

CENTRAL OTAGO FIRE BRIGADES' SUB-ASSOCIATION

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

Minutes of the meeting held at Alexandra

Meeting opened at 1930 on Wednesday April 5th 2023

Present

Alexandra	Russel Anderson
Arrowtown	nil (apologies)
Blackstone	nil
Clyde	John Haig John Grenfell
Cromwell	nil
Dunstan	Nigel Greaves
Frankton	nil (apologies)
Lake Hawea	nil
Luggate	David O'Sullivan

Makarora	nil (apologies)
Millers Flat	Phil Bentley Brian Timpson
Naseby	nil (apologies)
Omakau	Adam Rubie
Queenstown	nil (apologies)
Ranfurly	nil (apologies)
Roxburgh	nil
Tarras	nil
Wanaka	Ralph Fegan Phil Greeks Tony Wellman

Guests

Bobby Lamont

Apologies

James Hazlett
Mark Donald
Dave Christie
Alex Holden
Mark Strang
Nick McQuillian
Careen Kemp
Amber Hollis

Apologies sustained:

R Anderson/T Wellman

CARRIED

Minutes

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

Taken as read

R Anderson/T Wellman

CARRIED

Matters arising

nil

Correspondence

Inwards

1. Russel Anderson with concerns regarding the removal of the first aid 90 day grace period. COFBSA has been CC'd into these.
2. OSPFBA getting on the mailing list for the four other sub association minutes.
3. Western Southland minutes
4. OSPFBA minutes from March's meeting
5. Email to Adam Rubie to assist in treasurer handover
6. OSPFBA April AGM agenda

Outwards

1. OSPFBA request for other sub association minutes
2. Email to Adam Rubie to assist in treasurer handover

Correspondence received

Haig/Timpson

CARRIED

Matters arising

National notice number 20 has come out reinstating the three month first aid grace period.

Phil Greeks has taken over the role from Adam Rubie. Thank you to Adam for his work as treasurer.

Financial

Balance

To pay

Payment to host brigade of \$80 for supper costs Greeks/Wellman CARRIED

Matters arising

Adam has handed over to Phil, and the report has been passed over.
Clyde and Cromwell have been paid for supper.

Health and Safety

nil

Reports

R. Anderson led a discussion on the agenda for the OSPFBA for the April AGM.

UFBA are asking brigades to have an initial contact person.

Bobby Lamont (FENZ). Nic and Bobby intend to alternate attendance to our meetings. Suggests we have a good description of what the COFBSA does when we send out the survey. Bobby and Nic have discussed the OSM loading on Monday nights and brigades, and ways to assist with that. Bobby believes (from the last minutes) that there should always be a task created even if K28d before K1. Bobby will chase up.

Brigade Reports

Alexandra

40 calls so far for the year, six new recruits, two are former members. People are keen to join, but are very limited with time commitments. Three are going on their QFF and one doing their SO course.

Arrowtown

53 calls for the year so far. New ute has been delivered to the brigade trust, however we are held up by FENZ.... unsure the process for this so no ETA for it being on the run. 3 new recruits on the books since last meeting

Blackstone

nil

Clyde

Quietest year, six calls, one new recruit. Slightly short on numbers.

Cromwell

nil

Dunstan

10 calls since Christmas, 34 calls over the last year. Some new FF, some are leaving. More new female members. May completion date for the new station.

Frankton

nil

Lake Hawea

nil

Luggate

Medium number of calls, a noticeable increase in MVA's with the increase in tourism. A 2013 Iveco type 1 is due to turn up this month for approval and training. It'll be sad to see the old Mitsubishi go as we've had it since new. Four members went to the South Island Firefighter combat challenge, and five are going to Nationals in May

Makarora

Makarora has attended 2 calls since last meeting

1 minor police assist - a tramper requiring help to get off Brewster hut walk. K28

1 single vehicle MVA. Local fatality. Attended and assisted by Hawea. Wanaka brigade K28 on arrival. K13 logged support sought. Operation debrief with Nic McQuillan. Team strong and supporting each other.

Millers Flat

A few extra MVA, three or four vegetation fires, some suspicious. Some lucky escapes. A couple of new recruits going away in May, a couple doing the VEO course. A couple more doing the SFF. Great out of 16 members. One new recruit is third generation for FENZ.

Naseby

nil

Omakau

nil

Queenstown

nil

Ranfurly

nil

Roxburgh

nil

Tarras

nil

Wanaka

75 calls for the year, wide variation. Three new recruits. Four or five recruits are starting after that. Numbers are a little low. A new SO qualified member. Lots of community engagement occurring.

General Business

1. The COFBSA supports the UFBA in the statement that we are all in this together, in regards to the PFU and FENZ statement that Volunteers and Career staff shouldn't mingle together on courses (particularly in the water safety course).
2. Any issues brigades are having could they please send to the COFBSA by June 15, and we will pass that on to Nic McQuillan our group manager, he can give a written response, and come to the meeting to discuss it
3. Ralph has drafted a survey to send to our members/brigades, and would like some feedback on questions. This is to be able to focus our efforts on what our brigades need. We would like feedback from April 30.
4. Monday night training is challenging with the number of public holidays that are on a Monday. Discussion of changing training nights, or training on Monday public holidays regardless.
5. All OSM are now online via the NZ Fire Brigade's Institute. Members can be sent a link to do in their own time to sort red lights. Email confirmation that it is done is available. <https://www.nzfirebrigadesinstitute.org/osm-quizzes>

6. Secretary to work on updating email list. Especially looking at removing FENZ email addresses that people don't check, and sending them (minutes) to active addresses. Maybe brigades could supply those lists?
7. Ambulance arrival times were discussed (from OSPFBA minutes). Are we having issues with this as a sub association? Yes, and it seems to be a lack of ambulances and crew.
8. Bobby Lamont's attendance as Central's Group Manager was acknowledged and appreciated.

Next Meeting at Clyde Wednesday July 5th, 2023 at 1930.

This will also be the AGM. Undress uniform please.

Meeting Closed at 2040

Action Points generated from the meeting

ACTION	BY	WHEN
Quiz questions	Ralph	April 30
Email list update	Dave	June 30