

Minutes of the New Zealand Drillers Federation Inc Council Meeting Wednesday May 1, 2019 at The Meeting Rooms, Christchurch

Present: Mel Griffiths, Sam Woodford, Dale Preston, Iain Haycock, Jeff Ashby, Marcus Durrant, Mark de Goldi, Pip Buunk, Russell Baylis, Steve Faulkner, Steve Pilcher, Tim Babbage, Zane Brown, Debbie Lovett

Apologies: Tony Lyons, Malcolm Clemence

Minutes of previous council meeting

Moved Steve Pilcher/Iain Haycock

Matters arising moved to general business

Correspondence

DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
29-Nov	Robyn Taylor - Geotechnics	enquiring about next conference <i>replied with information about Auckland 2020 and forwarded to Zane</i>
03-Dec	Peter Hall - ADIA	re drilling tragedy in Niger <i>forwarded to council for vote on whether to donate \$500 to GoFundMe -10 councillors replied in the affirmative so we donated</i>
06-Dec	copy of draft non-hydrocarbon audit checksheet	forwarded to council <i>various replies received some straight to Mel or Sam</i>
07-Dec	outwards to all NZDF members	asking to host a small AGM weekend <i>Rotorua offer to host 2023 - 75th anniversary</i>
07-Dec	Tessa - Clemence Drilling	request for ACC webinar when I get it <i>forwarded to Debbie at Manage ACC and sent the link through with slides for her</i>
07-Dec	Madison - McCulloughs	request for ad information for website <i>replied and got some ads up for them</i>
12-Dec	ManageACC	sent copy of their last webinar for 2018 <i>forwarded to all members after checking with them if that ok</i>
14-Dec	Janet Lane MITO	sent pricing schedule for 2019 <i>I noted that there were some differences to prices mentioned at meeting: L3 was \$1452 supposed to change to \$1325 but went up to \$1472. L4 was \$633 supposed to change to \$450 p/year changed to \$500. Level 3 and 4 was to be \$450 actually \$500. RCC was to be \$2115 actually \$2350</i>
19-Dec	second newsletter	sent out to all members via Mailchimp
28-Dec	David Sale - Golding Ltd`	disappointed not in ADIA reg <i>turned out the printers missed all our suppliers from mag - received apology which I forwarded to all our suppliers. Their listings were all printed in next edition</i>

23-Jan	Terry - Honnor Drilling	announcing his retirement <i>replied wishing him luck etc</i>
13-Feb	Peter Hall	ADIA update including course before conference <i>forwarded to council as good idea to provide training and boost conference numbers at same time</i>
19-Feb	Evan Thornton	details of new Anti-Bribery Act <i>replied thanking Evan and asked if he was happy if I shared with members- he was happy so forwarded it with his policy which is on their website</i>
19-Feb	Chris Olsen	technical question regarding rigging <i>Rang Steve P for advice then contacted Sam. Under advice rang Bert Buunk and he explained the anomalies in the system regarding piling rig v crane. Finally managed to give Chris a technical and accurate response</i>
27-Feb	Felicity - Alton Drilling	request for NZDF to lobby govt about immigration changes <i>forwarded to council for info - Jeff came back and said he has recently had problems also. They have a contact in immigration so Jeff is going to action and report at meeting. Informed Felicity it is on agenda</i>
04-Mar	Manage ACC	details of webinar schedule <i>forwarded to members</i>
07-Mar	Alex at n3	Noel Leeming offer <i>forwarded to members</i>
13-Mar	Grant Restall - McMillans	query about Level 3 fees free <i>forwarded to Sam to explain situation and replied stating this</i>
13-Mar	Brendon Powley - Kennards	inviting members to new depot opening <i>forwarded invite to members in the immediate area</i>
18-Mar	Steve Faulkner	suggestion to donate to Christchurch <i>forwarded to council for vote - 9 voted in the affirmative so \$500 was donated</i>
01-Apr	Incorporated Societies	updating details - request to fill in form <i>filled in and returned</i>
05-Apr	Matt Dodson - Ecan	Pamphlet for welldrillers launch - request for sponsorship and invite to launch (date not yet specified) <i>checked with Mel and Iain - Iain will attend and have agreed to donate \$100 for drinks. Will forward to members when date released. They are also going to Skype for drillers outside area</i>

