

Minutes of Zoom meeting held Friday, February 10, 2023 at 2pm

Present: Sam Woodford, Tristan Macdonald, Tim Babbage, Mark de Goldi, Tony Kingan, Mel Griffiths, Roger Hay, Zane Brown, Steve Pilcher, Malcolm Clements, Debbie Lovett

Apologies: Iain Haycock, Dale Preston

Before beginning the meeting Sam mentioned the passing of Doug Chase and thanked Dale Preston for attending on behalf of the Federation.

History:

Steve Faulkner attended the first part of the meeting to give Council an update on the records and information he had obtained from Russell Baylis. He also received the Council copy of Collared and Cased by the ADIA, which he confessed he found hard reading as he didn't know the people involved but it appeared to have been written by an author rather than someone with drilling knowledge and he felt that some aspects were a bit negative. He asked what Council wanted to see from our book.

Mel felt that it should include information about our member companies and industry achievers who formed the NZDF, highlighting our life members and members achievements.

Steve explained that Russ' focus had been with certain questions that he asked all the people he interviewed which was most of our life members: Gordon Griffiths, Doug Chase, Lyell and Val McMillan, Hamish Pearson, Bill Washington and Woody Woodford.

Discussion followed about some of the other people who need to be interviewed / included in the book: Martyn Brown, Bain Webster, Jim Faulkner, Mike Ormsby etc etc. Also some of the projects that showcase the drilling industry as well as the formation of the Federation, first meeting etc

Steve asked for clarification whether his remit was to collate info only to be passed on to someone else to write or whether he was to write it as well, as he was concerned about the timing if we want it done for the 50 years.

Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the most important thing was collating the information to start. It was decided that Debbie would send out an email to all current members requesting information about their company, highlights etc. A different email would also go out to some past members with wording to be decided.

Steve then left the meeting and Council moved on to other business.

Previous minutes:

Passed as true and accurate record

Tim Babbage/Mel Griffiths

WWLA

Sam emailed them for some clarification about the different companies but it appears they have already wound up the drilling as Zane reported the rig was up for sale on TradeMe.

Cloud

Sam reported that unfortunately Regan is unable to sort this out remotely so Debbie will have to find a computer guru locally.

Authors

Steve had not yet contacted Duncan McKenzie about his book – and possibly the guy from Temuka Transport as well.

MITO Inspiring Futures Grant

Sam has contacted them and we are in for next round of funding so should be able to send a couple of drillers to conference. He will select them from the drillers who have completed the qualifications.

Training courses

Nothing further happened yet due to end of year/start of year etc. There was a suggestion that training courses take place in the winter months when work might not be so busy.

Geology by Jeff Ashby – TK and Steve P to liaise

Hiab – Tristan has meeting arranged with company on 21st so will report back after that but the company have branches all over the north island

Dogman – Steve finish getting details

Screens – Zane working with Marcus on dates to suit

Mud School – Tim reported it was postponed and he will inform us of new dates

NZS4411

Sam reported that once again nothing further has happened due to lack of funding. It appears they are now waiting for end of year to apply

Rules

Tim explained what has happened so far. Discussion followed around the nomination process which is how it used to be. Now we want people to stand up for Council and it is a given that they will be able to find people to nominate and second them. Therefore sections around appointment to be together including (skills/CV?) “in agreed format to be submitted 28 days (or one calendar month?) before date of AGM” so that there is adequate time to go out to all members for voting.

Tim explained that section 8 and 9 are brand new as we have never had these in our rules before so could councillors please take the time to read them and submit feedback within one week to Debbie who will forward them on to Tim, Iain and Sam. Also if there any minor changes could they be also sent within the week so that we can get to the next stage of sending to a lawyer for checking.

Obviously the government has still not set the guidelines for audit/review but it was suggested that we stick with review unless the legislation comes through that we must have an audit.

Conference

Zane updated Council that the staff member who did the bulk of this work has now left. With the three postponements and the changes to the companies and their policies etc during that prolonged period of time there is a lot of work to be done. Drillforce have already committed many hours of manpower to this costing untold amounts including work that Zane and his wife have committed to outside of work and he needs some more time before he can decide how next to proceed.

It was agreed that to start with Debbie is to contact all members who are registered and paid to confirm their attendance and we can go from there.

Immigration

Sam explained the response he received from Michael Woods. Agreed should be sent out to all members.

Action list from Zoom meeting Feb 10, 2023

Who	What	Status
Debbie	Arrange computer tech to sort out Cloud issues	
Steve	Contact Duncan and Temuka Transport re authors/prices etc	
Sam	Check out possible applicants for Drillers scholarship to conference and complete funding details with MITO when available	
Various	TK and Steve – liaise with Jeff Tristan – report back after meeting with Hiab company Steve – details of Dogman Zane – liaise with Marcus Tim – confirm date for Mud course	
All	Read and give feedback on 8 and 9 within ONE WEEK Any minor points on rest of doc give feedback in same timeframe	
Debbie	Send out email to all registered conference members for confirmation of attendance so we can start with confirmed numbers	
Debbie	Send out newsletter and immigration letter to all members to keep them up to date on what's happening	