Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday 8 September 2012

Peppers Clearwater Resort

Conference opening with Official Party (0930 Hours)

Conference will welcome the Official Party:

1. Chief Fire Officer John Reed , Brooklands Volunteer Fire Brigade
- Welcome everyone to Peppers and housekeeping matters
2. Dave McFarlane, New Zealand Fire Service Commission
3. Mayor Bob Parker, Christchurch City Council
- Invited to speak and formally open Conference
4. Alan Cockburn, CPFBA Patron
5. Chris Price, President, UFBA
6. Paul Baxter, National Commander, NZ Fire Service
7. Russell Hayes, President, CPFBA

Chief Fire Officer John Reed , Brooklands Volunteer Fire Brigade

- Welcome everyone to Peppers Clearwater and to partake in the meal and drinks at Brooklands Fire Stations after the conference.

CPFBA Representative Peter Helps welcomed Christchurch City Mayor Bob Parker to speak and open the conference.

- Mayor Parker gave an warm welcome to all delegates and guests, then gave an up date on the rebuilding of Christchurch. The scale and magnitude of the rebuild to houses, infrastructure, council buildings and the dollars that are estimated to rebuild the city over 5 – 10 years – GDP 2 – 3 %
- National 105 growth next 5-10 years
- 2.2 Billion East of the city under the roads, there is hardship but also opportunity.
- Mayor Bob Parker announced the CPFBA Conference open at 0940am

0940 am the Official Party departed.

Peter Helps:

Peter gave conference delegates a message on house keeping, turning off cell phones and welcomed the 2012 Annual conference speaker Mark Ingles

Quest Speaker – Mark Inglis

Mark Inglis gave an inspiring presentation on his achievements in life. After losing his legs at 23 years old due to frost while trapped near the summit of Mt Cook , Mark went on to become the only double amputee to have stood on the roof of the world – the summit of Mt Everest. Mark carved out careers as a scientist, wine makers, business innovator, trekking guide, and motivational speaker.

Among some of his other achievements are a silver medal 2000 Paralympics, medals for world alpine skiing and wine, ONZM services to the disabled. Mark is also the founding trustee of Limbs4All.

Mark leads 1-3 treks to Nepal and India each year. Mark believes your " Attitude determines your Altitude"

http://markinglis.co.nz/

Finished 1048am

Introduction of the current office bearers was made by President Russell Hayes.

- Immediate Past President Alan Kittelty of Darfield,
- Senior Vice President Robin Ashby of Rolleston,
- Junior Vice President Steve Trigg of Rolleston,
- Representatives Peter Helps of Rangiora and Alan Hemsley of Akaroa
- Secretary Jan Hayes of Canterbury Area

Challenge Panel Convenor

- Ces Pacey of Amberley,
- Challenge Panel Members Kim Stewart of Akaroa
- Joost Kepers of Darfield.

Reading of Obituaries and Minutes Silence

President Russell Hayes Delegates, I welcome you to this our 96th Annual Conference and ask you all to stand as a mark of respect to those who have answered their final call:

Past President Alan Kittelty read out the list of obituaries and 30 seconds silence at the completion of the call.

- Rtd CFO Brian Harris Waipara
- Firefighter Jacquelyn Stephens Rolleston
- PPCP and Ex SSO / CFO David Mardon ChCh& Twizel
- Rtd SFF Ronald Burgess Kaiapoi
- Ex SO Graeme Power Brooklands
- Life Member CP& Rtd SFF Trevor King Rangiora
- FF Nigel Penfold Amberley

President, Russell - Delegates, I would remind you when rising to speak please give your name and brigade.

There is a form circulating, please write your name, brigade and designation on to it record accurately who is present.