11-Apr outwards to MITO request for promo info about drillers qualifications

Rachael replied that they are planning to release in May for careers expo to coincide with release of combined level 3 and 4 programme. We could work together on an "extractives campaign to youth later in the year" but this will need employers offering jobs. SpeedMeet is scheduled Sept/Oct - this can be discussed at meeting

outwards - Drillers Reg information letter sent to 11 regional 54 district and 12 city council. Still to be sent to other clients - councillors to provide anyone else they would like added to list

Moved: Zane/Sam

Mel mentioned the email from Jamie about the focus on training in next edition – to connect him with MITO for some promo stuff

Action: Debbie to contact Jamie

Finances

DATE	FOR	AMOUNT
20-Dec	Great Expectations - catering meeting	\$488.06
20-Dec	Miramar Links - meeting room	\$575.00
20-Dec	MITO - scholarship x 1 - see note below	\$1,830.00
20-Dec	Plasticard	\$27.60
20-Dec	Lovett - hours July to Sept, Nov/Dec	\$5,220.00
20-Dec	Lovett reimburse - photocopying conference, flights Oct meeting, GoFundMe, ADIA mag Nov/Dec, Sept/Oct	\$5,642.26
29-Jan	Plasticard	\$31.63
13-Feb	IRD	\$4,325.95
03-Apr	Lovett reimburse - Tim flight, ADIA Drill 2019 deposit, Freeparking annual charge total	\$2,274.38
03-Apr	Plasticard	\$15.53
03-Apr	Warehouse stationery - envelopes	\$39.60
05-Apr	IRD - 2018 terminal tax	\$1,332.34
	Total	\$21,802.35

NOTE: We have credit with MITO for \$159.76 for prompt payment discount. Will save for credits from training courses

Current balances

Cheque account	\$48,507.76
Savings plus	\$76,266.11
Term deposit	\$51,285.22

Total bank accounts \$176,059.09

Moved Zane Brown/Iain Haycock

Conference discussion in general business

General Business

AGM

As there have been no volunteers for hosting small AGM weekend it was decided that the best course of action would be to have council meeting followed by AGM and then attendees could decide if they all wanted to go out for dinner, stay on for weekend etc. To be held on a Friday and there was discussion between Wellington and Christchurch. Timing will depend on where held as Wellington is busy with WOW from Sept 26 to Oct 13 so restaurants and accommodation will be hard to book then. If held in Christchurch could be any time from August onwards – keeping away from middle of September as we are hoping some members may travel to Darwin for ADIA conference. Wellington possible Oct 19?

Discussion around whether conference better supported if every other year

Future conference dates 2020 Auckland – Drillforce, 2023 Rotorua – Rotorua Welldrilling 75th anniversary, 2025 Napier – Baylis Bros (NZDF 50th anniversary)

Action: All councillors to check diaries and notify EO of any dates not suitable. EO to look into possible events we could coincide with etc

Matters arising

Drinking Water review updates (Mel)

Not much has happened since last meeting, the group are looking into the chemistry side of things extensively. Municipal supply is the focus. Mel will update all council when there is anything to report

NS4411 Standards review

This review seems to have stalled a bit possibly due to the delay in the drinking water review. There seems to be a push to make it a bigger document as the perception is that it is too flimsy. Steve Faulkner explained that this was similar to the last review when it started off as a weighty document and then was “too prescriptive” so many items were removed. It was agreed that it is essential for NZDF to have a presence on both panels

Action: EO to check archives for any original documentation from last standard review (since done and have most of them)

Logging review

While on the subject of review panels and need for federation to have a presence on them, Jeff explained that apparently the Geotech Society are planning to review sample descriptions for logging. Jeff volunteered to join panel as he has ideal experience. This was declined by panel.

Motion: Council gave formal endorsement for him to have presence on panel on our behalf
Moved Tim/Steve

(While looking through archives found NZ Water Well Drillers Guide to Logging Water Wells by LJ Brown – have notified Jeff)

History updates (Jeff) and life member interviews (Russ)

Jeff completed approximate chapters list with likely contacts. Johnny Hampton has many records on a hard drive. If there is difficulty retrieving he may need some financial assistance to extricate by specialist

Russell has interviewed Doug Close and has full audio and hard copy of that interview and Gordon's. Trip to south island planned soon, then a trip north later

Discussion about releasing small extract as teaser to encourage more submissions

Piling contractors /drillers qualification and memberships (Mel/Sam)

Bert keen to work with us but apparently some other piling contractors are working with Connexis, who have just closed consultation.

