of thanks and support.

AGM closed at 3.35pm