



New Zealand Search and Rescue Council

Minutes of combined meeting of the Search and Rescue Consultative Committee and Search and Rescue Council.

12:00 – 2:00pm Wednesday 26 April 2006

6th Floor Te Waka Room, Novell House,
89 The Terrace
Wellington

1. Welcome

Dr Dunlop welcomed all those present to the first combined meeting of the Council and the Consultative committee

Apologies

Mike Cuddihy, David Waters, Paul Fistonich, Rodger Pringle, Graeme McKay

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the last Consultative Committee Meeting were adopted with one correction. Dan Bogie should be Don Bogie.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. ZK- HTF Independent Review

Paul Fitzharris gave a presentation on his independent review. Following this, the director of CAA spoke in general terms about the review as did the director of MaritimeNZ. Discussion occurred over whether a letter from one of the relatives of the pilot should be included in the report. Paul Fitzharris decided not to include the letter. The Council then accepted the independent review in its revised format.

The Council instructed the Secretariat Manager, together with an expert working group, to address all of the recommendations of the review and report back to the council and the consultative committee on how each recommendation will be addressed. This is to be completed prior to the next SAR Council meeting.

6. Strategic Funding process update

The Secretariat Manager gave an update on the SAR Strategic funding cabinet paper. He advised that it was currently in its fifth draft and its second consultative round. The paper ought to be ready to present to Ministers within two months.

7. Distress Beacons Campaign - Update

The Secretariat Manager updated the meeting on the Beacons campaign and distributed copies of the material being used to promote the need to switch to 406Mhz beacons. He noted that it was a four year campaign and the message would be changed progressively throughout as the need to change became more urgent. Extensive amounts of material existed if members could suggest effective avenues of reaching the target audience.

8. General Business

It was agreed that this combined meeting of the SAR Council and SAR Consultative Committee was valuable and that further meetings of this type should be held. It was also agreed that such combined meetings ought to be held at least annually and half a day should be allowed for them.

The next combined meeting is to be arranged by the Secretariat Manager to be held in approximately three to four months. Items to be included on the agenda include the recommendations from the independent review and the strategic funding paper.

Meeting concluded at 2.15pm