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Minutes of a meeting of the Management Committee held at the Otago Museum, Dunedin on Tuesday 2nd August 2011.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

Present:

D Ashford (Chairman), E Smith, G Wallace, D Scot, P Wishnowsky, M Geenty

Apologies:

TeA Cook, D Jack, M Donaldson, K Ihaka.

That the apologies received, be accepted.
Moved Scott, Seconded G Wallace

Conference 2011:

M Lindsay reported to the Committee on Conference numbers.

- 164 Registrations
- 181 Dinner registrations
- 95 for Field Trip – departs Friday at 9.00am to Taieri Airfield and HeliOtago where morning tea and lunch will be available. Then to Wenita's Mt Allan fire site.
- Finance in budget currently \$60,000 in account.

Previous Minutes:

That the minutes as distributed, of the meeting of 20th April, be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved P Wishnowsky, Seconded G Wallace.

Matters Arising:

Strategic plan in Agenda.

Correspondence:

The Secretary tabled a list of correspondence.

That the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards approved.

Moved G Wallace, Seconded D Scott.

Accounts:

Accounts paid since the meeting of 20th April 2011 and requiring authorisation.

Forest Protection Services -K Ihaka Air travel 20/4/11	600.00
Forest Protection Services, Conference 2010 DVD's	184.00
Interspeed Web Domain Annual Charge	57.50
ID Solutions, Conference 2011	157.21
Garde Robe Rural Fire Logos (78)	195.00
Uniform Group - Rural Fire Clothing	2729.87
The Rugby Shop, Rural Fire ties	1062.60
Mayer & Toye -medals and bars	1880.25
Southern RFA - E Smith air travel 20/4/11	323.00
M Boere - Accommodation Ashburton	120.00
Transfer Sponsors to Conference Account	9000.00
Total Paid	16309.43

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To be Paid

M Geenty expenses

Tolls (April)	8.02
Postage	176.40
RF Logos (20)	175.00
Photocopies	16.08
Stationery	43.75
Webpage	344.31
Plaque engraving	60.00

823.56

That the accounts be approved.
Moved M Boere, Seconded E Smith

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report nothing that subscriptions are still arriving with \$2245 since the last meeting. Nine new members bring membership to 288.

Full Members – All VRFF:

- Tiraumea VRFF; Weber VRFF; Akito VRFF; - c/- P Driver, Tararua District Council
- Southern DOC Fire Team; Southland District RFF; Invercargill District RFF; Gore District RFF: Southern Forestry Rural Fire crew; Blue Mountains Engine Crew – c/- Southern Rural Fire Committee.

Medals and Bars – Sales at \$804, Rural Fire Clothing increased interest with sales at \$6606.

Conference 2011. Registrations and sponsors total \$46,890 at 30th June.

Financial Position at 30th June \$113,251 provisional balance.

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
Moved P Wishnowsky, Seconded G Wallace

Ashburton Honors Night:

M Boere reported on the good showing of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and most of the Councilors for the evening. Operating committee of 7-8 led by Don Geddes. Around \$1500 cost of medals for 2000 years of service. Photo shoot of every crew and certificate for Gold Star recipients from NRFA although no NRFA present on the night. Well organized and well attended – a real credit to the organizer.

FRFANZ Strategic Plan:

To be presented at the AGM. Vote of thanks to TeA Cook for her work on producing the Strategic Plan.

Moved D Ashford, Seconded E Smith.

General Business:

- D Scott. Possibility of two streams at conferences to cater for volunteers.
- G Wallace. Water tank couplings in rural areas, no National standards, is this possibly something for FRFANZ to promote.
- P Wishnowsky. With new committee members required, has there been any canvassing?
- D Ashford. K Ihaka comment on e-mail re Metconnect. Niwa expensive and Met keen to step up.
- P Wishnowsky. The trial with Niwa not viable. Met Service to present NRFA with updated system and costs.

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- D Ashford. Scion publications funding. Committee in favour of assisting but should be targeted towards CD rather than printed. Exception would be grassland curing where colour and identification is required. To discuss with Scion at the Conference and emphasise the development of Fire Behaviour software and the Fire Behaviour toolkit.
- John Stulen to explain to AGM on the services offered.
- Brightwater accepted for Cadet Competition in Sydney with team of eight and are seeking travel assistance.
That Brightwater receive \$1000 in travel assistance and FRFANZ shirts as uniform.
Moved G Wallace, Seconded D Scott
- D Ashford. Shirts should have NRFA logs and he will contact NRFA for supply of caps for the team.
- P Wishnowsky. FS recovery of costs impacts on RFA's.
That FRFANZ write to NRFA to review cost recovery rates for NZFS.
Moved P Wishnowsky, Seconded D Scott.
- Conference 2012 Hawera. Theme to be "Firewise – Firesmart".
2013 Christchurch, theme "What's the Future of Rural Fire in NZ."

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.35pm.

MR GEENTY
Secretary/Treasurer (Retiring)