



BOARD MEETING 22 FEBRUARY 2011

The Board met on 22 February (just two hours after the Christchurch earthquake).

- The Board meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee.
- After careful consideration of all factors, it was decided to defer the National Waterway Challenge set up for the end of this week.
- The CEO reported on the welfare support being provided to Canterbury Fire Service personnel. The meeting was advised of funds being donated as a result of the UFBA Benevolent Fund appeal.
- It was noted that the Charities Commission was concerned that a number of brigades were losing charitable status through non-compliance. The UFBA Office is following up with brigades where appropriate.
- The NZFS and UFBA are engaging in a joint venture to recognise the 10th anniversary of the International Year of the Volunteer.
- Director Ric Carlyon reported that good progress was being made on the review of the Model Rules of Association being undertaken with the NZFS.
- The Board noted that during the next few months, the UFBA would be hosting a strong challenges programme. This would include challenges deferred following the September earthquake in Canterbury.
- The CEO reported on the feedback from member brigades in respect of the proposed NZFS regional realignment. There had not been a large response but the concerns raised were being followed through with NZFS.
- The meeting discussed the report tabled covering the Deloitte review of NZFS processes on the management of property and fleet. The report and its recommendations were endorsed.
- It was reported that remit number 2 approved at the Annual Conference was now being processed in accordance with the UFBA Regulations.
- A proposal from the CEO that it was timely to review the style and format of UFBA certificates was accepted and this review will commence shortly.
- The Board noted there was no NZFS national policy on ancillary vehicles – particularly vans purchased by brigades. A paper on this is expected from a provincial association shortly and the matter will then be further considered by the UFBA.
- The meeting concluded with discussion on the implications of the Canterbury earthquake and ways the UFBA and members could provide assistance.