

**Civil Contractors New Zealand Manawatu Branch**  
**Branch Meeting Minutes**  
**5 October 2022**  
**Focus Point Cinema, 223 Cuba Street, Palmerston North**

**Meeting Started:** 6.05pm

**Present:** Greg Lumsden (Chairman, ATD Services), Maree Keelty (secretary), Grant Radovanovich (Central Regional Manager, CCNZ), Gary Clarke (Clarke Underground Ltd), Tony Rutherford (life member), Kellie Vincent (Connexis), