



NSW Association of Fire Investigators Inc
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 1 August 2019
Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, Ryedale Rd, West Ryde.

Meeting Opened. 19:05

Bob McKay chairing the meeting

Present.

Taylor Pallaton, Bob McKay, Michael Forbes, Mark Pellegrino, Alex Visotin, BJ Jones, Bernard Daly, Peter Jones, Radka Duncan, Jim Monday, John Gardner, Mark Hamilton, Aaron Markey, Vichy Thavapalan, Wayne Schweickle, Steve Apps, Neville Wearne, Tim Seay, Joe Zaouk, Sonia Scott, Barry Sutherland

Apologies.

Nil

Minutes.

Moved: Acceptance of the minutes of the previous AGM

Moved – Michael Forbes

Second – Steve Apps

Vote: CARRIED

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to report.

President's Report.

Michael Forbes reported that the past 12 months went well, as did the Education Nights and our first Social Event at the end of 2018. Michael said we had the AAFI in Victoria last year and one Scholarship was awarded for attendance at the AAFI.

Michael said the Association is good financially speaking and we have some more training coming up and that the Association is about to lock in a motor vehicle fire investigation course through the IAAI for the 22 to 24 October, 2019. This will involve two IAAI instructors coming to Australia. They will teach the course and do some live burns. Michael said there is a maximum of 30 students and that this is the first time the course has been done outside the U.S. Michael said on successful completion students can apply for the motor vehicle specialist credential endorsement.

There was a question from the floor about cost. Michael said that the IAAI were hosting the course so students would need to enrol through the IAAI web site and pay in U.S. Dollars. Alternatively, NSWAFI can host and pay IAAI. The NSWAFI do need to supply vehicles and take care of site and suppression costs. Michael said that the Academy will be used for the class room work and the burns will happen at Londonderry. Michael said that he estimates the

cost of the vehicles at about \$1,500.00 but asked if there are any members that can get donated vehicles that would be good, but we need the glass intact. Joe Zaouk said he believes he can get vehicles.

Membership is now at about 155 members which is a slight growth in membership over last year. Michael also reported the Facebook site is going with over 700 likes.

Michael said we are still having another two Education Nights and that Sonia and Vicky are organising the Social Night in December. Finally, Michael reminded everyone that next years AAFI Conference is in New Zealand.

A motion was put to accept the President's Report

Moved – Wayne Schweickle

Second – Mark Pellegrino

Vote: CARRIED

Treasurer's report.

Taylor Pallaton presented the treasurer's report. In summary, Taylor reported that the NSWAFI currently has \$37,729.10 in the Bank at the moment.

Income was by way of Memberships, Education Nights and events and courses.

Expenses were by way of Government Compliance, sponsorships, PayPal, bank and web site fees, domain name renewals, education night and AGM expenses.

A motion was put to accept the Treasurer's Report

Moved – Bob McKay

Second – Michael Forbes

Vote: CARRIED

General Business.

Jim Munday asked if we knew how many people watch the Education Night broadcasts on FaceBook. Michael said the Tesla there were 22 likes 1100 views, 9 comments and 14 shares. The June Education Night had 371 views and 22 likes. The April Education Night had 235 views and 18 likes.

Election.

Bob McKay reported that nominations for the 2019-2020 Committee had been received. Bob called for nominations from the floor. Mark Hamilton, Vicky Thavapalan and Arron Markey nominated from the floor.

Michael Forbes declared all positions vacant. Bob reported that there was one nomination for each of the Executive and five ordinary committee members. The election was carried out with the following results:

President: Michael Forbes (unopposed)

Senior VP & Web Master & Merchandising Office: Alex Visotin (unopposed)

Junior VP: Barry Sutherland (unopposed)

Treasurer: Taylor Pallaton (unopposed)

Secretary: Bob McKay (unopposed)

IAAI Liaison: Michael Forbes (unopposed)

Committee: Mark Pellegrino – Education Officer, Sonia Scott, Vicky Thavapalan, Wayne Schweickle, Steve Apps, Mark Hamilton, Aaron Markey

Bob McKay called for a vote. All positions were accepted by the membership.

Meeting closed at 19:25 hours.

Bob McKay

Secretary.