

Meeting opened: 10:31am

Attendance: Wes Garrett (Branch Secretary) - Chair, Rory McCabe (President), Michael McDonald (ACT), Zac Van Leonhout (NT), Chris Jones (WA), Justin Harpley (North Queensland), Trevor Rogers (South Queensland), Christopher Putnam (NSW), Matthew West (Tas), Tim Limmer (Branch WH&S Coordinator).

Apologies: Dan Thompson (SA), Glenn Laurie (Vic).

Acknowledgement to Country – Wes Garrett

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging."

Minutes of Previous meeting

Moved: Wes Garrett

"that the Minutes of the last BCOM meeting held on 29th April 2022 be received and adopted"

Seconded: Chris Putnam

CARRIED

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Regulatory Review Part 176 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CASA have called off all TWG activities until after the election. They were going to release an amended draft on 5th May and conduct a meeting on the 12th May.

Remote Locality Underpayment Claim

The Secretary reported that this is now underway.

TRA Cat 10 and implementation of findingsPhysical Aptitude Test

The Secretary reported this is on PIA. Justin advised that they had PAT testing in Cairns yesterday. Matt from WHS was in Brisbane as well at some expense and inconvenience to them.

Inclusive Facility Building Works Program

The Secretary reported that it appears a lot of Stations that do not have females are being approached to try and get the combined lockers over the line at those locations.

PIA

The Secretary reported that every one of the 12 PIA's have been notified. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported that he had done some research and noticed 26 category drops in 2 weeks. [REDACTED] The Secretary asked to keep a log of those areas affected. [REDACTED]

UFUA BEX/CFO Meeting

The Secretary advised that the next meeting is on 2rd May 2022.

DCP Safety Case

The Secretary reported that the DCP Safety Case was one of the Agenda Items discussed. The Secretary pointed out to the CFO that ASA is compelled to comply with the Commonwealth Governance and Accountability Act, you'll have to cough it up one way or another.

Monash PFAS Blood Serum Reduction Therapy Study

The Secretary reported that Airservices need to get involved in this, particularly employees in Service between 1973-2009. It will be sent to the CFO.

EOI Transfer notifications. BCOM NSW

The Secretary advised that this is the pathway to getting feedback. How many does this affect?

ARFFS Service Provision

Trevor Rogers discussed Category Reductions and why is Airservices happy and satisfied with Category drops? This is a compromise in safety. Category drops since RIS has drawn a relaxation in the safety considerations around category drops.

Trevor Rogers reported that if Cirrus raised every category reduction, who looks at it and what do they do if it is flagged as a safety issue? Senior leaders also review reasons for drop and impact issues arriving from category drops. Trevor asked has the RIS produced the results they desired? It was responded with "the decision was the right decision at that point in time".

Enterprise Agreement

The Secretary reported that Airservices will not move on wage offer or other outstanding claims. For the record at our final bargaining meeting on the 13/4/2022 Airservices stated that all pre-scheduled meetings are now cancelled, we will notify you if we want to meet. CFO Purcell's EA update of the same date stated that ASA will be "putting forward our salary offer after the federal election" that position has never been made at the negotiation table? the CFO goes on to state that "I'm committed to an agreement that serves the best interests of every member of our team, our service, **and our customers**". Seriously, your customers? the only parties bound by our EA are Airservices and the UFUA.

Agenda for next meeting on 23rd May 2022:

- Use of ARFFS Vehicles when on COC

Hamilton Island Remote Locality

The Secretary reported that the external dispute process is underway.

Campaigns

The Secretary reported that we are awaiting shipment of the TShirts. The Secretary has been talking to Shape Media about putting together a media statement about PIA re Aviation Firefighters participating in PIA and the reasons why.

CARE

The Secretary advised that the TShirts have arrived. Stations that did not respond to initial requests for sizes are being distributed now.

3 Minutes to Live Campaign

The Secretary reported that this campaign has been launched with a press release on 4th May. The social media graphics and feeder page were launched on 11th May 2022.

AV Super

The Secretary reported on a merger with Commonwealth Super Corporation. A bulletin was sent to all members and is available in the correspondence folder. Mick Farrell has offered himself to brief BCOM if required.

Mental Health / Peer Support

The Secretary reported that Core Nexus has sent a recruiting advertisement via the UFUA mailchimp.

Correspondence

Correspondence was provided in the google drive and ratified at the BCOM meeting.

Accounts for Payment

Moved: Wes Garrett
Seconded: Justin Harpley

"that the accounts as presented be passed for payment"

CARRIED

General Business

Industrial Officer Report

The Industrial Officer provided a report on Collective and Individual matters being handled at this time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



National Presumptive Campaign

The Secretary reported that he has been in contact with Labor candidate John Ring with the view of incorporating the expanded list of cancers to firefighters into his election campaign. The campaign briefing paper is in the correspondence folder. The Secretary has not heard back yet from John Ring.

Deputy WHS Coordinator

The Secretary put to BCOM a proposal to invite the Deputy WHS Coordinator to attend BCOM meetings with no voting rights as it is difficult to sit outside of BCOM and appreciate priorities and objectives. It was ratified at BCOM to invite the Deputy WHS Coordinator to BCOM meetings pending his availability.

BCOM unanimously ratified to reimburse the Deputy WHS Coordinator for attending an online course with the Canadian Mental Health Association. Tim Limmer said it would benefit all members going forward. Justin Carroll has been a champion in the mental health space for around 2 years now and Tim totally supports this.

Sydney UFUA Delegation Report

The NSW BCOM presented a copy of the Sydney visit report, in the correspondence folder.

AV Branch 3 Minutes to Live – Keep our Skies Safe Campaign

The Secretary reported the campaign launched via press release on 4th May 2022. The web page and social media graphics are ready to go. There was a very good national coverage from the initial media release. 4 radio network interviews were provided.



BCOM ratified this was a good idea for members to be involved.

Resignations

MOVED: Wes Garrett

“that the resignation of Anthony Ah Kit be accepted.”

SECONDED: Justin Harpley

CARRIED

Retirements

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 11.48am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rory McCabe', written in a cursive style.

RORY MCCABE
BRANCH PRESIDENT