Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association
Annual Conference
Saturday 15 September 2018
Methven Resort Hotel

Conference Opened at 0900hrs
Tyrone Burrowes welcomed the official party to the stage.

Donna Flavel, Mayor of Methven officially opened Conference, speaking about the value of volunteers using their local knowledge to support their communities.

The Station Officer of Methven Volunteer Fire Brigade welcomed everyone to his town.

Introduction of Current Office Bearers
CPFBA President Tyrone Burrowes introduced the Current Office Bearers:
Immediate Past President, Warren Maslin of Ashburton, Vice President, Mike Allen of Rolleston, Executive Members, Kath Love of Southbridge, Bruce Moffat of Rolleston and Cath Sharp of Darfield. Secretary Debs Moffat.
Challenge Panel Convenor, Joost Kepers of Darfield, Challenge Panel Members; Ces Pacey of Amberley, Quentin Inkersell of Rolleston, Ian White of Lincoln, and Events Coordinator Barbara Clarkson of Rangiora.

Reading of Obituaries and Minutes Silence
President Tyrone Burrowes welcomed delegates to the 102nd Annual Conference and asked all to stand as a mark of respect to those who have answered their final call. Barbara Clarkson read out the list of obituaries following which 30 seconds silence was observed.

Frank Hardy – Retired Chief Fire Officer, Christchurch & Commissioner NZFS

Ray Tremain – Retired Firefighter, Christchurch

Alan Goodmanson – Retired Chief Fire Officer, Lyttelton

Rob Beattie – Retired Darfield LHM Gold Star Founding Member

Joseph Murphy Retired CFO of Twizel

John Maxwell Breimeyer (Jack) Retired Firefighter Christchurch – Last surviving firefighter of the Ballantyne Fire 1947

Mark Whittaker NZBM Officer Training Christchurch

James Michael (Jim) Phillips Retired Station Officer Christchurch

Robert Coull Retired SFF Christchurch

Peter Hill Retired Firefighter Rolleston

Rob Beattie – Darfield – LHM, GS, Founding Member

John Maw, LHM Southbridge

Roll Call

Secretary Debs Moffat read out the roll.

Brigades Present:

Airport Fire, Akaroa, Amberley, Ashburton, Brooklands, Culverden, Darfield, Fairlie, Geraldine, Hanmer Springs, Hawarden, Kaiapoi, Kirwee, Leeston, Lincoln, Little River, Lyttelton, Methven, New Brighton, Oxford, Pleasant Point, Rakaia, Rangiora, Rolleston, Sheffield, Southbridge, Springfield, Temuka, Woodend.

Executive Present:

Warren Maslin, Tyrone Burrowes, Mike Allen, Kath Love, Bruce Moffat, Cath Sharp.

Challenge Panel members present

Joost Kepers, Ces Pacey, Quentin Inkersell, Barbara Clarkson.

Past Presidents present:

T Smith, A Burgess, A Cockburn, R Gardner, P Dench, B Schimanski, Jim McArthur, D McGillen, C Price, S Hubbard, N Lilley, R Ashby, S Trigg, P Helps, A Hemsley.

Life Members present:

S McLennan, N Hope

Apologies

Debs Moffat read out apologies received prior to Conference and asked for any further apologies.

Apologies from: Burnham, Lake Tekapo, Dunsandel, Diamond Harbour, B Hassall-LHM, Les McGillen – LHM, PP Mike McGillen, PP Dave McGillen, PP Eric Archibald, LHM Jan Hayes, PP Ray Brokenshire, LHM K Stewart

Moved/Seconded Hartman, Akaroa /Robinson, Woodend

Election of Scrutineers

Past Presidents Jim McArthur, Peter Helps, and Taff Hubbard were elected as scrutineers.

Moved/Seconded K Love/ C Sharp carried

Voting numbers: Executive 6, Delegates 32, Total 38

2/3 = 25

½ = 20 majority

Minutes of previous conference

President Tyrone Burrowes asked for someone to move that the Minutes of the 101st Annual Conference in 2017 as circulated be taken as read.

Moved/Seconded B Schimanski – Pleasant Point, J Hartman., Akaroa

Business arising from the minutes

Letters from Rangiora and Sheffield are being acted upon.

Correspondence

Nil

Patrons Address

Patron Alan Cockburn addressed the meeting. He spoke of how the executive is challenged by lack of numbers for waterways, asked everyone to focus on the fact that we run 6 events, rather than focusing on events not held. Well done on having a strategy meeting during the year to focus on moving forward.

