

Minutes of NZ Drillers Federation meeting Held December 5, 2023 at 1pm by Zoom

Present: Sam Woodford, Zane Brown, Mel Griffiths, Iain Haycock, Steve Pilcher, Tim Babbage, Tony Kingan, Chris Sinclair, Fabian Harley, Ben Metcalfe

Apologies: Mark de Goldi, Dirk Hermsen

History

Steve Faulkner attended meeting for update on history book. Progress has been fairly slow so far but he recently met an author/producer of documentaries etc who is approx. 55 and has written 16 books so far. His company is called Head to Head Videos and his name is Peter Michel – link here <https://nz.linkedin.com/in/peter-michel-023206b>

He would be available to start Oct 24 and his average lump sum cost approx. \$4-10,000. Everyone was in agreement to lock him in. Zane and Steve F to meet with him to discuss costs of publishing.

Discussions followed about direction of book etc and how to decide which photos.

Action: Debbie to send Steve dates of when companies joined Federation

Action: Any ideas about book to send to Zane and Steve

Minutes of last meeting – moved as correct Tim Babbage/Iain Haycock

Correspondence – Deb – to be forwarded to all council

Matters Arising:

Training

Grouting – update Steve: cost for presenter going up. Day rate \$1200 plus accommodation and meals. Need examples of types of grouting. Need to check equipment required could be provided by Steve and Zane. Should be one day theory then next day/half day practical. Suggestion to try late Feb or May – possibly go back to people interested and ask when suits them better. Try and subsidise at least 50%

Management – Fabian – just an idea good for supervisors etc.

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Feedback has come in following the scoping. Stakeholders seem to be losing interest – of the 25 who started only 4 gave feedback but good that we have a voice in this.

Conference

Final figures from Zane – approx. profit \$25k to go to training courses

Delegate survey still to be done – discussion followed

Action: Tim and Deb to finalise questions then send out

Drillers Registration

Iain explained the background to this – was adapted from the Master Builders and was designed to show drillers skills and experience and give them some backing/recognition and give a pathway. We have an opportunity now to update and refresh and strengthen value.

It was agreed to add onto the card if the driller has Level 4 qualification as well

Action: Deb contact Plasticard for adding on above to card. Collate figures and send report to councillors (attached – note of 53 contractor members only 17 have registered drillers)

Planning

Waterwell – update Chris – work started on this but agreed to leave Australian doc up for now as it may take some time

Hanga Aro Rau – update Sam – he has contacted Karl Burke to ask if something could be arranged. Will write again following meeting to show council passed at meeting. Although it is intended mostly for school leavers it was agreed it would be a great course for anyone older changing career paths. Rig might be used – could possibly be donated?

2024 AGM – Wellington – Sam/ Mel will be a smaller get together rather than full on conference. Probably at new conference centre and hoping to tie in rugby game or similar so waiting for sporting fixtures for next year to come out to firm up dates.

Note: ADIA conference set for Oct 15-17 in Perth

Everyone pleased to receive the safety alerts. Around the table everyone was looking forward to break and some companies are having an extended closedown for the first time ever. TK will be down in Antarctica until late Jan.

Meeting closed 2.15pm

Next meeting: