

**FOREST AND RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION OF NZ (INC)**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Sopheze, Timaru on**  
**5<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

The meeting commenced at 8.32am with 39 members in attendance (subsequently increased to 45 members).

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**Apologies** Apologies were received from K MacLeod, K Chapman, I Costello  
*That the apologies be accepted*  
Moved TeA Cook / Seconded P Wishnowsky (carried)

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**2008 Annual General Meeting minutes** *That the Minutes as posted on the FRFANZ webpage be accepted as a true and correct record.*  
Moved P Hawke, Seconded R Hamilton (carried)

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**Matters arising** Nil.

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**Chairman's Report**

D Ashford presented his report to the meeting.

Key Points in his report were:

- Sad year with two Rural Firefighter deaths, R Barrett and B Keen. Also, the Fire service member, d Lovell, from the Tamaheri fire.
- The passing of long serving FRFANZ committee member, B McCabe.
- FRSITO are once again the major sponsor for the Conference and Nationals and this is appreciated.
- Registration at the FRSITO Conference in October is recommended.
- Deployment of NZ Firefighters to Victoria and USA noted.
- Meeting with previous Minister of Internal Affairs was positive and would support further FRFANZ study tours.
- NZ Fire Service Commission responded to our correspondence on volunteers attending the UFBA Conference under Grant Assistance and this has now been extended to registered RFF to attend the FRFANZ Conference.
- Thanks to G Wallace for his efforts as Webpage editor and a plea for members to send local news for inclusion on the webpage.
- The awarding of National diplomas to TeA Cook and R Thorp.
- Thankyou to the organising committee for the 2008 Nationals and FRSITO for sponsorship.
- Thankyou to R Hands and his committee for the Conference.
- Thankyou to the FRFANZ committee for their input during the year.

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

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**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer apologised for leaving his report in the Motel and provided a brief summary. Full report to be attached to the minutes.

- Financial statement for the year ended 30/4/09 had a balance of accumulated funds \$67,296 and a trading profit for the year of \$3699.
- Income from subscriptions was \$11,100, Rural Fire clothing \$9446 and Medals and Bars at \$3469. Conference 2008 credit balance of \$10,500.
- Thanks to G Wallace for medals and bar sales.
- Membership is around the same at 279.
- Nationals 2008 hosted by Marlborough, travel assistance from FRFANZ for six teams. Credit balance of \$890 – a great effort by the organising committee.

*That the Treasurer's Provisional Report be accepted*  
Moved M Geenty / Seconded TeA Cook (carried)

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**Election of officers**

*That the present committee members, less the two retiring be reappointed*  
Moved P Hawke / Seconded B Kitto (carried)

Additional members:

K. Ihaka. Moved D Thompson / Seconded D Scott (carried)

M Boere. Moved P Hawke / Seconded B Kitto (carried)

D Jack. Moved G Wallace / Seconded R Hamilton (carried)

Discussion on number of committee members re the Constitution. 10 total but can co-opt additional.

*That K Ihaka and M Boere be elected to the committee and that D Jack be co-opted as the FRFANZ representative on the Training Resource Group.*

Moved P Hawke / Seconded B Kitto (carried)

P Hawke moved a vote of thanks to the Committee, seconded B Kitto (carried).

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**Future Conferences**

Conference locations have been confirmed for the next three years:

2010 Whangarei

2011 Otago

2012 Hawera

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**General business**

Passing of Mike Kennedy of Kaikoura DC noted, although not a FRFANZ member, was deeply involved in Rural Fire.

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**Next Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.58 am. The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and invited all the next AGM in Whangarei.

M Geenty  
Secretary