

SHIRE OF YORK

BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

27th SEPTEMBER 2012 YORK TOWN HALL

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Meeting was declared open at 7.40pm

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

• **Attendance List**

Terry Davies	CBFCO
Warrick McGregor	DCBFCO
Steven Chipper	Burges FCO
Justin Corrigan	CESM
Peter Reynolds	YVFRS
Wayne Collins	DCBFCO
Bruce Gentle	Malebelling FCO
Colin Luelf	Talbot FCO
Laurie Fairclough	Talbot
Charles Boyle	Greenhills FCO
Norm Whitburn	Greenhills FCO
Jeremy Marwick	DCBFCO
Steve McDowall	Talbot
Brad Carpenter	YVFRS

• **Apologies**

Dave Emin	Talbot FCO
Peter Boyle	Malebelling
Simon Penny	FCO
Andrew Boulton	FCO

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (10th May 2012)

Moved: Bruce Gentle

Seconded: Wayne Collins

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The meeting had no business arising from previous minutes

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson – BFAC committee decided that the chairperson for meeting would be the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for each meeting.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Charles Boyle nominated Terry Davies

Second: Jeremy Marwick

Terry Davies accepted

No more nominations

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Offices

Charles Boyle nominated Jeremy Marwick

Second: Wayne Collins

Jeremy Marwick accepted

Steve Chipper nominated Glen Davies

Second: Terry Davies

Glen Davies accepted via proxy

Peter Reynolds nominated Wayne Collins

Second: Bruce Gentle

Wayne Collins accepted

Justin Corrigan nominated Warrick McGregor

Second: Terry Davies

Warrick McGregor accepted

No further nomination

Fire Weather / Harvest Officer

Wayne Collins nominated Tim Springbett

Second: Bruce Gentle

Tim Springbett accepted

Meeting decided that all DCBFO would take on the role as Fire weather and Harvest ban officers.

6. BRIGADE REPORTS

- **Burges Siding Brigade**

- No Report

- **Greenhill's Brigade**

- Jeremy Marwick voted Captain and Simon Penny Secretary
- WAERN radio training scheduled for 19th October
- No more to report

- **Malebelling Brigade**

- Bruce Gentle voted Captain and Wayne Collins Secretary
- Fire Shed has been completed
- New water tank has been installed just requires filling
- Look for possible grant for power / solar for new fire shed
- AGM for brigade is scheduled for 3rd October
- No more to report

- **Talbot Brigade**

- Laurie Fairclough was voted in as new captain for brigade Dave Emin retired
- Conducting hazard reduction burning around Talbot Hall
- Talbot Fire unit to be housed at Gary Lawrence's machinery shed as trial period for this summer fire season due to not turning out to fire last year.

- **York VES**
- AGM held all position remain the same only change is Alex Alman voted as fire captain
- Assisting CESM in hazard reduction burning on Mt Brown and within the town
- Working on training new members before fire season
- **York VFRS**
- Brad Carpenter voted in as new captain
- David Allison voted Lieutenant
- No more to report

7. OTHER REPORTS

- **DEC Report**
- Nothing to report
- **FESA Report**
- Nothing to report

8. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **Prohibited/Restricted Burning Periods**

CESM advised the meeting of the changes to the Prohibited Burning period dates telling them that from this year the Prohibited period will run until the 28th February each year

- **Permits**

CESM advised meeting that Shire Ranger had put some procedures in place last year when dealing with permit and for these procedures to remain the same for the upcoming Restricted Burning Period.

- **Harvest Ban**

The meeting was advised that the Shire of York has a policy that when the FDI (Fire Danger Index) reaches 32 Very High a harvest ban will be imposed within the Shire and it was the responsibility of the Fire weather officers to contact the Chief Bush Fire Control officer to have this ban put on.

It was discussed that the final decision was that of the Chief and he will place the ban on without consulting with fire weather if weather condition are dangerous.