Roll Call: Delegates, Executive, Past Presidents and Life Members
Past Presidents – T Smith, A Burgess, A Cockburn, R Gardner, P Dench, E Archibald, B Schimanski, J McArthur, D McGillen, J Duke, C Price, S Hubbard, N Lilley, A Kittelty, S McLennan

Past President Apologies:
R Kerr, G Howey, R Brokenshire, D Hassall, M Price, B Smith, B Clark, M McGillen, L McGillen

Delegates:
Airport Fire, Akaroa, Amberley, Brooklands, Darfield, Dunsandel, Fairlie, Hamner Springs, Hawarden, Kirwee, Leeston, Lincoln, Little River, Lyttleton, Pleasant Point, Rakaia, Rangiora, Rolleston, Sheffield, Southbridge, Springfield, Sumner, Timaru

Delegates Apologies:
Christchurch F/F Social Club, Glenavy, Burnham, Woodend

Secretary reads out roll
- Delegates
- Executive
- Past Presidents
- Life Members
- Proxies

Total number of Delegates, Proxies and Executive = 31
Voting Majority = 16

1. Apologies

Secretary to read out any apologies she has received in the mail and ask the meeting for their apologies.

President, Russell asked for someone to move that the apologies be accepted?

Seconded Alan Hemsley

All in favour say aye

Against no

Carried

2. Call for Nomination and Election of Scrutineers

PP Jim MacArthur, PP Taff Hubbard

Moved: Russell Hayes Seconded: Steve Trigg

3. Minutes of the Previous Annual Conference

President, Russell Ask for someone to move the minutes as circulated be taken as read

Seconded: B Schimanski
All in favour say aye – aye by all
Against no
Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes
NIL

5. <u>Correspondence</u>

- Secretary Jan Hayes read inward correspondence
- Letter from UFBA re automatic deposit of subscription into CP account

President, Russell Ask for someone to move the Correspondence be received
Seconded All in favour say aye – Aye by all
Against no
Carried

<u>Financial</u>
Read by the secretary
Robin Ashby moved that the Financial report as read be adopted
Second – Gardner - Fairlie

6. Competition Panel Report

Presented by Panel Convenor, Ces and the Competition Panel, Kim and Joost
Panel Convenor, Ces to move to adoption of the Competition Report
Seconded: Peter Helps
All in favour say aye - Aye by all
Against no
Carried

7. Sub Association Reports

Mid Canterbury Sub Association

President Darren Wright report – delivered by executive member Rick Coburn

North Canterbury Sub Association

- CFO Donaldson – Hanmer Springs
- Lack of brigades in North Canterbury attend events, NCSA is not standing still, it's going backwards.

Visiting Associations

West Coast PFBA -Darrell Lawson

- Waterways
- Drivers Challenge – Thank you to Mid Canterbury – A total of 26 drivers.
- No combat challenge
- 21 member brigades
- November is the Pike River Remembrance

Southland / Otago PFBA

Russell Anderson

- 100th Centennial Conference
- Pleasure to be with the response team to Canterbury
- Business plan adopted with little negatively
- Leadership and Governance courses completed
- 72 member brigades
- A bid was put in for the National Drivers Challenge in Alexandra, but this was rejected as Alex was to far from a main air route airport. This is rubbish as Alex is 30 minutes from Queenstown International Airport.
- Good luck and best wishes for your conference.

Wellington PFBA

Mark Adie

- 50 brigades
- 100 year centennial last year
- We are struggling, completions are down , we need more brigades
- Waterways is Biannual
- Only 12 people at the last provincial meetings
- Annual golf tournament in Fielding went well
- Wellington Provincial conference is next week, we plan to have new equipment on display, recruit new members, new level 3 and 4 clothing
- Thank you to Chris Walbran
- Still in reasonable shape
- Good feed back on the UFBA Secretary and Treasurers course.

