



## **NFSN AGM MINUTES**

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**In Person @ Greater Manchester FRS Headquarters  
and on Teams**

### **In attendance:**

**In person:** Ronnie King RK (NFSN, APPG), Terry McDermott TMc(NFSN), Ian Cox IC(NFSN, BSA), Toni Maddox TM (NFSN), Roger Brason RB (SYFRS), Mark Seroetjchniy MS(WMFS), Dale Kinnersley DK(FPA), Keith MacGillivray KM, Nick Coleshill NC(BAFSA), Ali Perry AP(BAFSA), Scott Harrison SH (GMFRS), Ewan Duncan ED(LFRS), Tom Marchant TM (WMFRS), Alan Brinson AB (ESFN), Nick McCormack NMc(MFRS), Richard Clark RC(NFCC)

**On teams:** Tom Roche TR(FM Global), Mark Wetherhill MW, Nathan Murphy NM (Water Aid), Johnny Smith JS, Maxwell Fowler MF, Tracey Carter TC(CFRS), Barry Wilson BW , Helen Newton HN(NFCC), Sean Mienie SM (OFRS), Henry Lloyd HL (StaySafe), Carlos Eduardo Morett CEM(LATAM)

**Apologies:** CFO Rob Barber (SFRS), CFO Jonathan Dyson (NYFRS/NFCC), Ritchie O'Connell

### **1. Chair's Welcome**

TMc opened the meeting at 10.02, welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanked CFP Dave Russell for hosting the meeting, this was NFSN first meeting at Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Headquarters. He expected AGM matters to take 30 minutes and then explained we would go straight into the members meeting but advised the agenda may change order due to some contributor's time constraints (ie TR calling in from the USA)

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

TM – We have lost the following members: States of Jersey FRS, Bupa, Project Fire (although RB had emailed them trying to get them back) and Residential Sprinkler Protection – for a loss of membership fees of £950. RK also confirmed he has had no luck getting a response from the Residential Sprinkler Association ( we were hoping to get a grant from them of £4,000).

TM – We retained Zurich as a member despite them originally cancelling, BAFSA resumed their membership and we obtained a new member, Levick Design – for an increase of membership fees of £3,400.

TM – TMc successfully applied for a grant from the IFSA for \$18,000 over 2 years, the first payment to come in June 2024 (an equivalent of £7,200 in 2024 and £7,200). This comes to an increase of £9,650 in 2024.

If outgoings remain the same in 2024, we should have a balance of £24,000 at the end of the year. However, we have not budgeted for the costs involved in fulfilling the items from the IFSA grant. Those items are support of Ronnie's efforts in the APPG, research to support BB100 (ie a cost benefit analysis like TR mentioned has been done in Sweden), live burn demonstrations (Derbyshire FRS has a purpose built sprinkler facility) and improvements in NFSN's social media presence. However, as TM and TMc will be sharing the honorarium, there will be a reduction in Admin/Bookkeeping costs.

### 3. Election of NFSN Officials: Nominations by NFSN Executive

5.1 Chair – CFO Rob Barber Staffordshire F&RS

Proposed by: TMc Secoded by: RB

Confirmed by a unanimous vote.

5.2 Vice Chair - Iain Cox Business Sprinkler Alliance

Proposed by : RK Secoded by: AP

Confirmed by a unanimous vote.

5.3 Secretary – Terry McDermott

Proposed by: TM Secoded by : IC

Confirmed by a unanimous vote.

5.4 Treasurer – Toni Maddox

Proposed by: TMc Secoded by : IC

Confirmed by a unanimous vote.

5.5 Executive Members

Ronnie King (APPFRSG)

CFO J Dyson (NFCC Sprinkler lead)

Richard Clark (NFCC)

Alisdair Perry (BAFSA and Scotland)

Tom Roche (FM Global and BSA)

Roger Brason (SYFRS)

Ritchie O'Connell (Wales)

Alan Brinson (ESFN)

Iain Cox (FSF)

Proposed by: AB                      Seconded by: IC

With the retirement of Peter Armstrong, NFSN needs a replacement to represent industry on the Executive Council

*Action – AP to approach BAFSA Council to find a replacement for Peter Armstrong.*

## **6. AOB**

AB questioned depending on money from IFSA for future projects. They currently have money possibly because a recent change of leadership, but it is something to watch. EFSN previously got funding but not currently. AB thinks he and Ali should be getting the British Sprinkler industry to support our initiatives.

*Action AB & AP to approach companies in the British Sprinkler industry for contributions.*

TMc concluded AGM at 10.23 am and continued straight into members meeting.