Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association
Annual Conference
Saturday 10 September 2016
Ashburton Events Centre, Ashburton

Conference Opened at 0900hrs
Alan Hemsley welcomed everyone.

Angus McKay, Mayor of Ashburton District officially opened Conference, speaking about the District and inviting everyone to make the most of what Ashburton has to offer. He spoke about how the district has a trust fund that supports firefighters in need.

Chief Fire Officer Alan Burgess of Ashburton Volunteer Fire Brigade, welcomed everyone to his town. He spoke of the changes to come for everyone in the fire service and encouraged everyone to work together throughout the transition period.

Introduction of Current Office Bearers
CPFBA President Alan Hemsley introduced the Current Office Bearers, Immediate Past President, Peter Helps of Rangiora, Vice President, Warren Maslin of Ashburton, Executive Members Mike Allen of Rolleston and Kath Love of Southbridge, Secretary Antoinette Hoorens, Challenge Panel Convenor, Ces Pacey of Amberley, Challenge Panel Members; Joost Kepers of Darfield, Quentin Inkersell of Rolleston, and Ian White of Lincoln, and Events Coordinator Barbara Clarkson of Rangiora.

Roll Call
Secretary Antoinette Hoorens read out the roll.
Brigades Present:
Airport Fire, Akaroa, Amberley, Ashburton, Brooklands, Burnham Military, Christchurch Firefighters Social Club, Darfield, Fairlie, Geraldine, Kaiapoi, Kirwee, Leeston, Lincoln, Little River, Lyttelton, New Brighton, Pleasant Point, Rakaia, Rangiora, Rolleston, Sheffield, Southbridge, Southern Comms, Springfield, Sumner,Temuka, Timaru, Woodend
Executive Present:
Peter Helps, Alan Hemsley, Warren Maslin, Mike Allen, Kath Love
Challenge Panel members present
Ces Pacey, Joost Kepers, Quentin Inkersell, Ian White, Barbara Clarkson

Past Presidents present:
A Cockburn, R Gardner, B Schimanski, N Lilley, R Ashby, R Brokenshire, A Burgess, T Smith, J Duke, J McArthur, P Dench, R Gardner, R Ashby, J Grenfell

Life Members present:
S McLennan,

Apologies
Antoinette Hoorens read out apologies received prior to Conference, and asked for any further apologies.
Apologies from: Tyrone Burrowes, CPFBA Executive; Steve Greenyer, Area 22; Paul Henderson, Area Commander, Taff Hubbard, Past President; Dave Stackhouse, Area Commander, Don Hassall, Past President/Life Member; George Verry, CEO UFBA; Kim Stewart, Past President,LHM; Les McGillen, LHM; Murray Tilson, Hawarden; Mickey Price, Past President; Alan Kittelty, Past President; Tony Morland, Past President; Ian Chatterton, Dunsandel; Wayne McConechy, VSO; Todd Pike, MCPFBSA; David Berry, Area Commander; Jan Hayes, LHM; CFO Jeremy Greenwood, Lincoln; Bob Palmer, LHM
Moved/Seconded Ces Pacey Amberley /S Robinson Woodend

Reading of Obituaries and Minutes Silence
President Alan Hemsley welcomed delegates to the 99th Annual Conference and asked all to stand as a mark of respect to those who have answered their final call. Annette Hoorens read out the list of obituaries following which 30 seconds silence was observed.
SFF Dwin Bishop, Fairlie; LHM Bill Dobson, Fairlie; Ex CFO Bruce Adams, Kaiapoi; FF Uto Enosi, Akaroa; SFF Ben Hawkins, Diamond Harbour; SO Joe McLellan, Springfield; Lincoln

Election of Scrutineers
Past Presidents Jim McArthur, Chris Price, and Mike McGillen were elected as scrutineers.
Moved/Seconded A Hemsley /K Love carried
Voting numbers: Executive 5, Delegates 28, Total 33
2/3 = 22
½ = 17 majority

Minutes of previous conference
President Alan Hemsley asked for someone to move that the Minutes of the 99th Annual Conference in 2015 as circulated be taken as read. PP Peter Dench asked that they be read as not everyone had seen them. It was decided that as they were on the tables the delegates should read them and we would address any concerns raised after lunch.
After lunch the minutes were approved
Moved/Seconded McGillen Timaru, Robinson Woodend

Business arising from the minutes

Correspondence
Nil

CPFBA Annual Reports:

Financial Report
Vice President W Maslin read through the financial report. Questions were raised about the cost of the centennial conference in Hanmer. It was explained that there were extra events and items due to it being the centennial year with greater numbers attending.
Moved/seconded W Maslin/ R Foster Kaiapoi carried

Presidents Report
President Alan Hemsley presented the President's Report
Moved/seconded A Hemsley /S Trigg Chch the report be adopted. Carried

Challenges and Events Report
Barbara Clarkson read the Challenges report.
Moved/ Seconded C Pacey Amberley/ J Kepers Darfield. Carried

Sub Association Reports
Mid Canterbury Sub Association – Richard Reid – Vice President
Richard passed on T Pike, President's sincere apologies for not being able to attend. He reported on the year's competitions, including hosting the UFBA National Drivers Challenge and plans for the coming year. He outlined the focus on increasing participation from all member brigades at both competitions and in supporting the sub association by attending meetings. They are looking to getting more participation in events.