8. President Report

Presidents Report : PCPFBA – Russell Hayes

- Thank you to John and the Brooklands brigade for their help and support, thank you to region 4
- NZFS realignment
- Thank you to the executive

- Robin Ashby Moved that the Presidents report be accepted
- 2nd Dave McGillen – Timaru

President, Russell read the annual report
Robin Ashby moved the adoption of his annual report
Seconded Graeme Peterson - Rolleston
Carried

9. Remits and Notices of Motion
Junior Vice President Steve Trigg announced 1 remit
Akaroa – (remit copy given in conference notes)

CFO Akaroa Kim Stewart also gave some back ground to the remit which basically means the current system for Canterbury Medal Recognition allows for the addition of a single bar to be awarded if the recipient already has a Canterbury medal. The Akaroa Volunteer Fire Brigade propose for each discipline (waterways , drivers challenge, firefighter challenge, RCR) that a Canterbury medal be warded for each discipline. Further recognition would be a bar added to the event winner if a Canterbury Medal is already held. Significant endeavour and skill in separate disciplines should be recognised with the award of a Canterbury medal for the winner of that discipline the maximum recognition for medal awards would be a total of 4 medals.

Moved SO Rex Stack – Akaroa
Second: Peter Helps on behalf of the Executive

10. Resumes

President Russell to introduce Brigade Representative Nominees

- Alan Hemsley, Akaroa
- Warren Maslin, Ashburton

Nominees presented their resumes to Conference

11. Guest Speakers 1246hrs
Brigade Representative Peter Helps introduced and thanks all speakers

UFBA President Chris Price

- Chris Price thanked delegates and quests on the conference.
- Chris gave a brief outline of the current roles and projects of the UFBA

George Verry CEO UFBA

- George gave an overview of the work of the UFBA, the support for governance and the work of the Fireshop. New Institute FS training. 336K spent in the benevolent fund.
- Projects – New Road Crash Rescue Gear, new model rules of association, wages reimbursement, ongoing support for the Canterbury earthquake.
- Good plans and strategies.
- 5 year contracts for CFO's – Parked mode awaiting a process and standards for just and fare appointments.

Technical Panel Joe Manihera

- New technical panel for area 25
- Welcome Tom Reid to the panel,
- Waterways events - Nigel Lilley, Kim Stewart
- 4 man and 2 man teams Updates on the Web site
- Driver Challenge Manfield in August
- Survey feed back on the Challenge will be reported upon soon.

Regional Waterways

- Feb 23rd
- Feb 9th Havelock
- March 2nd Greymouth
- 9th Feb Alexandra
- Nationals March 15 / 16 Cromwell
- 2013 6th Sept Wellington Combat Challenge

Workshop – Regional waterways Auckland / Wellington / ChCh

- ChCh 9th March Compulsory to event officials

2013 June 22nd – 23rd RCR Canberra

Cost of travel and accommodation is covered by the UFBA

Thank you

Paul Baxter National Commander NZ Fire Service

- Good to see the good health of the CPFBA . Continually working to ensure the welfare of people since the Canterbury Earthquakes. NZFS have assessed and will be rebuilding new NZFS buildings in Canterbury.
- Napier took advantage of the Napier Earthquake rebuild, so we too will learn and make Canterbury a modern and vibrant place. NZFS will be monitoring the 10th's Millions being spent on the rebuild.

- Inquests into the CTV building will be coming up , in which the NZFS will be giving evidence. The coronal inquest has the benefit of 20/20 hind sight which is a fine thing, and will change the way we mange events in the future.
- We will support people in the interviews
- Areas that have and will improve more will be around incident management at larger events with multiple agencies. We have also been involved in not only the Canterbury Earthquake but Pike River Mine disaster and the Fox Air plane crash.
- We have questions regarding HAzsub and Rural fire funding. Currently we attend 95 % of rural fires in NZ but receive less than 10% funding back. So we need to talk with rural fire about this.
- Hazsub review – we are looking at section 42 reimbursement and a levy on the transport of Hazsub
- Recognition for the response to the Canterbury earthquakes is underway. Completed submissions for those nominated have been given to the Government Prime Minister.
- Queens Service Awards have also been recommended.
- 1st Hours of the earthquake there were many acts of bravery .
- Welfare gaps – tell us if you know of any. Watch your friends and mates
- In July we started to roll out he restructuring and realignment of the NZFS
- Volunteer Services as paid roles which will give better support to you.
- Redesign HQ Structure 18 direct supports, including Rob Pope (ex Police)
- 52 VSO's across the country.
- Review Panel Looking at the function of the NZFS which is mandated by the government. A report will be presented in November 2012.
- Submission from the NZFS to the Commission for Changes to the Act.
- False Alarms – reduce the amount of false alarms. Area managers can waiver charges for false alarms..