Personal observations about UFBA changes were shared, pleased to see retention of the term Fire Brigade going forward. Have always supported UFBA but am disturbed at changes being suggested. FRANZ merger looks like too much of a loss of integrity and heritage. Why are we going down this track? Seems like the tail wagging the dog as we are so pc we are giving our heritage away rather than welcoming others into our existing organization. Urges everyone to read info carefully and vote carefully at UFBA conference.

He also spoke of hosting urban conference in 1984.

He thanked the provincial for the honour of being their Patron.

Sub Association Reports

Mid Canterbury Sub Association – Mark McBride –President

Mark introduced his team and spoke of the recent successful hosting of Canterbury Drivers Challenge and National Drivers challenge. Lyttleton hosted Combat at Woolston. Waterways was not held due to lack of numbers.

Looking forward to another successful year building relationships with CPFBA.

North Canterbury Sub Association – in recess

WCPFBA Senior Vice President – Darren Ilton

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.

.21 brigades 400 members waterways, drivers combat, bi annual training camp.

CPFBA Annual Reports:

Challenges and Events Report

Barbara Clarkson read the report to the meeting.

Joost Kepers acknowledged the work of his team and the officials. He urged delegates to get their brigades to enter more competitions. That the report be accepted as read.

Moved/ Seconded C Pacey Amberley/ C Sharp Darfield. Carried

Financial Report

President T Burrowes explained the financial report.

Moved T Burrowes Rakaia K Love Southbridge

Presidents Report

President Tyrone Burrowes spoke to his circulated report. He urged delegates to ask questions of speakers. He acknowledged the work of the Provincial team, including the trustees.

Moved/seconded T Burrowes /PP Helps the report be adopted. Carried

Resumes:

Executive Member Bruce Moffat addressed the conference and informed them of his involvement over the past couple of years, including attending competitions and other events. He looks forward to organizing the training camp next year. He acknowledged the executive and the tech panel and the teamwork involved.

Executive Member Cath Sharp addressed the conference and spoke of her interesting year and a strong learning curve along with some frustration. She urged delegates to go back to their brigades and encourage more people to get involved in events.

Nominee Amelia Wood, Rangiora, addressed the meeting and expressed her desire to become part of the team which she admires for all of their hard work and efforts on behalf of Canterbury Fire Fighters.
All were appointed.

Technical Panel Members

Ces Pacey, Amberley shared his experience and his desire to continue on the panel.
Ian White, Lincoln, was unable to attend the meeting but IPP Warren Maslin read his resume and endorsed his application.
Dave Francis, Amberley addressed the meeting sharing his experience over the past 8 years as an official both locally and nationally. He has worked closely with existing panel members and looks forward to enhancing the team.
Daryl Sweeney, Sheffield addressed the meeting also outlining his experiences working alongside existing panel members and expressed his desire to become part of the team.
A discussion was held as to why there were now going to be 5 members on the panel. It was questioned if it was constitutional. The constitution was consulted, and the meeting was reminded that the Events Coordinator is a separate role from the Tech Panel. Ces Pacey told the meeting that the workload was so high that it made sense to share the load. Brooklands agreed to go ahead and have a remit next year if needed. Darfield asked that the minutes accurately reflect the discussion held. The meeting chose to go ahead with the vote. A vote was held and Ces Pacey, Ian White were duly elected. A second vote was needed to get a 2/3 majority between Dave Francis and Daryl Sweeney. The result of the second vote was Dave Francis duly elected.

UFBA President Joe Manihera

Joe addressed the meeting re the merger being proposed between UFBA and FFRANZ.
He outlined the reasons behind the resolution being put forward. The recent roadshow has highlighted some issues which need to be addressed and the board has decided to slow down the process. He reminded the meeting that Bill Butzbach was speaking on behalf of the board and that he should not be attacked for speaking for them. He urged delegates to National Conference to attend with a good intent.
Questions from the floor included: Akaroa: what is the timeline now? This was unable to be defined at this time but any remits would be at the 2019 conference. Brooklands:

Clarification was sought about whether the roadshow ideas were gone or just on hold. This would be addressed in CEO presentation. WCPFBA: Next board meeting? just prior to AGM
Joe was thanked from the floor for being open and welcoming questions.

