

Minutes of the NZ Drillers Federation Council Meeting Held October 10, 2023 via Zoom commencing at 1pm

Present: Sam Woodford, Zane Brown, Mel Griffiths, Iain Haycock, Steve Pilcher, Tim Babbage, Mark de Goldi, Dirk Hermsen, Chris Sinclair, Fabian Harley, Ben Metcalfe

Apologies: Tony Kingan

President Sam Woodford welcomed newest Council members Dirk, Fabian, Ben and Chris

Marcus Durrant of Deeco joined the meeting to give feedback on the recent Screens course which he hosted. There was a good turnout of 15 for the course. Although it was the same course that the ADIA run, the feedback afterwards was that it was a bit confusing as the slides were not the same as the workbook and some of it was a bit quick.

The questions that were asked was it: value for money 12/15, would you recommend 12/15, has your knowledge improved 9/15.

There was an exam at the end but Marcus felt the marking was not good – there is a need to understand the concept not necessarily the textbook. However most attendees got benefit. Overall he thought that next time we should try a different presenter.

There followed a discussion about the costs around this. Deeco actually spent \$3000 – the cost was approx. \$9500 with income of \$12,000 being 15 @ \$800. Councillors felt that there should have been more input from NZDF. In order to get more people on courses we need to keep price down, possibly fixed on number of attendees.

Marcus left the meeting

Minutes

Passed as a true and accurate record

Zane Brown/Mel Griffiths

Correspondence

There were no questions arising from correspondence. Debbie asked if Egmont were to be accepted. Sam instructed to approve them.

Conference

Zane gave feedback. It went extremely well and raised approx. \$25k after Simon's payment with a few figures still to be finalised

Action: Debbie/Zane finalise figures

Formosa were very happy to see their venue being utilised for such a good and friendly conference.

There was positive feedback from all the sponsors/trade stands (circulated to Council) especially Hydraulink and Atlas Copco. Many attendees felt it was the best conference held so far.

Inspiring Futures Foundation

The 6 drillers who attended as the scholarship recipients have all done their review which was overwhelmingly positive as they all enjoyed the face to face time with trade stands, each other and business owners. This will be posted on their website soon. (Link sent out 19/10). The question was asked had we given feedback to the company owners the drillers came from.

Feedback forms still to go to delegates. After discussion the feedback forms need to include the following:

How would you describe conference to others? (so we can get quotes)

Will you attend future conferences?

Would you consider hosting conference?

Action Debbie to organise and send out

It was felt that we need to market differently to members who have not previously attended.

Training

Grouting – Steve noted that ADIA are currently advertising Grouting and High Pressure courses.

Dates still need to be set for ours

Action: Steve/Zane set date and organise

Discussion followed about other possible courses – nothing decided at moment.

AGM 2024

Sam announced that this will be held in Wellington in early October similar to the one last year with a short day but possibly add on a sporting fixture – rugby game, visit to NZ Campus of Innovation and sport which is an impressive set up. Details to be organised.

Action: Sam/Mel

Ideas

Sam asked the newest council members to think about what they would like to see the Federation do and emphasised that council members can work together on projects

NZS4411

Mel and Zane reported that there have been a couple of updates lately. Iain reported that the scoping dates are 29/9 to 20/10. He has had a quick look and it appears that they may have changed their focus.

Action: Iain/Sam/Mel/Zane to hold Zoom/Teams meeting to discuss

Drillers Registration

Qualifications, unit standards need to be refreshed. All council to look at existing form and give feedback on what needs to change. The value of it needs to be recognized. Following the upgrade we need to promote it more

Action: Debbie send form to councillors, all to give feedback

Forward Planning

Sam asked each councillor to consider our future. Currently a relatively small organisation – do we expand to other types of drilling to increase membership?

He then asked each councillor for their thoughts:

Zane

Would like Federation to hold more training courses. Conference made a good profit would like to see that put into training for members. Possibly water bore licensing? Will that be in 4411? Or should we just do it ourselves?

Mel

Would like council to be able to answer “what have we achieved at the end of our term?” As a council need to be more involved between meetings in outside things. We need achievable goals and we need to drive them. Should we involve managers too? Felt we should have NZ Best Practice not the standard – could use Aussie one as a guide?

Action: Chris and Dirk to look at Waterwell practices

Iain

4411 is much about general approach but to make it standard. We don't want to duplicate work. Best practice comes from the standard.

Ben

Similar to Zane – more training in the right areas. Happy to help wherever possible.

Steve

Subsidies most important for training so that we can get more guys in the industry better trained

Dirk

How to attract young guys to the industry. What happened to TPP. He went through that and many of the guys from there are still in the industry. Is the course still in place and how can we get it back. (Sam answered that there are some things need to be sorted at government level). Sam will talk to them as it could be held anywhere.

Action: Sam to approach relevant people

Chris

Safety alerts not coming through. Can we share them when someone gets them. Worksafe ones come through and we send. Zane replied that he gets the Aussie ones so look into that and will forward to Sam

Fabian

Incident alerts are a good idea. Altons share between worksites which is good especially with new guys. H&S is always good to improve on – attitudes and work habits – maybe behavioural training. Also leadership training for supervisor and above. Good to have pathways for new starts in the industry. Alton have training packs/driller packs and front line management packs.

Tim

New version of the rules needs to be finished when government sorted out. Keen to set tasks and dates/timeframe for action items. Action checklist to have open date and close date.

Action: Debbie to change action checklist

Mark

Should we be looking at the courses that are available in Aussie to see if we could hold them here?

Meeting closed at 2.25pm

Next meeting Zoom in approx. 6 weeks – under an hour

New Year have a face to face meeting in Wellington – date to be arranged