

CENTRAL OTAGO FIRE BRIGADES' SUB-ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT	Nigel Greaves
VICE PRESIDENT	David O'Sullivan
TREASURER	Phil Greeks
SECRETARY	David O'Sullivan

Minutes of the meeting held at Dunstan

Meeting opened at 1930 on Wednesday 4th October 2023

Present

Alexandra	Russel Anderson Mark Donald
Arrowtown	nil
Blackstone	nil
Clyde	John Haig
Cromwell	nil (apologies)
Dunstan	Nigel Greaves
Frankton	(reps from Queenstown)
Glenorchy	nil
Lake Hawea	Josef Oakes

Luggate	David O'Sullivan
Makarora	nil
Millers Flat	Brian Timpson Phil Bentley
Naseby	nil
Omakau	nil
Queenstown	Dave Christie Aoife Sheehan
Ranfurly	nil
Roxburgh	nil
Tarras	Mark Davidson
Wanaka	Ralph Fegan

Guests

nil

Apologies

John Grenfell
Paul Coleman
Bobby Lamont
Phil Greeks
Fliss Matheson

Apologies sustained:

Anderson/Fegan

CARRIED

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, are confirmed.

Taken as read

Davidson/Greaves

CARRIED

Matters arising

Action points

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| 1. UFBA/FENZ injury payments working with OSPFBA | O'Sullivan | July COMPLETED, |
| 2. Waterways hosts | Tech panel | September |
| 3. New COFBSA email address and cloud | O'Sullivan | October COMPLETED |
| 4. Brigade Survey | Fegan | October |
| 5. Contact OSPFBA about Kingston membership | O'Sullivan | October COMPLETED |
| 6. Milwaukee tools for brigades | O'Sullivan | October |

Correspondence

Inwards

1. As per the completed action

Outwards

1. As per the completed action list above

Correspondence received

O'Sullivan/Fegan

CARRIED

Matters arising

Discussed in general business

Financial

Treasurer Phil Greeks reports no transactions of significance.

Payment to host brigade of \$80 for supper costs Anderson/Donald

CARRIED

Matters arising

Reports

Otago Executive Meeting from Nigel Greaves

No FENZ reps attended, which was disappointing. OSPFBA will send a formal letter regarding this voicing their disappointment. Waterways and scheduling dates were discussed as well.

Brigade Reports

Alexandra

101 for the year, three wind related calls for Monday, four new FF out of the six recruits this year. Numbers getting back up. Iveco got stuck on a gravel driveway when the road wasn't strong enough for the truck. Do councils check the driveway/access is suitable for fire trucks when the property is signed off. February 17 2024 for OSPFBA Waterways.

Arrowtown

nil

Blackstone

nil

Clyde

31 calls this year. Three new recruits. New roof on the station to be completed, and a new heat pump in the engine bay. New electronic turnout gear coming as the older model is unserviceable.

Cromwell

Nil (apologies)

Dunstan

A few FF have left, quietly looking for new recruits via means of shoulder tapping. Weather patterns could make for a challenging summer.

Frankton

nil

Glenorchy

nil

Lake Hawea

Very windy with a weather bomb. Three calls in the last three months, with a PFA at the school, and a pump/flooding call. Two Gold Stars presented. One of the new recruits was a paramedic. Some people have left, some have come back. FENZ is assisting the admin and the brigade is working with David McKoewn.

Luggate

Average number of calls. New Iveco has arrived. No snow chains. Honour's night was great last month. No update from FENZ regarding red stickered station, or work that was to be done on it immediately.

Makarora

nil

Millers Flat

Extremely quiet, no calls since the last meeting. Traffic currently diverted around town. Longest serving member retired at the AGM after 54 years. Some more recruits have passed their course, three more going to SFF. One new FF transferred, one over establishment. Honour's night next month.

Naseby

nil

Omakau

nil

Queenstown

Very busy with the weather bomb, 9-10 calls. Six recruits this year through. Honour's night this weekend. 300 calls so far this year. Mostly PFAs. One member at the World Combat challenge.

Ranfurly

Nil

Roxburgh

nil

Tarras

A few calls lately, first vegetation fire for the season, a nasty MVA motorbike crash. A few tankers calls to Cromwell, all PFAs, takes up valuable time. Good honour's night, some Gold Stars. Still short of daytime members.

Wanaka

Many members away on holiday and enjoying life. Over 100 calls for the year. New PRT still hasn't arrived. Two more recruits to go away to the course. Combined honour's night was great.

General Business

1. Otago Southland Gold Star association is looking for a host for next March/April's (approx) picnic. If anyone knows anything.
2. Asbestos reports. Luggate has several areas of concern, and the positive report wasn't given to the brigade for two and a half years. In the meantime work has been done in the asbestos areas (replacing lighting in soffits). Can each brigade check to see if you have a report saying you have asbestos or have a clean report.
3. new taskforce deployment payment scheme for volunteers was similarly stalled, seemingly perpetually.
<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/498704/flood-rescue-teams-pulled-back-over-pa-y-conditions-dispute?fbclid=IwAR0Z5F-7SIE4bgcUO9t65iATRJT6tresz1k4E17yr1uM8nvuLEu8tW30BA>
4. UFBA online meeting with brigade reps (second round)? Has anyone participated? Many UFBA brigade reps haven't been contacted?
5. Snow chains; every vehicle is meant to have them in Otago, but the fire trucks don't seem to? Each truck should have at least a set.
6. Meeting dates for next year (first Wednesday of the month)
 - February 7th at Cromwell
 - April 3rd at Alexandra
 - July 3rd at Clyde (AGM)
 - October 2nd at Dunstan

Can we get some feedback on this please?

7. First Aid refreshers; general feeling that they aren't relevant, fit for purpose, boring, and the training should be done in Monday nights. It is frankly rude to expect volunteers to give up more weekend time for them.

8. Loss of wages forms are causing some hassle. Please let the sub know of any examples so we can help.
9. UFBA conference in November. Who is going and are we taking proxies from everyone else? Queenstown has got Arrowtown and Frankton's proxies.

Next Meeting

Wednesday February 7th at 1930, at Cromwell (to be confirmed in relation to point 6 in General business)

Meeting Closed at 2100

Action Points generated from the meeting

ACTION	BY	WHEN
Snow chains for all Central Otago trucks	O'Sullivan	February
PFA calls, process when there is too many	O'Sullivan	February
Email OSPFBA to see if first aid refreshers can be done on normal Monday night training. Explain cost of time, and replace three current OSMs	O'Sullivan	October
Each brigade to check to see if they have an asbestos report or a clearance. By everyone.		February
Confirm meeting dates for next year	O'Sullivan	November
Waterways date at Cromwell? Sunday 12th	O'Sullivan/Donald	