



Meeting opened: 11:00am ACDT

Attendance: Wes Garrett (Secretary) – Chair, Rory Thomas McCabe (President), Zack Van Loenhout (NT), Matthew West (Tas), Jesse Page (SA), Chris Jones (WA), Patrick Shanahan (South Qld), Chris Putnam (NSW), Glenn Laurie (Vic), Dan Thompson (WHS Coordinator)

Apologies: Justin Harpley (North Qld), Mick McDonald (ACT)

Acknowledgement to Country:

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

UFUA Webpage/App, Shift Extensions/Delayed Flights

Zack commended BCOM SA for his work on updating the webpage and proposed the idea of developing a related app. The Secretary agreed to explore this possibility by forwarding an email he received from UFUA VIC Branch about an app they've developed. Patrick shared his members experiences and frustrations about shift extensions/delayed flights. The meeting also moved on to discuss the minutes from the previous meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: Wes Garrett

“That the Minutes of the previous BCOM meeting held on 27th October 2023 be received and adopted”.

Seconded: Patrick Shanahan

Carried: Unanimous

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence

Correspondence was provided in the google drive and ratified by BCOM.

Accounts for Payment

Accounts for payment were provided in the google drive and ratified by BCOM.

Branch Resources, TRA Revalidation, Meeting with Minister King, NCC & DCC meetings, AALL Shortage, PFAS Contamination Proceedings.

The Secretary discussed several key points during the meeting. He plans to shift workload to our new industrial officers and reinforce and provide resources for the ARFFS Workplace Health and Safety Committee. The Secretary has discussed the TRA revalidation project with Sam Woodman and is awaiting scheduling of a meeting to discuss how we will move forward with this process. A meeting with Minister King has been rescheduled, as a result the President is unable to attend BCOM SQLD will attend in his place as well as Snr Vice President. An update on the recent NCC & DCC was provided. There was also a discussion about the lack of AALL's and the need for call out contingency protocols to be in place, and an incident at Mount Cotton. The Secretary provided a briefing on bystander training, the status of ARFFS uplift project, the implementation of the 4 plus 2 staffing model at Cat 5 and Cat 6 stations. The Secretary also warned about an increase in legal proceedings against Airservices for PFAS contamination issues, as the timeframes for airports to make claims will soon expire.

Meeting with Minister King

Moved: Wes Garrett

Motion: That the BCOM agree to cover expenses for BCOM SQLD to attend meeting with Minister King in Canberra.

Seconded: Jessie Page

Carried: Unanimously

Comcare Advocacy for Members

The Secretary provided a briefing on the status of various active Comcare claims. The resources provided by the UFUA to provide advocacy for current and retired members has never been greater.

ARFFS Workplace Health and Safety Committee

BCOM discussed the increasing workload of Health and Safety Committee members. BCOM discussed and considered seeking advice on available options and conducting a review of what other Branches currently have in place.

Financial Statements FY 2022-23, Industrial Officer Recruitment

The Secretary discussed the financial statements for the financial year ending 2023. The Secretary updated the BCOM on the progress of Industrial Officer recruitment, noting that we have received about 20 applications, a significant increase from previous campaigns. The Secretary confirmed that contracts had been finalised with the 2 successful applicants, Dan Murphy and Nicholas Plithakis, he also mentioned that for the foreseeable future our Junior IO will be working in the office of our legal team. Finally, The Secretary notified BCOM of new membership applications.

Aviation Branch 50th Anniversary (1974-2024)

The Secretary discussed the creation of a 50-year anniversary logo and merchandise, including T-shirts caps and polo shirts to be offered on our online store.

BCOM Tasmania, Brass Helmet Service Award

Matthew West tabled the nomination of Benjamin Chugg as the new Tasmanian BCOM. Discussion by BCOM followed.

BCOM Tasmania Casual Vacancy – Resignation of Matthew West

Moved: Wes Garrett

Motion: That the BCOM accept the nomination of Benjamin Chugg (Launceston ARFFS) to the position of BCOM Tasmania for the remainder of the term.

Seconded: Zack Van Loenhout

Carried: Unanimously

Moved: Wes Garrett

Motion: That the BCOM present former BCOM Tasmania, Matthew West with a brass helmet in recognition of his service to the UFUA Aviation Branch.

Seconded: Patrick Shanahan

Carried: Unanimously

UFUA Log of Claims – EA Negotiations 2024

BCOM were presented with the final DRAFT UFUA EA Log of Claims for 2024 (correspondence folder). BCOM discussed and confirmed our final bargaining position prior to publication to members and Airservices.

Moved: Wes Garrett

Motion: That the BCOM ratify the UFUA EA Log of Claims for 2024.

Seconded: Rory T McCabe

Carried: Unanimously

Meeting closed at: 1206 ACDT



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Rory T McCabe
PRESIDENT