

Minutes of Council meeting via Zoom on Friday July 3 at 1pm

Present

Mark, Sam, Zane, Tim, Russell, Dale, Malcolm, Steve P, Malcolm, Steve F, Iain, Debbie

Apologies

Tony, Marcus, Mel

Minutes of previous meeting

Passed as true and accurate record

Zane/Steve F

Subs

The new certificates are being professionally printed and will go out with letter including options for payment and anything else decided at meeting today. There was a discussion about stickers which have now run out – more to be printed and sent out with option if members want more they can get them at cost. Also Steve P mentioned the “Warning Keep Clear of Overhead Electric Lines stickers” which are useful. It was agreed to get more of these printed to include the NZDF logo.

(note we have quite a stock of these will send out with certs etc to all contractors and then order some more with logo)

Training

Mud School to go ahead Sept/Oct. No direct responses from newsletter. It was decided Tim to set date away from other events in Hamilton to ensure accommodation available. Flyer to be drafted and sent out to contractors and make contact with companies who had staff on previous course as they probably want other staff to attend

Action: Tim/Debbie

Tim also explained that they are looking into personal training with companies around their use of fluids. Can get a few companies together for this and also do follow up visits. Details still being worked on

Conference

Zane gave update: confirmed dates Sept 2-5. Hydraulink still keen to be major sponsor. Other sponsors too early to confirm would prefer to wait until early next year. Trade booths still keen. May have slight conflict with ADIA conference only 3 weeks away from ours. Sponsor details now been sent through - to go on website conference tab

Membership benefits

New website page all done and up. Dale mentioned small details to tidy up page

Strat Planning

We really need a template to work to but there are hundreds available online. Sam to source one that is more suitable for us. If any other councillors have a good template could they please forward

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History

Russell updated – 15-17th will be visiting Auckland to see Len and Martyn and also Steve F re Jim. Possibly visit Christchurch end of month to see Lyell. Steve P suggested possibly visiting Lawrence McGuire on the west coast as he used the first coring wireline system. Also Graeme Stewart. We now have 2 copies of Collared & Cased to get ideas – Russell already has a copy

Action: Steve P to forward contact details to Russell

Action: Debbie to send copy to Sam

Facebook

Following newsletter Mel sent good photos which were shared to FB page. Councillors to look out some as well so we have a stockpile and can keep posts at least weekly. Discussion about Classifieds page on website – needs to be used to become useful. Need some items on there. Steve P to send compressor details for listing and Sam to send honey details. Mention in letter with certs

Action: Steve P, Sam, Debbie

Complaints

Following the recent issue at Pyes Pa the procedure was discussed. There was another enquiry today although trying to ascertain if it was justified to be a complaint. Person spoke to Debbie then Steve P then rang Steve F immediately before meeting.

The standards for bores should be controlled by regional councils. Federation needs to build better relationships with councils. Letter about Drillers Registrations did go out to all last year. Iain noted he has seen this requested on tenders. Russ explained they have been working closely with HB regional council on improvements and maybe this could roll out across country. Happy to pass on to other councillors for consideration

Action: Debbie forward Complaints Doc again, Russell to forward info

NB We did not decide on next contact with councils or should it be done locally?

MITO

The Drillers Qualification levels 3 and 4 combined is equivalent to an apprenticeship. Combined they are eligible for Fees Free. Level 4 on its own is as it is 120 credits and this includes some DICAT and also RPL

NB Thought about this afterwards do we need to push this to school leavers/careers expo etc? This is dependent on number of jobs available in industry though

AGM

We need to set the date for this to let accountants know when financials need to be ready. Rules say any time between July and October. Last year was October. Format was discussed but with different councillors having different opinions it was decided to send out to all councillors and give them time to consider this more carefully and then vote on one of the two options:

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- 1) Zoom meeting with President/EO in same place and councillors and any other members joining in

Pros:

- Minimal cost
- Time - probably one hour max (normal AGM is previous minutes passed, President's Report, accounts presented and questions, appoint Auditor, any other business. Last year including several discussions meeting was total one hour)

Cons:

- Will need to defer voting process for another year
- Not getting together physically

- 2) Get together in either Christchurch or Wellington with council meeting during day and then AGM late afternoon and drinks/nibbles afterwards

Pros:

- Chance for a face to face
- Opportunity for members to attend
- Will be able to hold election this year

Cons:

- Cost – last year cost \$6,606 for room hires, food and drinks
- Will many members attend with costs involved for travel for a one hour meeting?
- Will need to action election quickly – contact anyone else who is considering standing, get together statements and send out with voting papers

Either way it was decided that Bain needs to be presented with his life membership this year and then do a formal presentation at conference next year. Sam to present in person next time he is in Wellington

Action: Debbie to arrange plaque and send to Sam

Meeting closed at 14.35pm

Next meeting Friday August 7 at 1pm?