**EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**GENERAL MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ON MONDAY 16TH MAY, 2016**

Meeting declared open at 19.02 hours

**PRESENT:** President Michael Quinlan, EO Merv Austic, Vicki Quinlan, Lynette Varris, Doug Bell, John Twaddle, Robert Claydon (Proxy)

**APOLOGIES:** George Woolston

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION  
Moved: L. Varris Seconded: D. Bell***

***That Minutes of April meeting, as distributed are a true & correct record.***

***Motion: Carried***

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Website:** Doug has obtained a new proposal and quote from Horgan Creative, to set up a new site. This was distributed to members prior to meeting. Merv asked if the site has the ability to send out weekly updates, as per AVBFB Site. It was stated that the Website has to be up by June 30th as there is no way we can carry monies across this Financial year for it, already have twice. Would like for Vicki & Doug to meet with Developer to ensure clarity as to what we are after. Doug to organise.

**Pathways:** As already discussed the current Pathways are not suitable for VFES’s.

We need to work out a BASE training level a volunteer would have to do prior to being able to do RCR.

A qualified RCR volunteer is not there to be a Paramedic, but to do the Rescue! and St Johns are the ones who put a currency on a 1st Aid Certificate, not DFES.

Length of Training Courses seem to be dragging out going from 1 day to 2 or more.

We need to come up with a system that will work for us, taking from our own experiences.

Invite someone from Pathways to attend our July meeting.

There is a VPTAG meeting in June.

**Life Membership Badges:**

***MOTION***

***Moved: L. Varris Seconded: J. Twaddle***

***That we charge $100.00 per badge, this is to include engraving & postage.***

***Motion: Carried***

**SWORD:** We are hoping the Vehicle issue has been sorted out. Have received a proposal from Paul Lawrence (2IC) that has been done by Greg Johnson (SWORD Captain) & Paul together with Super Mick Jose, that they wish to put to DFES about where they want to see SWORD going forward. We will be having a Phone hook up with them this week to go over the proposal. Will then disseminate to Committee.

Have mentioned to DFES that SWORD should have been utilised more for the recent Waroona/Yarloop fires.

**PRESIDENTS REPOR**T:

Have spoken to A/C Fewster regards SWORD, hoping we are starting to get somewhere. Attended Firefighter Memorial Service in Kings Park, where had a chance to speak to Minister Joe Francis, Commissioner Gregson and other DFES Personnel. Spoken to Ministers office with regards to the Presumptive Legislation, which is now before Parliament.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**New VFES:** Mukinbudin has been signed off on as a new VFES. Cervantes shouldn’t be too much longer. The Indigenous Communities up North have been delayed with issues on their side, not DFES’s.

Michael congratulated Merv on this achievement, has taken a lot of perseverance.

**VFES Rules:** These had to be withdrawn as there was an issue with a couple of sections, Professional Standards are sorting and should be back up next week.

**Marble Bar:** Long awaited works have been signed off for Marble Bar and other Units that need work are being looked at.

**Transferring Land &** Building: A/C Swift has approached me to write a report regarding Land Tenure & Building ownership now and into the future. This project will be funded by DFES.

**Visits:** Have visited Waroona & Bullsbrook, my next meeting is Tuesday at Morawa. Reports to come.

**Bushfire Grant Scheme/ Capital Grants:** This scheme does affect us in a roundabout way, with some buildings being owned by LG.

**VFES Tie:** On the current Uniform Guide there is no Tie assigned to VFES. Have spoken to DFES and this has been approved and should be available soon.

Pressure is being put on us, by some DFES staff to sign up more new VFES’s.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Full Copy on file. Awaiting quotes on Promotional items, should then be able to do a budget for remainder of monies.

***MOTION:***

***Moved: V. Quinlan Seconded: J. Twaddle***

***That Financial report as distributed be accepted.***

***Motion: Carried***

**SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Lynette advised that due to the Midwest Region now moving the DOACS around the Region she was unable to attend recent DOAC and may have trouble attending others.

**Future Fleet** – John T advised there is bushfire Future Fleet meeting next week that he will be attending. Felt the Metro meeting was railroaded by the Metro Firefighters.

**Burning Permits** – Also on a committee that is looking at rewriting these Permits. This is a very big issue throughout the state and because of the diversity of the state very complex. Three (3) more meeting are to be held.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**NEW VFES WELCOME:** How do we go about welcoming them?

Executive Officer, President and Secretary to visit as soon as possible, preferably twice in the first year.

Welcome pack – A4 display file with – Assoc Contact Sheet – Assoc Committee List – Rules & Regs – Uniform Sheet – Awards Info – Service Medal Info – Merchandise Sheets – HAS Info Sheet – Their Office Bearer Sheet – List of all VFES.

**HAS PAYMENTS:** Currently the HAS have approved a claim, having issues of who should be paying the Accounts, relevant Assoc or HAS Treasurer. Would like Assoc advise on their views of this.

Due to the Confidentiality issues it was felt that HAS Treasurer should be paying.

1958 hours President Michael Quinlan had to leave meeting and handed proceedings over to Vice President John Twaddle.

**DFES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – SCHOOLS:**

This had been sent to members prior to meeting for comment.

Not aimed at Indigenous students or immigrants.

Need to cover older students as well.

Pre-primary to Year 3 is a large age group.

At some stage through visit, BA should be donned.

**VOLUNTEER STRATEGY:**

Su Ferreira has taken over from Wayne Fanderlinden and is making changes, would like to attend our July meeting.

**MEETINGS:**

It is important that during our Perth meeting we have DFES Staff attend so as to develop a relationship with them. General Business can be handled on Teleconferences.

**AWARDS JUDGING:**

This is being conducted on Thursday – Number of Nominations were good.

Our next meeting is via Teleconference on Monday 20th June.

There being no further business Vice President thanked all and declared meeting closed at 20.11 hours