

## **Minutes of Council Meeting held on June 16, 2022 at The Meeting Rooms, Christchurch**

Present: Sam Woodford, Dale Preston, Tim Babbage, mark de Goldi, Iain Haycock, Roger Hay, Steve Pilcher, Mel Griffiths, Malcolm Clemens, Zane Brown, Tristan Macdonald, Debbie Lovett

Apologies: Tony Kingan

Meeting commenced at 10.15 (after some flight delays)

President Sam welcomed new councillors in person as this was first face to face meeting for a while due to Covid

### **Water Services Act 2021**

Sam explained that the key things with this Act are that if a well is to supply more than one house or bach with potable water then the well must be registered with the authorities – Drinking Water Supplies NZ. This is all explained in Sam's latest article to appear in the next edition of ADIA magazine (will append to the end of these minutes). Council recommended that this article be circulated to all contractors, the link be added to our website, and this matter to be mentioned in the newsletter which will go out within a few days of meeting.

### **Financial Report**

This was presented along with update on the change to Xero is going. We have been using Banklink for some years but will go live with Xero from the start of new financial year (1/7/22). Discussions followed about various areas of finances and obviously we need to generate income streams aside from subs. Discussion followed about subs agreed to leave as is – some changes to types agreed in Rules discussion.

**Motion:** As a Federation we agree to maintain a working capital reserve – amount to be decided at the end of the financial year. Moved Iain Haycock seconded Sam Woodford. All agreed

**Motion:** Financial report approved Moved Tim Babbage Seconded Zane Brown

**Action:** Debbie to circulate draft full financial report to Council as soon as we reach end of year

### **Rules**

Our rules were last published in 2010 and were reviewed a few years ago by Jeff Ashby who, along with a lawyer picked over some of the wording. However, that project was parked as the Societies Act was under review by the Government. The Act has now been passed effective April 2022 with a requirement that all incorporated societies re-register by December 2025. Therefore Council needed to get the process underway as it will take some considerable time to review, prepare final draft to be approved by council, then checked by lawyer, then out to all members before finally being approved at a special general meeting around time of AGM.

Debbie had done a first draft of the rules using the template provided on the Societies website and this was discussed thoroughly by Council.

**Action** Debbie to prepare document from notes taken and circulate to Council for further comment

### **AGM**

It was decided that this year the AGM would be held in Wellington at the Intercontinental Hotel as it was a couple of years ago. Following the AGM there would be drinks and nibbles and time for those present to socialise. Agreed date is Friday September 23, 2022.

**Action:** Debbie to contact hotel for booking

### **Correspondence**

Lengthy correspondence report following omission at last face to face meeting. Points were discussed.

Motion: Correspondence report approved Moved: Steve Pilcher Seconded Malcolm Clemens

**Action:** Steve to contact Ross Richardson concerning DRILL1 number plate to see if it can be donated back to Federation as it has never been used.

### **History**

Steve reported that he has been waiting to hear back from Russell Baylis concerning the work he completed on this project. Discussion followed around how to find person to write the book – need to contact ADIA for how they did Collared and Cased, also the local authors who did the book on Hilton Haulage history. It was agreed that the best person to oversee this project would be Steve Faulkner if he was willing.

**Action:** Sam to approach Steve

**Action:** Steve to chase up with Russell and contact Hilton Haulage authors

### **NZS4411 2001 Standard and Guidelines**

John Hatfield of Waikato Regional Council has contacted us to see if the Federation wants to be involved in the review. There is to be central government funding and he wants our input. Discussion followed about how in the many meeting discussions over the past few years the Federation has tried to emphasise how important it is to take into account the difference in areas around the country and therefore the standards need to be less prescriptive about the process as it is more important to achieve a consistent end result. There has been no success so far but it is vitally important to get this point across. It was agreed to approach the ADIA about whether they would be prepared to share their guidelines while we are working our way through this process, so that we could share them on our website for members. Zane, Iain and Sam are prepared to be involved in the review when we hear back from John Hatfield.

**Action:** Sam to contact ADIA

### **Conference**

Zane gave updates so far including name of conference to remain “2021” which was agreed by all council. With the change in border opening it is possible to get some of our Aussie friends over but our issues remain around total numbers available with maximum numbers for dinner and Wild on Waiheke day. It was agreed to wait until next February to get confirmation from those registered and “rolled over” as it is too far out to contemplate or people to make definitive plans.

There was discussion about the number of people who had registered but not paid due to various oversights – including some councillors. It was suggested that these people should pay an increased registration fee but it was finally agreed that invoices would be sent out giving them a short amount of time to pay at the old rate and keep their rooms at Formosa. If they were not paid in this time their rooms would be released and they would have to retry at registration next year.

MITO had kindly donated water bottles but by next year they will no longer be an entity and the problem is that the plastic bottles apparently will be out of date by then. It was agreed that they would be contacted to maybe donate them to school sports or similar

**Action:** Zane to contact them and arrange this

**Action:** Booths and sponsorship opportunities to be mentioned in newsletter to increase uptake

It was agreed that scholarships for drillers to attend the conference would be awarded – either 2 or 3 and probably from the people who had completed Drillers Qualification (2 or 3 months out). Sam would be able to ascertain some of them who had done really well with the qualification. Iain suggested contacting the Inspiring Foundation Trust (set up by MITO) for some extra funding so that they could be provided with flights and accommodation to attend as well as registration for conference.

**Action:** Sam to contact Trust

## **Immigration**

Iain reported that there have been constant changes to immigration policies making it harder to bring in any drillers from overseas. Accredited employers who used to be able to bring people in on short term visas, have to keep reapplying for this status. Drilling is not on any of the listings for skill shortages unlike many other trades, yet we are definitely experiencing a shortage of drillers throughout the industry as is evident by number of ads on Trademe etc. Zane suggested that the problem could be something to do with the starting rates being so high. It was agreed that as a Federation we need to lobby to get this changed.

**Action:** Submission to be made as an industry body for non-hydrocarbon drillers to be added to skills shortage list – Debbie to draft and send to Sam to add technical details then send on

## **Training**

Now that the restrictions around the pandemic have been lifted we need to increase the training courses available to the industry with Federation providing subsidies

Blick are holding another Mud School – November ½

Some other suggestions were:

**Geology** – Jeff Ashby keen to present – Steve to chase him up and try to finalise some details

**Hiab** – Tristan suggested this might be useful as there is one in Hamilton – he will get more info

**Dogman** – Steve Pilcher recommended – to get more details

**Screens and gravel packing** – Zane to chase up Marcus to see if we can organise another one

Meeting closed at 3.15 as people had flights to catch

Next meeting via Zoom – date??