

SHIRE OF YORK

BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10th May 2012 YORK TOWN HALL

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Meeting was declared open at 7.30pm

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

• **Attendance List**

Terry Davies	CBFCO
Troy Granville	VES
Warrick McGregor	DCBFCO
Steven Chipper	Burges FCO
Justin Corrigan	CESM
Mike Pasotti	DEC
Peter Reynolds	YVFRS
Wayne Collins	DCBFCO
Glen Davies	DCBFCO
Bruce Gentle	Malebelling FCO
Mark Bowen	FESA

• **Apologies**

Dave Emin	Talbot FCO
Jeremy Marwick	DCBFCO
Simon Penny	FCO
Colin Luelf	FCO
Richard Boulbee	FCO Chair

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (29th September 2011)

Moved: Wayne Collins

Seconded: Peter Reynolds

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The meeting had no business arising from previous minutes

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The meeting agreed to defer election to next meeting in September

6. BRIGADE REPORTS

- **Burges Siding Brigade**
 - Steve Chipper advised meeting of new location for Burges Fire shed being the Intersection of Wambyn and Boyercutty Rd with the gravel pit on Boyercutty Rd being second option if unable to be placed on Wambyn & Boyercutty Rd
 - All office bearers remain the same
 - Had meeting in March and going through updating brigade membership list
 - Brigade training has been organized for July
- **Greenhill's Brigade**
 - Jeremy Marwick voted Captain and Simon Penny Secretary
 - Quite year didn't attend many fires
 - No more to report
- **Malebelling Brigade**
 - Bruce Gentle voted Captain and Wayne Collins Secretary
 - Brigade has attend a lot of minor incidents
 - Malebelling truck is preforming well
 - Malebelling site works have been completed
 - Malebelling shed has been ordered
 - Malebelling brigade and the Shire of York did a presentation to Peter Boyle thanking him for his services to the York community as CBFCO
- **Talbot Brigade**
 - Nothing to report
- **York VES**
 - Warrick advised meeting that it is business as usual
 - Alan Milson will be leaving unit and moving to Queensland
 - Brigade had good results from there burning / Hazards reduction programs this year
 - Awards dinner to held at the end of May at Greenhill's
- **York VFRS**
 - Gary McNamara was voted Captain after the resignation of Justin Corrigan
 - Brad Carpenter voted Lieutenant
 - Brigade has attended a lot of small fires this season

7. OTHER REPORTS

- **DEC Report**
 - Fire numbers for this region are down this year
 - Communication issues with the new WAERN radios
 - Two prescribe burn are scheduled for Shire of York region one will be at Mt Dale and the other will be on the Talbot West Rd, an invitation has been extended to York brigades to come along and assist if they like.
- **FESA Report**
 - Fire numbers are down this season
 - The unit for Burges brigade is due to be delivered within 4/6 weeks
 - FESA have put out new training calendar for this season
 - 6th & 7th July there will be a sector commander coarse held in York
 - FESA are concerned with the number of fires that are getting away in York

8. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **Prohibited/Restricted Burning Periods**
 - The meeting discussed the extension of the Prohibited burning period being moved from the 15th February each year to the 28th February of each year, Steven Chipper moved that Prohibited burning period will be from 1st December to 28th February the following year, and for the Restricted burning period to commence on the 1st March each year. **Meeting Carried**
- **Fire Break Installation Dates**
 - The meeting discussed the possible of moving to fire break installation dates to 15th November as to have some continuity with neighboring shires.
 - Motion put forward to move fire break installation date to the 15th of November. Motion not carried. Will remain at the 25th of October.
- **WAERN RADIO TRAINING**
 - The meeting discussed the issues with FCO not having adequate training on the new WAERN radio to fulfill their rolls as incident controls

- It was decided that refresher training on the WAERN radios will be required prior to each fire season, this training will take place in September of each year
- **BRIGADE INSURANCE AND MEMBERSHIPS**
- It was discussed at the meeting that the Community Emergency Services Manager was doing audit on brigade memberships as we were paying excessive amounts in insurance each year through our ESL, it was expanded to the meeting that we should only be insuring active members of each brigade. There is no need to insure everyone as the bushfire insurance will cover any persons that come on to the fire ground and report to the incident controller.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **FCO Glen Davies** – Requested that all Fire Weather Officers should meet and do training prior to the start of each fire season (CESM to Action).
- **CBFCO Terry Davies** – Requested that when Fire Index is within 1 point from reaching the index of 32 or is likely to exceed 32 a ban should be placed on, it was put to Terry that as the Chief he has to power to do so, it was agreed that Terry will contact CESM to place the ban on should the index be closet or likely to reach 32.
- **FCO Steven Chipper** – Requested that the first BFAC meeting be held in April of each year as seeding starts early May.
- **CESM Justin Corrigan** – Addressed meeting with update on Burges Fire Shed, he advised that the first site chosen for shed would not be suitable and requested that they need to look at alternative site this being the gravel pit on Boyercutty Rd and it was agreed at Burges Brigade meeting that the shed be built there. (CESM to Action).
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10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is proposed for Thursday 27th September 2012, York Town Hall, 7:30pm

11. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting is declared closed at 9:10pm

Thank you for your attendance.