

## Minutes of the New Zealand Drillers Federation Inc Council Meeting Thursday June 15, 2017 at Wellington Airport Convention Centre

1. **Present:** Mel Griffiths, Sam Woodford, Steve Pilcher, Tim Babbage, Ken Mears, John Butt, Tony Lyons, Jeff Ashby, Dale Preston, Iain Haycock, Mark de Goldi, Steve Faulkner, Zane Brown,  
**Apologies** – James Chapman, Marcus Durrant
  
2. The meeting was joined by Russell Baylis and Hugh Campbell who presented information about the water contamination case in Hawkes Bay last year when 5,500 people in the area became sick with campylobacter, and the outbreak also contributed to 3 deaths. The wells in question were drilled in the 70's and 80's, were a bad design and were not maintained and there was no provision for either the flood or power cut that happened together. Due to the severity of the problem there is a lengthy inquiry taking place and Baylis Bros were keen to share this information.  
After discussion it was decided that EO would contact all regional councils to find out their standards for municipal water bores and then they can be compared and the federation can put together some recommendations.  
**Action** Jeff volunteered to draft the letter to go out to councils and forward to EO
  
- 3 **Minutes of previous council meeting**  
Passed as a true and accurate record  
Moved Zane Brown/Tim Babbage  
Matters arising moved to general business

### 3. Correspondence

DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
07-Mar	Peter Hall	proposed ladies tour at conference <i>replied affirming proposal</i>
08-Mar	Carlyle Drilling	enquiry about ACC classifications <i>directed them to the link on members only page about this</i>
10-Mar	Brevini	enquiring about conferences (they asked about joining last year but didn't follow through) <i>replied with details for next couple of years</i>
15-Mar	MITO	asking if ok to include scholarship info in their e-news <i>checked names and wording ok- forwarded to Mel to double check if anything extra needed</i>
20-Mar	Jamie Wade AIDA	asking for names for Quiet Achievers <i>responded with Graeme Stewart</i>
04-Apr	to Paul Evans NetMaestro	asking for details around Google Analytics <i>he replied that it is set up so we can view it</i>
05-Apr	Alex Sue n3	details of fuel offer <i>Forwarded to all members</i>

10-Apr	Rhys Laraman	asking for guidelines for conference
<i>replied explaining basics and that we are putting together some guidelines which we will send as soon as they are completed</i>		
12-Apr	Garth Robins	Asking if there is a NZDF industry guarantee or standard for water bores
<i>replied that we had a standard for drilling soil and rock. Confirmed that all members are approved by council and reassured him there should not be problems with any members. Also suggested maybe asking for registered drillers</i>		
13-Apr	Dean Fergusson	Regulations review looking for feedback
<i>sent to all contractors - received zero response apart from Tony Lyons who was already involved in the process</i>		
02-May	MITO	Notice of AGM and papers including proposed MITO governance model
<i>replied that Iain would be our representative at AGM</i>		
<i>20/5 - I emailed Peter Hall to check that the cheaper member rates for Drill 2017 apply to NZDF members- after he replied that they do I emailed the electronic copy to all members explaining that they need to fill in the form not apply online</i>		
31-May	ADIA	email about mining services set to comeback
<i>forwarded to council</i>		
07-Jun	MITO Chairman	letter re interim council
<i>forwarded to council to discuss at meeting</i>		

Moved: Steve Faulkner/Sam Woodford

Discussion followed about ACC codes – link is currently on website to [businessdescription.co.nz](http://businessdescription.co.nz) which has various codes available under the search Drilling Discussion also followed about Drillers Registration around cost and stringency around this. Not all applicants are approved so it was agreed process was working

#### 4. Finances

P&L report – discussion followed about n3 and uptake. Zane spoke about how useful the trade card is and a good incentive for employees. Maybe more people would take it up if they were given examples of how much could be saved on a per item basis. EO to send something out as promotion with subs invoices. EO to forward next report from n3 to all council. Also ring some of the people who have not followed through on their sign up

Invoices ratified and financial reports accepted

Moved: Mel Griffiths/Iain Haycock

#### 5 General Business

##### Rules Review

Jeff had already sent out a report prior to the meeting. He explained main parts of review that needed to be done - EO to get employment contract done and signed.

It was decided to continue with review process until after the new act is passed so that the new rules can be ratified at the AGM in Invercargill 2018

### **History updates**

Jeff has spoken to Alex Pyne as he has written a paper which is not exactly what was expected. Jeff is going to do a table of all the NZ staff who have been there on the many projects and send out requests to them for dates/stories/photos etc

Webster Drilling have started sorting out their history

Mel has spoken to Russell Baylis and he is very keen on history as he has already spent time on this for Baylis Bros and he is eager to help. Mel to approach him and see if he would be willing to spend some time interviewing some of the old timers.

*Motion: To approve funding of up to \$5000 for Russ to travel and interview life members*

Moved: Mel Griffiths/Steve Faulkner

Mel has also started Griffiths Drilling history and getting stories from his Dad

It was decided to ask all companies to put together some history of theirs for Invercargill. Date they started/major projects etc. May need some kind of questionnaire as a prompt (*note – it wasn't decided what questions*)

Need to also have a tab on the website for history

### **Conferences**

There was discussion around training at conferences. Although it is a good idea it is still expensive to have employees off work and send them to conference. It was finally decided to put together some suppliers technical roadshows/day courses which would be at various locations both north and south islands with a variety of options and for them to be ongoing. To be subsidized but with a charge as well

### **Website**

Discussed ongoing charges and also looked at Master Plumbers. Agreed to get some prices for new website – need to spend more time planning before developed. Want to include a classified section and advertising, conference tab with countdown. EO to investigate and get some prices

### **Memberships**

EO to resend membership list spreadsheet to all council to see if there is anyone who should be re-invited. It was agreed that there would be a \$50 joining fee if anyone leaves then comes back (*effective immediately??*)

After discussion it was agreed that membership subs would be in brackets according to the number of staff for brackets 1-5, 6-15 and 16+

*Motion: Reduce by \$50 the first bracket from \$600 to \$550*

Moved: Mel Griffiths/Zane Brown – vote carried with 2 against

It was also agreed that there would be voluntary tick boxes to make \$50 donations towards history/practical courses/scholarships/other on the subs invoices this year

### **MITO Interim council**

Iain explained the situation with the proposed MITO governance model. A volunteer was needed to take part in this. Jeff Ashby agreed

Meeting closed 15.50

Next meeting after AGM