Remits:

To: Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association
Re: Application for amendment to Constitution and Rules

ln accordance with s14(a) please find below an application to amend s18 of the Constitution and Rules of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association (CPFBA).
Currently s18 (e) requires the following to be met, for a Challenge Medal, Bars and Overall Winners Trophy to be awarded in the Fire Fighter Challenge run by the CPFBA
"... a minimum of 10 competitors entered, made up from at least 3 separate brigades ..."
We are hereby submitting a request to amend this, as follows:
" s18 (e) i) Fire Fighter Challenge (men's section) requires a minimum of 10 competitors entered, made up from at least 3 separate brigades, in order for a Challenge Medal, Bars and Overall Winners Trophy to be presented.
ii) Fire Fighter Challenge (women's section) requires a competitor to both have the fastest time in the female section, and come, within 53% of the winning or the fastest male time, in order for a Challenge Medal, Bars to be awarded.

This amendment is to:
1. Reflect and take account of the actual ratio of Men to Women currently serving as Operational Firefighting Volunteers in Canterbury Province's Brigades.
2. Assist in encouraging the participation of Women in this Challenge.
Moved : Amelia Wood
Seconded: Peter Helps
Carried by the Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade at their General Meeting 9th April 2018

Amelia Wood explained the reasoning behind the remit to the meeting.
Tom Reid spoke in support of the remit but questioned the % as being too low.
PP Warren Maslin also spoke in support and explained that the difference between the National and Canterbury track should be taken into account.
Joost Kepers spoke in support and questioned the women being measured against the men's scores. He suggested that we make it a minimum of 3 female competitors.
Cath Sharp agreed it should not be a % or a comparison against the men. 3 females should be enough.
WCPFBA explained that this is how they run their event.
It was clarified that this was 3 from 3 different brigades.
It was decided to look at the suggestions and resubmit the remit after lunch.

Tom Reid – Canterbury Gold Star Association

Tom outlined the role of the association and how they plan on moving forwards to gain more attendance at the 4 events they hold, AGM, Golf, Bowls, and Annual Dinner. They have written to all brigades to ask them to inform gold star members of events, provide transport, and perhaps pay for the membership.

He also spoke about the demise of Waterways and offered suggestions going forward to those in a position to make changes.

He spoke about his life of competing and how he prepared himself, and the importance of training, no matter your event, alongside visualization and focus.

Values: honesty, trust, reliability, passion, perseverance, confidence, competition, wisdom, generosity and pride.

UFBA CEO Bill Butzbach

Bill addressed the meeting, speaking about his experiences during the recent roadshow and the need for inclusion and diversity, we should not marginalize others.

He reminded the meeting of the role of the UFBA and how it is benefiting from higher engagement than many other organisations.

He shared highlights of the past year which reflected 58% of brigades participating in events.

A slide show was presented with key ideas to have come out of the recent Road Show and how they will affect the eventual outcomes. He shared the things that the board is considering moving forward and how this may affect provincials and brigades.

Comments from the floor included: we must not lose the people factor for the profit factor- Ashburton; response was – this is why we need to take the time to get it right.; We are a strong organization, rural fire forces becoming rural fire brigades is positive – Springfield: response – many are already members of UFBA.

He thanked the meeting for their invitation to speak and address their concerns in person.

Guest Speakers

USAR

SSO Scott Shadbolt and SSO Nick Reid shared a short video presentation to explain the role of USAR and how they can work alongside us, before giving a more detailed outline of how they are deployed both nationally and internationally.

Terry Murdoch – CEO Christchurch Helicopters

Terry outlined his background in the industry and the changes his company had been through. By restructuring the way they operate the company runs much more smoothly with everyone knowing their roles. He spoke about getting rid of the noise around health and safety and focus on what is important, and how to adapt to ensure safe practices.

He outlined a proposal for a valid Fire Fighters Pilot Course which will take 20 hours as opposed to the current 5 hours of training requirement. He showed videos of the new ‘belly tank’ system which is safer and more effective in fighting fires. He has 2 belly tanks which will be available to assist in the coming fire season.

Election of Officers

President (1 required)
Vice President SFF Mike Allen of Rolleston has been nominated as President – Duly Elected

Vice President
OS Kath Love has been nominated as Vice President – Duly elected

Executive Members (3 required)
SFF Bruce Moffat – nominated - duly elected
SO Cath Sharp– nominated - duly elected
FF Amelia Wood – nominated - duly elected

Challenge Panel Members (4 required)
DCFO Ces Pacey Amberley - nominated
SO Ian White Lincoln - nominated
QFF Joost Kepers Darfield – Confirmed Chairperson
SFF Quentin Inkersell Rolleston – Confirmed
QFF Dave Francis Amberley - nominated
– Duly Elected

Events Coordinator
OS Barbara Clarkson Rangiora - reappointed

Trustees (2 required)
PP Jim McArthur & PP S Hubbard remain as trustees.
Moved/seconded B Moffat / K Love Carried

Accounts Reviewer (1 required)
A representative of Herbert Morton Ltd.
Moved/seconded K Love / M Allen Carried

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

New Remit:
S18 (e) i) Fire Fighter Challenge (men's section) requires a minimum of 10 competitors entered, made up from at least 3 separate brigades, in order for a Challenge Medal and Bars to be presented.

ii) Fire Fighter Challenge (women's section) requires a minimum of 3 competitors entered, from at least 3 separate brigades, in order for a Challenge Medal and Bars to be presented.

iii) Fire Fighter Challenge requires a minimum of 10 competitors entered, made up from at least 3 separate brigades, in order for the Overall Winners trophy to be presented.