Question – Donaldson - Hanmer Springs

- We have a brigade member who has been waiting 12 weeks for information on his medical . Why is this taking so long. He mentioned on the medical he had Asthma as a child, but nothing as an adult.

Paul Baxter – Reply

- 12 weeks is far too long, we will get the VSO is follow up for you, but the NZFS takes asthma or any risk of asthma very seriously as we killed a recruit fire fighter in training one day. So now we must investigate and thoroughly medically vet any recruit.

Trevor Brown Assistant National Commander NZFS

- Thank you for the opportunely to speak. Dave Key is taking over while Ross Ditmer is away.
- Canterbury update. Still building a team – it's about people people people.
- We have the CTV review
- Rebuild all paid stations
- The Christchurch rebuild of the city is between $30 - $60 billion and will take 10 – 20 years.

- We are going to be active in the building and design of the Regional emergency services hub which will house Police / Fire / Ambulance.
- During the debrief of the earthquakes it was expressed that some relationships were broken and now need to be repaired.
- The Ship Fire in Lyttelton showed some excellent work between paid and volunteer brigades. This was a very complex 5th alarm.
- Lyttelton Station – will be a rebuild with Fire , Police / Ambulance.
- Thank you for the work you do and your time.

Conference Break 1415hrs

Resumed 1425hrs

New Zealand Fire Service Commission Dave McFarlane

- Wyatt Creach sends his best wishes
- Dave recently met the new Minister Chris Tremain
- The Commission has some big issue
- Government funding is tight, and the government is keen to stop borrowing
- $3 million savings against budget
- But deficits for the coming years
- CEO Baxter is realigning the NZFS
- Support for volunteers via the sustainability project 2010 survey
- Looking at leadership of CFO / DCFO

NZFS Volunteer Service Support

Chris Walbran

- Chris spoke on the number of stations and volunteers on NZ - 384 stations , 8000 volunteers
- Volunteers come under the Fire Service Act and need to be effective, professional and disciplined.
- High standards of PPE, Training . SOP's Skill maintenance and response
- Accountability – Section 34 Act – Covers Grants , brigade rules – Model rules
- Expectations are that the Fire Service is disciplined and highly provisional.
- Thank you

Break 1505 hrs

NZFBI – John Stevenson

- John gave an overview of the role of the New Zealand Fire Brigade Institute.
- The Examinations that are available and the payment of money for passing each exam.
- Qualifications in a Fire related subject are the only way you will be able to obtain a job now.

CPFBA Patron Alan Cockburn

Thank you and welcome.

- Alan spoke of the Brooklands Brigade having the whole community written off by being red zoned. Brooklands will be moving to Spencerville.
- Funding model needs to be changes
- Congratulations to the NZFS for the Just and Due recognition with the earthquake work.
- The welfare and benevolent fund is still working. 40 fire fighters have houses very badly damaged or red stickered.
- Ferrymead Fire Museum – come along to the Thursday working team.

General Business

JVP Steve Trigg, IPP Alan Kittelty & BR Peter Helps

- CPFBA looking at the business plan offered by the UFBA
- 1 day planning providing action with a time line.
- We have a published web site and facebook page
- Sub associations involved in our meetings.
- All brigades are split up – 8 brigades per executive
- NZFS attend the meetings 9 VSO's managers)
- Events – 1 person given an event to set up and run
- Family friendly events
- Reviewing of the plan – ongoing
- Reviewing structure of Executive – 2 year terms, maximum 6 years. Have had an offer of help from Jane Huria, presenter at UFBA Leadership & Governance Course.

Kim Stewart

Proposed a motion that annual CPFBA member brigade subscription fees be auto deducted from brigades annual NZFS grant, by the NZFS the same as the UFBA subscriptions are.