- **WAERN Radio Training**

It was discussed that with fast approaching fire season and the lack of use over the winter period of new WAERN radio's it would be beneficial for FCO's and brigades to do refreshers before November

A training date was set for 19th October at Greenhills hall for the Greenhills and Malebelling Brigades, Talbot and Burges to confirm date.(CESM to Action)

- **Training for newly appointed FCO's**

It was discussed at the meeting that all newly appointed FCO's must complete their FCO training prior to being gazetted by the Shire of York.

- **Standpipe**

CESM addressed the meeting advising that a substantial amount of water was being stolen from a number of standpipes within the Shire the main concern was the Gwambygine standpipe, CESM discussed that over the coming year the Shire would putting in another electronic swipe card unit the same as Railway Rd standpipe and it was suggested that it be placed at Gwambygine.

The committee agrees that the first installation should take place at the Gwambygine standpipe; the committee asked that the electronic swipe cards be able to access both standpipes with one card. (CESM to Action)

- **Decommissioned Malebelling Fire Tender**

CESM advised BFAC members that FESA has granted the Shire of York the opportunity of purchasing the old Malebelling fire unit and in turn tender it out to the local community for purchase as a private fire appliance; the meeting was asked if there would be any interest from the members or anyone within the community to purchase this vehicle, there were a number of member at meeting who would be interest in the purchase of this vehicle. It was decided that the Shire of York should buy the old Malebelling fire truck and tender locally.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- DCBFCO Warrick McGregor was concern with the control of burning permits in the restricted period from the 28th February where there was to many issued on some day, how was the Shire was going to police as not stretch resources should an emergency occur.(CESM and Ranger to Action)

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is proposed for Thursday 18th April 2013, York Town Hall, 7:30pm

11. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting is declared closed at 9:15pm

Thank you for your attendance.

MINUTES FO THE TALBOT BROOK BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

HELD ON 24th September 2012

AT THE TALBOT HALL TALBOT BROOK

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

1. **ATTENDANCE**

Steve McDowall
Gary Lawrence
Denis Luelf
Brendan Luelf
Daniel Luelf
Geoff Williams
Ross Lister
Derek Emin
Bill Wallace
Dave Wallace
Dave Duperouzel
Laurie Fairclough

2. **APOLOGIES**

Dave Emin
Adrian Emin
Erin Emin
J Corrigan

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AUG 2009**

- 3.1 Corrections – NIL
3.2 Confirmed – Dave Wallace – Seconded – Bill Wallace

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Discussion was held regarding transfer of truck to new site . It was expressed that the new shed would be best place around the Talbot Hall area, the brigade has not got the funds to build a new shed etc so it would need complete funding from other identities. It was not that well received that it should be closer to York. Security was an issue as the Talbot Hall was recently broken into, on private property offers a great deal more security as well as general maintenance .

Moved by Laurie Fairclough that for the coming fire season the truck and the new support trailer will be parked at Garry Lawrances bottom shed Second Bill Wallace carried

5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

- 5.1 Read by Treasurer – balance on June 30th 2011 - \$1208.43
Moved by – Derek Emin – Seconded by – Ross Lister
financial statement be accepted and carried.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

- 6.1 President – Gary Lawrence Elected unopposed
6.2 Vice President – Bill Wallace Elected
6.3 Secretary/Treasurer – Steven McDowall
6.4 Fire Captain – Laurie Fairclough
Moved by Geoff Williams Seconded Dave Wallace
6.5 First Lieutenant – Dave Wallace
Moved by Ross Lister Seconded Geoff Williams
6.6 Second Lieutenant – Derek Emin –
Moved by Laurie Fairclough Seconded Dave Wallace

7. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Laurie Fairclough informed us that 10 acres has been designated in the hands of the Talbot community around the Hall we are intending to burn this area Monday October 1 2012 at 3 pm a tractor and F.E.L will be available to clear the boundary.
7.2 Moved Laurie Seconded Denis that the secretary investigate Weston Power Grants for purchase of chainsaw and related safety equipment for Brigade
7.3 All members asked if possible to support the Zoe Rose charity ride Saturday 29 Sept 8 AM at the Talbot Hall for breakfast then ride out 9 am to Dave Duperouzel for smoko then onto York
7.4 Meeting closed 7.45 pm