Action: ?? to inform Janet of this to see if they can work together in some way (have emailed Mel to see if he wants to or I will)

Worksafe document update (Sam)

Sam clarified that there is currently no document for non-hydrocarbon drill sites, so if Worksafe were to do an audit on any of our members they would be using the hydrocarbon document. This is why he formulated the document which was circulated to council after the last meeting and again just before this one

There was discussion around whether we should be proactive and approach Worksafe about this but hesitancy in case they grabbed this document and used it before we have had a chance for a final review and full consultation with our members. Steve F has a contact at Worksafe who he can approach off the record and ask for advice around this.

The main concern about giving anything to Worksafe is that we don't want to disadvantage any of our members who may not be fully up to speed with H&S. The document was reviewed around the table with councillors giving feedback on anything that concerned them. It will then be sent out to all members for feedback during a consultation process

Action: Sam to update changes and then we will release to members for feedback along with letter of explanation of background

(note we did not set a time for the consultation process – how many weeks?)

Plumbers Act update (Marcus)

We are unsure of latest status. Marcus spoke to Phillip Webb about other trades encroaching on drilling practices. The issue is around connecting potable water as there seems to be a grey area between plumbers/drilling/pump suppliers

Action: Marcus to obtain info around court ruling and update council

New business

Meeting venues

Costings compared – Christchurch obviously cheaper with 3 less flights to book. Everyone happy with venue/food etc. Next meeting will probably be immediately before AGM so will depend upon where that is held. Agreed that while south island strong on committee can continue with meetings down here for a while

Training courses planning

Blick to run another mud course approx 16 for 2 days – possibly end of September

Action: Tim to firm up dates

Deeco keen to do another screens course as there was high level of interest for further course. Uncertainty around trainer due to ADITC/ADIA possible rift with last provider. Possibly Colin Barden

Action: Marcus to contact ADIA/Colin Barden

Steve P contacted Ian Spiers who is keen to run compressor courses with hammers/boosters or whatever is required. Has quoted \$1000 day rate plus flights and accommodation to run course for 2 days around 10-12 people – will tie in with a holiday here. Suggested to hold at least one in north island and one in south depending on level of interest

Action: Steve Pilcher to contact Ian Spiers for possible dates

Action: EO to mention in newsletter and ask for interest/numbers etc

Iain suggested possible aquifer testing course

Action: Iain to research and provide more info

Jeff wondered whether a geology for drillers course would be a good idea – he may be able to organise and run one next year

Action: Jeff to investigate further

Scholarships

With the changes to fees free for drilling qualifications there is no point in sponsoring these. Council decided the most appropriate scholarship would be to sponsor one person to each of the training courses planned. Discussion followed about format for these and it was agreed needed to have been in industry for minimum 2 years and the course needed to be relevant to upskill the winners. Agreed one person per course per company to be entered with criteria to be finalised

Action: EO to draft something from previous scholarship entrant forms

Immigration (Jeff)

Following the request from Alton Drilling this was looked into. Currently drillers are not on either the long or short term skills shortage. If we apply to be on the skills shortage list it could impact members by driving pay rates up across the board. Discussion followed that an employee applying on their own is unlikely to get in, however an accredited employer who is also sponsoring their worker can still get workers in with little problem. The hardest aspect is proving that you have tried to get someone local first.

Action: Jeff to talk further to Celia to find out implications of being on skills shortage list and how hard it is to get on there

Action: EO to go back to Alton and find out if they are accredited employer and advise them to become one if not already

Promoting industry/MITO

Discussion around promoting industry to schools etc. MITO planning to release for careers expo in May and then we can work together later in year on some kind of campaign. There will need to be some jobs available though. To be discussed further when promo documents released

Strategic Planning

Brief outline of process discussed. Agreed would be a good process to undertake to redefine our goals and have some measure of achieving them. Maybe reword mission more relevant for times. It is good to have pillars for what federation stands for which can then be used as a guide when decisions are made

Action: EO to get some further draft documents together from templates available – can be a work in progress via emails

Any other business

Sponsors

Zane has commenced planning for 2020 conference and enquired about Enzed sponsorship agreement from 2015. It was originally a contract for next three conferences

Action: EO to investigate and forward docs to him (Note they are still members under Parker Hanifin NZ)

Safety Alerts

Steve F explained about an incident with a 9" grinder, cut off wheel exploded

Steve F explained about another incident where some workers had been using a hydrant in the middle of a footpath and failed to put cover back on causing someone to fall. In another similar incident he heard of someone actually fell down one and was killed

Steve P said that he always used to forward on safety alerts to go out to members.

Action: EO to mention in newsletter to get all members to pass these on

Meeting closed at 3.20pm

Next meeting TBA depending on AGM