



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Canyonleigh Rural Fire Service, 16 April 2014

Attendees were recorded on the Attendance Register. As well as members of the Canyonleigh Brigade, guests included David Bartlett, Russell Moore & Andrew Smith. Apologies: Ron Stahl, Brett Bannerman, Christina Grant, Adam Stefanuik, Dave Hough, Matt Walker, Rowan Lund.

The meeting was opened at 7.40pm and chaired by Vice President Laird Stewart.

Minutes of the last AGM on 10 April 2013 were presented by Secretary Terry Biscoe and they were accepted.

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded: John Kay.

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2013-2014 – Presented by Laird Stewart in Ron Stahl's absence.

Once again we have been fortunate to have a very quiet year for fires in Canyonleigh. The brigade did assist at some out of area fires, particularly at the Balmoral fire late in 2013.

I would like to thank and congratulate our captain and his team for their effort in keeping up interest in the brigade over the past year. Thanks must also go to Frances Crown for yet another successful open day.

I will not be standing for the position of president this year and I wish the newly elected president congratulations and best wishes for the future of the brigade.

Ron Stahl

President

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded \: John Kay

Captain's Report. Canyonleigh Rural Fire Service. Summer 2013 / 2014. – Presented by Brigade Captain Mark Pearson

Firstly, thank you to the members of the brigade for their support during this last fire season. Knowing the calibre of the members who will be responding certainly helps to ease the uncertainty when the pager / text message goes off.

On the fire front, this season was always going to be a risky one following a spring that dried off and then hot winds and a dry early summer. The Hall Road fire at Balmoral certainly showed how things can go bad very quickly. I was really pleased that we were able to contribute to fighting parts of that fire, with the Cat 1 going up on five occasions during the fire. The fire across the Wollondilly in the Upper Lachlan (Tarlo River) area was also a worry for nearly a week. Once the rain started in February things started to calm down a little and now the fire season has ended, the HR burns are too wet at this stage to start!

Frances Crown spent a lot of time and effort in running the Community Fire Awareness days in September and November. Thank you also to Dominique and Caroline. These events are very important in 'spreading the word' in terms of having a fire plan and basic preparedness. The Open Day was also held this year and while not reaching the heights of last year, gave people an opportunity to see what we do .(My apologies for not being there for it).

The website and facebook page are always being updated and added to, and there will be a little more of the history of the brigade going up in the future. For fire updates, the facebook page written from Fire Control provides more up to date information than the RFS site so it's worth finding out how to access this for next season. Terry Biscoe has been busy applying for grants again this year and we can see his efforts on the wall in the shed. The TV will be useful for training DVDs as well as some entertainment. Following the Hall Road fires, Adam Stefanuik was able to procure portable fridges and lightbars for both trucks through the terrific support of Ironman 4x4 Products. The light bars throw a broad white light and will be great for slow night driving down dirt tracks. Thank you to Lance for fitting them.

Finally, along with all members of Canyonleigh, I'd like to thank Ron Stahl and Charlotte. Ron has been involved with the brigade since forever and has decided to step down as President. I first met Ron at a fire at Tugalong Station, when I was very green and we were told to 'vent the room'. This order may have been in Swahili for all I understood, but a voice behind me said 'point it this way young fella' and I eventually got the gist of what to do. Ron and Charlotte have hosted the Christmas party for the last couple of years and their hospitality has been tremendous. We wish Ron and Charlotte all the best especially with their memorial park venture.(As an aside, should we get a bad fire we'll grab Ron because you can't beat that experience and local knowledge!) We'll discuss with the brigade at a later date to work out how to show our appreciation to Ron and Charlotte .

The search for new members is always ongoing. There is a bit of a process involved in terms of paperwork, etc. Brett Bannerman and I will be doing some door knocking in early May, so if you know of anyone, recently moved here (especially if under 40!), talk to them or let us know.

