



SLCOA Fire Brigade Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2021

An information and feedback meeting was convened by SLCOA President Joe Correia and acting Fire Chief Luke Robinson.

The purposes of the meeting were to:

- a) inform attendees that the Brigade was operating without a permanent Fire Chief and potentially recruit a replacement,
- b) solicit ideas to improve the operation of the Brigade, and
- c) determine the direction that current and future firefighters want the Brigade to take.

The recommendations were presented to the SLCOA executive on November 7, 2021 for information and for direction.

The meeting was attended by 11 current and/or future Brigade members.

The President called the meeting to order @ 10:10 am.

Attendees were encouraged to recruit new younger members as the average age of the Brigade is quite high. Attendees were also encouraged to apply for the Fire Chief position.

Attendees recommended that SLCOA's executive implement the following actions:

1. Change the current fire reporting method

Action: Jeff Henry to investigate options and present recommendations to SLCOA's Executive.

2. Change the current dispatch (call out) procedure.

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3. Recruit a permanent Fire Chief.
4. Develop short and long-term plans for the Brigade.
5. Develop a risk management plan.
6. Explore mutual training and fire fighting agreements with Paint Lake, Wabowden and Thompson fire departments.
7. Recruit new Brigade members.
8. Hold monthly training and fire fighting practices.

Attendees noted that the Fire Chief's job is time-consuming and agreed that the new chief will require help with the day-to-day business of running the Brigade. Several members volunteered to look after the pump barrels until a permanent Fire Chief is appointed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am