Moved: Kim Stewart - Akaroa Second :Grant Williams – Springfield

All were in favour – motion carried.

Kirwee

Request from the Kirwee brigade to repair / restore the Waterways Team shield. No cost to the CPFBA.

Thank you and gratefully accepted by Russell Hayes PCPFBA

Election of Officers

a) President (1 required)
Nominated - SFF Robin Ashby Rolleston

(Duly Elected)

b) Vice Presidents

Senior Vice President

Nominated - DCFO Steve Trigg Rolleston

(Duly Elected)

Junior Vice President

Nominated – OPS Peter Helps Rangiora

(Duly Elected)

c) Brigade Representatives

Nominated Alan Hemsley

Nominated Warren Maslin

(Duly Elected)

d) Trustees

The two standing Trustees at this stage are:

PP Jim McArthur of Sumner and Stratford Hubbard of Christchurch

Brigade Representatives, Alan moved that PP Jim McArthur and PP Stratford Hubbard as Trustees
Seconded –Darfield
All in favour say aye
Against no
Carried

e) Auditor (1 required)

Brent Hassall of Rangiora is the Auditor now.
Junior Vice President, Steve Trigg moved that Brett Hassall remain as Auditor for the ensuring year.
Seconded McGillan Timaru
All in favour say aye
Against no
Carried

f) Patron (1 required)

Alan Cockburn of New Brighton is the Patron now.
Brigade Representative, Peter Helps moved that Alan Cockburn remain the Parton for the ensuring year.
Seconded Steve Trigg Rolleston
All in favour say aye
Against no
Carried

Invitation to Hold Annual Conference 2014 and 2015

2013 – Springfield
2014 – Darfield
2015 – Hamner Springs
2016 –

Invitation to Hold Annual Waterways Competition 2013 ,2014 and 2015

2013 – Ashburton
2014 –
2015 -

Invitation to Hold Golf Tournament 2014 and 2015

2013 – Hororata
2014 – Oxford
2015 – Rangiora

Invitation to Hold Firefighter Challenge 2013, 2014 and 2015

2013 – Lincoln
2014 – Ashburton
2015 – Brighton

Question and Answer Session

- UFBA
- New Zealand Fire Service

Fixing of Subscriptions

Currently $160.00 per year
Was increased 2009 from $140.00
Senior Vice President, Robin Ashby recommend it remain at $160.00 for the next 12 months
Seconded - Maslin Ashburton
All in favour say aye - aye
Against no
Carried

1630hrs

Installation of Office Bearers

- Install new President Russell Hayes to Robin Ashby
- Senior Vice President Steve Trigg moved that Life Honorary Medal for Past President Alan Kittelty

Carried by acclimation
Life Member Medal and badge presented by PP Russell Hayes

- Old Immediate Past President to present Badge an Shield to show new Immediate Past President (Alan to Russell)

Presentation of Plaque to Alan and Flowers to Michelle Kittelty

- New Immediate Past President Russell Hayes escorted old Immediate Past President Alan Kittelty from stage

New President Robin Ashby escorted new brigade representative to table than install new Executive

- I P President - Russell Hayes, Brooklands
- Senior Vice President - Steve Trigg, Rolleston
- Junior Vice President - Peter Helps, Rangiora
- Brigade Representative - Alan Hemsley, Akaroa
- Brigade Representative - Warren Maslin, Ashburton
- Challenge Panel - Ces Pacey, Amberley
- Challenge Panel - Kim Stewart, Akaroa
- Challenge Panel - Joost Hepers, Darfield

Any Further Business

P President Dave McMillan moved that minute secretary be paid the usual honorarium ($100)]

Seconded - all

All in favour say aye - aye

Against no

Carried

Robin Ashby, newly elected President Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association

New IP Robin Ashby gave a brief speech.

- Thank you to the Host Brigade
- Thank you to the Minute Secretary
- Thank you for the Helpers of Host Brigade
- Thank you to the visitors and speakers today
- All our Speakers, Official Party thank you

I declare that this 96th Annual Conference of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigade Association Closed.

1648 Hours