

## **Minutes of Council Meeting held September 2, 2023 at Formosa Golf Resort**

**Present:** Sam Woodford, Zane Brown, Mel Griffiths, Iain Haycock, Steve Pilcher, Tim Babbage, Mark de Goldi, Tony Kingan, Dirk Hermsen, Chris Sinclair

**Apologies:**; Ben Metcalfe, Fabian Harley

Minutes of last meeting were passed as true record Mel Griffiths/Steve Pilcher

### **MITO/Te Pukenga**

Sam explained the difference between the two entities and how they work. The Inspiring Futures Foundation was formed from MITO as they had a massive amount of money to support the industry when it was wound up and so they formed a charitable trust for the 6 industry groups who were previously represented by MITO. We were very lucky to obtain the funds we did as the other industry groups don't seem to have applied yet.

Following this funding we need the 6 recipients to give feedback, get some pictures and then write an overall report. We will be able to return the extra funds (possibly \$3349) to MITO. Next time we need to start the process earlier so that we can get more applicants. We also need to investigate the possibility of applying for funds for training courses.

### **President**

Discussion followed about this. In the end Sam agreed to stand for one more year and then Zane will take over for one year. Planning ahead it was agreed that Tim would act as Vice President for Zane.

### **Meetings**

Around the table it was agreed that Monday and Friday are not the best days for Zoom meetings so in future they will be held Tuesday- Thursday. Next year we will probably have 2 x face to face meetings and the rest short Zoom meetings. Sam reiterated that it was important to only speak one at a time at meetings and not to hold breakaway conversations. Also the new councillors shouldn't be afraid to speak up.

It was agreed that Council needs to look at what we want to achieve over the next 2 years. Although we did some strategic planning we need to have short term achievable goals. All councillors to think about this before next meeting so we can have some new ideas.

### **Drillers Registration**

It was decided that this needs a revamp. We also need to promote it more to councils and consultants. What else can we put in there?

### **Training**

We need to ensure the hosts are not out of pocket. Possibly have training days before conference like we used to.

### **Conference**

Huge thanks to Zane and his team for such a great conference. We will send out a survey for feedback: short – no more than 3 questions. Possibly Mailchimp. (Note this has already gone out to suppliers/trade stands and has been overwhelmingly positive with the only negative that it would have been even better if the bar was near the trade stands)

**Member Benefits**

We need to look at what else we can offer? Maybe some kind of welcome to new members? Other forms of drilling? Another thing to consider before next meeting

Meeting closed at 14.50

Next meeting??