

Civil Contractors New Zealand Manawatu Branch
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
23rd September 2021
42 Harrisons Line, Ashhurst

Start 7:13pm

Present: Greg Lumsden (Chairman), Heidi Giles (Secretary/Treasurer), Eve Cooper, Peter Silcock, Gary Clarke, Shane Taylor, Ciaryn Cryer,

Apologies: Grant Radovanovich, Jason Belcher, Leeanne Clarke.

Confirmation of previous minutes:

Moved by Shane Taylor, seconded by Greg Lumsden

Matters arising:

- Kelly from PNCC has sent Shane the booking form for Railway Land booking for the NEOC. Shane will fill out and get back to her on Monday.
- Whanganui Branches Mike King event postponed till 2022 due to Covid restrictions.

Correspondence:

- Email received from Peter Silcock regarding \$900.00 over payment. Moved by Greg Lumsden, seconded by Gary Clarke
- Small Bore Rifle Shooting contacted Shane to inform him that Members only at Level 2, Non-Members Level 1 then we can look at re-scheduling event.

Financial:

- Current position, threes invoice for payment to Prime Electrical Solutions Ltd \$993.60 for July/August/September 2021.
- As of today Call Account \$25,803.82, Current Account \$5,991.11 of which \$900.00 needs to be repaid due to overpayment, Visa \$0.00, Term deposit balance \$30,000.00
Moved by Shane Taylor, seconded by Greg Lumsden

Membership:

- N/A

General Business:

- Duffy memorial trophy, ATD Services is happy to sponsor. Trevor Blenkiron thinks the Branch should sponsor. Shane Taylor looking into trophy scales.
 - Should this trophy be National or Regional.

- Should we contact the Police traffic unit to be involved, this has been done before.
- Eve Cooper – Membership benefits for CCNZ and how to access the benefits. Locator contractor find a contractor on the website by the general public.
- Peter Silcock – CCNZ point of view, the last month been working around drafting protocols and keeping people up to date. Sending things out, protocols (what you have to do around crossing borders), solving problems with supply chain out of Auckland. Vaccinations and covid testing (City Rail is doing testing around saliva, 6 – 8 hour turn around) if they are found to be positive sent home after a nasal swab. Interesting around where people go around testing, we are seeing some of the vertical builders, VECTOR asking for information around percentages around vaccination. Could be seen as a discriminatory thing. Quite a few companies that are doing a voluntary survey, how many have been vaccinated, 1 or 2 jabs. We want to know from our point of view.
- Getting a really big run on Membership applications, over the last 12 months we have had more join that over any period over the last 10 years. All over the country, pretty well spread. A few from Auckland. Different sized companies, some bigger companies that have stood outside CCNZ, Dempsy Wood and Ventia have jointed recently. Under the \$5million category. Regular webinars, one around technology with approx. 200 attendees. If you go on the member part of the website you can watch the webinars.
- Conference in the end of July, approx. 495 attendees.
- Had a bomb scare during the conference, which meant we had to cancel the fancy dress dinner.
- A lot of Branch events have been cancelled due to Covid, REOC's are being cancelled because people are busy due to time off. Still keen to compete at National's.
- Quite a bit of work around skill shortages. Infrastructure skills – run down in Canterbury, 14 people put through a 6 week course. 2 of those people by Fulton Hogan, the other 12 employed by other contractors of different size. 6 weeks ended the week before lockdown. Looking at doing a similar event in the Manawatu, looking for contractors in the Manawatu interested in employing some of the people. You employ them before the start, MSD will give you \$600 towards their wages. CCNZ supporting this, look to come out to the members of Manawatu and Whanganui Branch. Ramp up to bring more people into the industry quicker. Some big centres of training, some of that ongoing training. Sponsored by Fulton Hogan, this is for the industry they are looking for engagement with contractors.
- Immigration settings, Master Builders, engineers, architects, the rules around immigration are currently to tight, minimum salary \$106,000.00. Civil companies had 50% of vacancies. 3200 vacancies by 135 companies. A lot of the vacancies are around more of the trade/supervisor area. Not necessarily high level, more the middle ground site supervisors etc. Pretty critical having supervisors on site in charge of safety etc.
- Is CCNZ going to take over some of the TC stuff? CCNZ has been talking with NZTA, because they manage a lot of the Traffic Control stuff. They should be setting the standard. Connexis facilitates the training. Traffic Control should be the same, it should be a qualification. Planner requirements, you be a planner you need to have an onsite component. CCNZ to take more of role in Traffic Controller career path, level 4 qualification.
- Also having a look at some of the issues regarding surface strikes. What can we do around that. Wanting to engage in industry.
- Tender for Traffic Control, understanding what is required.

- Drain clearing, had a stop go, car came through they didn't stop, side swiped the truck which was off the road by 2 metres. The TC was looking and stepped back, car went straight through where they were.
- Going to see a lot more. Fulton Hogan have developed the electronic stop go to take people out of the firing line.
- Gary Clarke – RCA will need to check that. 9am and 3pm queues need to be controlled.
- Giving priority to traffic flow over our people. In New Zealand it's 30km, in Australia is 50km.
- Narrow roads, better roads in certain parts of the country, rural small shoulders, high traffic flow. Chaos during high traffic flow times and everything has increased dramatically.
- CCNZ is seeing a lot more road closures, becoming more acceptable to close roads for short period of time, less disruption.
- Gary Clarke - Hydrovax is being used for that now. Zero Strike/Zero Harm. The contractor has to make good the damage. All risks on the contractor. Even Traffic Management is a separate line item, you have to show now that you are managing or accounting for it.
 - Covid documents were good.

Meetings closed 8:22pm