North Canterbury Sub Association – in recess

WCPFBA President - Rick Fennell
Thanked the Provincial for the invitation to attend.
He expressed the enjoyment of the partnership between the provincials and how we worked together at events, assisting with equipment and personnel. He also spoke of the increasing numbers of competitors for their events.

OSPFBA President - Gordon McLennan
Thanked the provincial for the invitation to attend.
He spoke about the challenges held over the last year. And thanked the provincial for their assistance with equipment and personnel.
He informed conference of the updating of their constitution. He also spoke of the support of the UFBA at events and in keeping everyone well informed of the upcoming changes so that people are able to make considered decisions as we move forward.

Southern Comms - Simon Lyford
Simon spoke of the transition towards moving to the new Emergency Precinct in Christchurch.
He spoke of the frustration over not being able to give more urgent information out to brigades attending medical calls. He assured conference that the systems were being upgraded to become more efficient.
A recent change has been the reintroduction of comm center visits by recruits, he also issued an invitation for anyone to visit the center, being aware of restrictions and the need for NZFS identification to gain access.
He reminded conference that the Comms center is there to help so feel free to ask for assistance if more information is needed including directions. He also spoke of the value of brigades using the comms for training exercises, so that new members can practice radio skills. He also encouraged people to call the center after an event to debrief if needed.

Canterbury Welfare Officer – Jim Ryburn
Jim gave a brief history of how he came to this position and why it was established following the Canterbury Earthquakes.
He acknowledged that welfare does happen within brigades, and there is the CISM group who are available to help. Research proves that fire fighters are under more stress and pressure than is acknowledged.
He explained how the systems in place are changing to better meet the needs of individuals, including 14 people who have been selected and trained to help.
He said that hardening up is seeking help, doing nothing is the easy way out.
He asked for help to deliver the new information to brigades. He also highlighted the need for the paper copies of contact details to be returned so that if we have an event that means that we lose power and cellphone coverage he can contact people.
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Patron Alan Cockburn addressed the meeting. He spoke about the changes ahead with the new FENZ. He alluded to the nature of volunteerism and the need to be aware that volunteers will form the majority of the new fire service. He urged everyone to support the UFBA in their endeavours to ensure that the new legislation reflects the huge numbers of volunteers around the country. We have only one shot at getting it right.

Executive Member Kath Love addressed the conference, outlining her experiences over the past year as an executive member, and her goals as she moves forward within the organisation.

Guest Speakers

UFBA

President – Russell Anderson

Russell congratulated Canterbury on their centenary. He spoke of his year as President and the comradery and sportsmanship evident at all events attended. He acknowledged that Canterbury should be proud of their participation in all events.

He spoke of the work that the board has put into submissions for the new Fire Service legislation.

He mentioned nominations for the UFBA, with eight people standing for two positions on the board.

He alluded to the huge workload going forward as the new FENZ comes into being.

Tom Reid – Technical Panel

He praised the CPFBA for their high level of support for all events and for holding all events and promoting them to members, resulting in a high level of participation at UFBA events. He highlighted the work of the CPFBA challenge panel both locally and nationally.

He spoke of Canterbury holding all National titles except 3.

He spoke of those provincials needing a venue for holding a drivers should consider just running events 1 -5.

He thanked Nigel Lilley for his support in enabling him to perform his duties.

He spoke of the importance of the welfare support covered earlier.

NZ Fire Brigades Institute

Brendon Wood presented a power point outlining the role of the NZFBI and it's members. He updated conference on recent changes and challenged delegates to become more involved.

Past President Peter Moore – CFO Airport fire addressed the conference, outlining his strengths and experience, and asking for support of his nomination to the UFBA

Vice President Warren Maslin

Warren shared the Combat training Video and spoke of the need to ensure that we continue to promote our events and provide opportunities for people to both learn new techniques and participate in competitions.

New Zealand Fire Service

Steve Turek – Region 4 Commander

Steve presented a power point outlining the transition to FENZ, what it will involve, the process, and the time frame. He comprehensively explained the findings of the Fire Services review and the five themes that emerged: 1.Volunteers need better support, 2. Retain community involvement, 3. Service delivery, 4. Funding, and 5 Transition. He then explained the decisions reached so far, and showed a model of the new organization and a funding model. He outlined where the funds would be spent.

Steve Trigg Christchurch Metro spoke to the meeting about the station rebuilds happening in this area. There is considerable amounts of ongoing work, with stations in various stages of progress.
He also spoke of the ways that VSO's are looking at reducing the workloads faced by brigades.
He invited brigades to investigate becoming first responders.
He reinforced the commitment to assisting the Canterbury Provincial in their endeavours.