Mark Pearson, Canyonleigh RFS Captain

Incidents / Pager calls, Canyonleigh.

11/01/2014 - vehicle fire, ' Thunderdome' Hume Highway, Wingello. (called off en-route)

10/01/2014 - grass fire , ' Attunga ' Tugalong Road, (illegal rubbish fire during day, flare up at night)

31/12/2013- smoke sighting, Hanging Rock Road (standby at station)

3/12/2013 - fat fire / BBQ , ' Touchdown ', Tugalong Road

8/12/2013 - fire across Wollondilly, Upper Lachlan, (Loseby Road)

27/10/2013 - Jadinbrumbi – illegal burn'.

25/10/2013 - smoke sighting ' Illawarra highway. (Lime spreading)

8/10/2013 - tree alight, Tugalong Road, (false alarm)

17, 19,20,21,23 Oct 2013 - Hall Road fire at Balmoral

27/09/2013 - smoke sighting, legal burn, Hawkes Hill Road.

15/09/2013 - mattress alight in room, YOTS, Tugalong Road

2/09/2013 - fire in chimney flue, Tugalong Road

Moved: Peter Attreed, Seconded: John Kay

Treasurers Report – Presented by Frank Downs

A prepared financial report was tabled for the AGM. The report detailed income and expenditure over the previous twelve month period. Income over the 12 month period was \$2915.99. Expenditure was \$2603.16. Accumulated funds on 31 March 2014 was \$6607.19, certified by Treasurer Frank Downs and audited by Auditor, Laird Stewart.

The Treasurers Report was accepted.

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded: John Kay

Election of Officers

David Bartlett declared all positions vacant and requested nominations. The officers are:

Captain: Mark Pearson.

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded: John Kay

Senior Deputy Captain: Brett Bannerman

Moved Mark Pearson. Seconded Peter Attreed.

Deputy Captain (Training): Peter Attreed.

Moved: Mark Pearson. Seconded John Kay.

Deputy Captain: John Kay:

Moved Peter Attreed. Seconded: Mark Pearson

Deputy Captain: Mick Trevisiol:

Moved Mark Pearson. Seconded John Kay

President: John Kay:

Moved Laird Stewart. Seconded: Peter Attreed

Vice President: Laird Stewart.

Moved: John Kay, Seconded Mark Pearson

Secretary: Terry Biscoe.

Moved Mark Pearson. Seconded: Peter Attreed

Treasurer: Frank Downs.

Moved Peter Attreed. Seconded John Kay.

Community Safety Officer: Frances Crown

Moved : Peter Attreed. Seconded: John Kay

Equipment Safety Officer: Dave Hough

Moved Peter Attreed. Seconded: Mark Pearson

Brigade Health & Safety Officer: Adam Stefanuik

Moved: John Kay Seconded Peter Attreed

Auditor: Laird Stewart

Moved: Mark Pearson. Seconded Frank Downs

Life Membership Nomination

In light of Ron Stahl's contribution Terry Biscoe recommended that a nomination be made for Ron to be made a Life Member of the Brigade. A vote was taken and the move was accepted unanimously by the attending brigade members.

David Bartlett recommended that the Brigade contact Amanda Garske at FireCom to commence paperwork and certificate presentation.

Moved: Terry Biscoe. Seconded John Kay

General Business

A proposed amendment to the Brigade Constitution was made by Snr Deputy Captain Brett Bannerman regarding membership status. Following a general discussion, Dept Captain Peter Attreed moved for the motion to be reviewed and voted upon at a later date. Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded John Kay

Web site & Facebook – Terry Biscoe outlined the web site's ongoing development and success of the brigade's Facebook page, especially during fire season.

Membership Drive – Mark Pearson discussed the need for new members to bolster the brigade. Mark & Brett Bannerman will be approaching new Canyonleigh residents in the near future to invite them to join. Frances Crown recommended that a date be set to stage training so a program can be developed.

There being no other business – the **meeting closed at 8.40pm.**