Moved/ Seconded A Wood/ P Helps
Carried

Invitation to hold Annual Conference
2019 – Hanmer 2020 – Lincoln 2021 – Lake Tekapo

Invitation to hold Annual Waterways Competitions
2019 – Akaroa 2020 – Sheffield 2021 - Darfield

Invitation to hold Annual Golf Tournament
2019 – Fairlie 2020 – Oxford 2021 -

Invitation to hold Annual Firefighter Challenge
2018 – Burnham 2019 –Little River 2020 – Hanmer 2021 - Akaroa

Invitation to hold Road Crash Rescue
2019 – In discussion with UFBA for combined event Canterbury /South Island

Invitation to hold Operation Canterbury –
2019 May – Burnham Military Camp

UFBA Technical Panel – Alan Kennedy
Alan spoke to the meeting about changing the waterways runs, including head to head competitions to boost participation. Brigades are asked to forward any suggestions.
All other events are running well with good numbers.

FENZ S Greening & M Johns – Area Managers
S Greening spoke about how the Mid –South area is interesting and the integration of 14 urban and 40 rural brigades is going well to bring about the changes needed. He also spoke about the uniqueness of the Mt Cook Brigade. Ashburton has the first combined station, and this has now occurred in Twizel. He asked the meeting if they would consider to losing the title 'brigades' and changing to ' --------- Fire and Emergency'.
M Johns spoke about the changes in the area office, and hopes for a seamless transition. We have challenges like everyone and have surveyed brigades to see how to move forward in leadership and changing brigade climates.
He urged everyone to have their say about all the changes. Thanked Chris Price for keeping the trucks on the road.

General Business:

- Rifle shooting results: these were circulated and the Winners Trophy will be presented to Cust
- Ballot papers to be destroyed.

Moved/seconded Jim McArthur / B Moffat

Setting of Sub Association Grants:

$500 to Mid Canterbury – need to be aware going forward that this my change
Moved/seconded R Ashby PP/ K Love Carried

Fixing of Subscriptions:

Subscriptions to remain at $180.
Moved/seconded T Burrowes / Robinson, Woodend - No discussion was entered into. Carried

Setting of Annual Reimbursements:

Secretary: $400
Treasurer: $400
Events Coordinator: $400
Minutes Secretary: $150
Moved/seconded M Allen/ Hemsley, Akaroa - Carried

Installation of Office Bearers

Immediate Past President Tyrone installed M Allen as the new President of the CPFBA.

PP W Maslin presented the Immediate Past President Badge and Shield to
IPP T Burrowes

K Love moved LHM for W Maslin, passed by acclamation. A Life Honorary Medal and badge were presented by T Burrowes. PP W Maslin thanked the provincial for their time and support, including Patron A Cockburn and the trustees. As a UFBA board member he thanked the provincial for their support at events and meetings. He urged those attending the UFBA AGM to do their homework, and vote carefully to ensure that the Board can maintain high standards and make changes wisely.
PP W Maslin was escorted from the table.

New President Mike Allen installed the new Executive;

IPP President	Tyrone Burrowes - Rakaia
Vice President	Kath Love – Southbridge
Executive Member	Bruce Moffat - Rolleston
Executive Member	Cath Sharp - Darfield
Executive Member	Amelia Wood - Rangiora
Challenge Panel	Joost Kepers – Darfield
	Ces Pacey – Amberley

Quentin Inkersell – Rolleston
Ian White – Lincoln
Dave Francis - Amberley

Any Further Business

Tyrone presented Tracy Maslin with flowers.
President Mike thanked the Methven Brigade for hosting the Conference, Minute Secretary Barbara Clarkson of Rangiora, IP President Tyrone and the Executive, Past Presidents, and Patron for their support and knowledge shared. 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 Mike Allen declared the 102nd Annual Conference of the Canterbury Provincial Fire Brigades Association closed at 1608hrs.

Signed as Approved Record:
By: President Mike Allen



Date: 5 September 2019