Resumes
Mike Allen spoke of his two years as an executive member. He has enjoyed his involvement with competitions. He is looking forward to continue serving the provincial, especially with his involvement in the UFBA conference and the 2017 training camp.

Keynote Speaker – Gary McCormick
Gary entertained the conference and the partners with humor and recollections of his experiences with fire brigades, and spoke of the value of volunteers and volunteerism.

Bruce Moffatt – Rolleston presented his resume to become an executive member of the Provincial. He outlined the experience and skills that he could bring to the Executive.
There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

Election of Officers

President (1 required)
Vice President SO Warren Maslin of Ashburton has been nominated as President – Duly Elected

Vice President
DCFO Tyrone Burrowes of Rakaia has been nominated as Vice President – Duly elected

Executive Members (3 required)
Mike Allen – duly elected
Kath Love – duly elected
Bruce Moffat – duly elected

Challenge Panel Members (4 required)
Ces Pacey Amberley, Joost Kepers Darfield, Quentin Inkersell Rolleston Ian White Lincoln were all nominated as challenge panel members – Duly Elected

Trustees (2 required)
PP Jim McArthur & PP S Hubbard remain as trustees.
Moved/seconded M Allen Rolleston / D Sweeney Sheffield Carried

Accounts Reviewer (1 required)
Executive to seek a reviewer within the next month

Patron (1 required)
Alan Cockburn remain as Patron.
Moved P Helps… approved by acclamation Carried

Life Honorary Member Nomination
P Helps spoke to the conference to express the Executive's desire that Nigel Hope be made a Life Honorary Member of the Provincial. He explained the ways in which Nigel has been of tremendous support to the Provincial.
Moved/Seconded P Helps/ W Maslin
A secret ballot was held. Result: 28 yes, 2 no, 3 invalid
S McLelland Lincoln/ Pike Little River Ballot papers be destroeyed

P Helps referred to the rule of not having two members of the same brigade on the executive. W Maslin also spoke to this. There was no opposition from the floor. This will be addressed at the next AGM

Invitation to hold Annual Conference 2017/2018
2017 – South Canterbury Location 2018 -

Invitation to hold Annual Waterways Competitions 2017/2018
2017 – Kaikoura? Rangiora if Kaikoura not available 2018 -

Invitation to hold Annual Golf Tournament 2017/2018
2017 – Rolleston, 2018 - Fairlie

Invitation to hold Annual Firefighter Challenge 2017/2018
2017 – Kirwee

Invitation to hold Road Crash Rescue 2017/2018
2017 -

General Business

- Tom

Setting of Annual Reimbursements:

Secretary: $800 Moved/seconded W Maslin/ R Foster, Kaiapoi- Carried
Events Coordinator: $400 Moved/seconded M Allen/ J Kepers, Darfield - Carried
Minutes Secretary: $150 Moved/seconded W Maslin/ Hemsley, Akaroa - Carried

Setting of Sub Association Grants:
$500 to mid canterbury
Moved/seconded P Helps/ DWilliams, Springfield – No discussion - Carried

Fixing of Subscriptions:
Subscriptions are currently $180. May be changed next year to $200 Moved/seconded A Hemsley/Sweeney Sheffield, No discussion was entered into. Carried

Installation of Office Bearers
Immediate Past President Alan Hemsley installed Warren Maslin as the new President of the CPFBA.

M Allen moved LHM for Peter Helps, passed by acclamation. A Life Honorary Medal and badge were presented by W Maslin. PP Peter Helps thanked the provincial for their time and support.

PP Peter Helps presented the Immediate Past President Badge and Shield to IPP A Hemsley.

PP Peter Helps was escorted from the stage.

New President Warren Maslin installed the new Executive;

IPP President	Alan Hemsley – Akaroa
Vice President	Tyrone Burrows – Rakaia
Executive Member	Mike Allen – Rolleston
Executive Member	Kath Love – Southbridge
Executive Member	Bruce Moffat - Rolleston
Challenge Panel	Ces Pacey – Amberley
	Joost Kepers – Darfield
	Quentin Inkersell – Rolleston
	Ian White - Lincoln

Any Further Business

Flowers were presented to IPP A Hemsley's wife.

President Warren Maslin thanked CFO Alan Burgess and the Ashburton Brigade for hosting the Conference, Minute Secretary Barbara Clarkson of Rangiora, IP President Alan Hemsley and the Executive, Past Presidents, and Patron for their support and knowledge shared. Thanks were extended to T Maslin and K Love for organizing the Partners function.He spoke of upcoming events and challenges to us all.

Patron A Cockburn thanked the conference for the honour of remaining CPFBA Patron, congratulated the new members of the executive, and thanked the CPFBA team for their efforts in providing a great conference.

President Warren Maslin declared the 100th Annual Conference of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association closed at 1600hrs.

Signed as Approved Record:

By:

Date: