



Minutes – NSW AFI Conference Call

Thursday, 1 November, 2018

Time	From: 17:07 hours To: 19:48 hours
Attendees	Michael Forbes, Alex Visotin, Taylor Pallaton, Bob McKay. Sonia Scott, Mark Pellegrino
Apologies	Steve Apps, Wayne Scheweickle

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Moved: Michael Forbes
Second: Sonia Scott
Vote: CARRIED

2. Correspondence In

Greg Kelly requested to be on the referral list.

Moved: Bob McKay
Second: Michael Forbes
Vote: CARRIED

3. Correspondence Out

Nil correspondence out

Moved:
Second:
Vote: CARRIED

4. President's Report

Michael Forbes reminded all that AAFI is next week. Michael said he spoke to Michael Weekes who said there were 140 for the conference and 110 or 115 for the live burn, and a profit was expected. Michael said that Michael Weekes was handing over the VAFI Presidency to Jeff Maher, at the AGM, which is to be held in the conference. Michael said that that Michael Weekes had been a good President and will be missed. Michael said that Jeff Maher is an ex-Vicpol arson detective, who had organized the conference and he should be good in the position as VAFI President.

Michael also reported that Ken Leggett, New Zealand, was handing over his Presidency to Peter Gallagher. Chris

Markwell, the QAFI President is unable to attend AAFI due to work commitments is having the Manager of the Fire Investigation Unit is attending on his behalf.

Michael said the Presidents will have a meeting at AAFI to discuss a few things. Michael will speak about certifications and try to keep tabs on these guys who keep 'popping up' and are shonks and claiming things that they are not entitled to claim.

Michael said we are going to need ideas from everyone about Education Nights and he asked to keep that in mind and to assist the Education Officer in that task.

Michael said there was an issue with email addresses, particularly with Steve Apps and Jason Taylor, however, that has been resolved and that Bob McKay will now use their private email addresses for Committee correspondence. Michael also asked that all respond to Bob McKay's emails re meetings.

Moved: Mark Pelligrino
Second: Alex Visotin
Vote: CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report

Taylor reported that the Treasurer's reports were yet to be done but said the NSWAFI currently has just under \$30,000.00 in the account.

Moved: Bob McKay
Second: Michael Forbes
Vote: CARRIED

6. Educations Officer's Report

Mark wanted to know if we were prepared to pay presenters, however, this was rejected. Michael said that if someone from overseas was in the country, some costs could be met. That would include travel and accommodation cost, if travelling from a long distance. Michael suggested each should be look at on its merits. Michael asked Mark if he had any ideas, and Mark asked if anyone knew anybody who was an expert on gas. Michael said there was a person from Fair Trading that FRNSW use, and he would look up his details. Michael said he could put a proposal to this person, Vina Alaiea [sic] but asked Mark to send Michael an email.

Mark said he could get someone for kitchen rangehoods. Michael said that would be a good idea. Mark asked about electrical fires and who FRNSW use. Michael said John Gardner. It was ultimately proposed that we do a one-day conference on electricity with John Gardner.

Mark also said we could do a session on hot work.

Michael suggested if we wanted to do a one-day session we should look at April or June.

Michael asked Sonia to go through the social night. It was agreed that payment for the social night would be via Paypal. Sonia reported that it will be a 6:00 p.m. start and that the gate will be locked at 6.30 p.m. \$25.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. Sonia said the maximum number is about 110 people. Michael said that there will be a few jobs for committee members. Michael asked Alex to have a food allergies mention on the order form.

Moved: Taylor Pallaton
Second: Mark Pelligrino
Vote: CARRIED

7. Webmaster's Report

Alex Visotin reported that there were 200 visitors to the web site.

New Membership Applications

Samantha Cunningham AFP Crime Scene Examiner – Nominee Ashley Freeman - Accepted

Graham Simpford order Detective Sergeant VicPol – Nominee Adam Binns – Adams Binns not a member – Bob McKay to write to Graham and query.

Regarding Greg Kelly and the referral page listing. Agreed that we would list him as fire/factual.

Moved: Michael Forbes
Second: Bob McKay
Vote: CARRIED

8. Merchandising Report

No orders, nil report

Bob McKay asked if we intended to get more merchandising and if so, are we getting small sizes. Michael said separate orders would be acceptable.

Michael said he has three boxes of travel mugs. Decided to give a travel mug with each purchase. Bob McKay asked if there was a possibility of getting prices for individual, single orders. Alex said he would email Jason Taylor and get the suppliers details and make enquiries.

Moved: Taylor Pallaton
Second: Michael Forbes
Vote: CARRIED

9. Membership Report

There are currently 151 members

Moved: Bob McKay
Second: Michael Forbes
Vote: CARRIED

10. Business Arising

Sonia Scott asked if advice of Facebook Education Nights as some complained that they forget. Michael said we should try an Event with the social night.

Moved: Taylor Pallaton
Second: Michael Forbes
Vote: CARRIED

Meeting concluded at 18:07 hours

Next Meeting Thursday, 10 January, 2019 at 18:00 hours

Bob McKay, Secretary NSWAFI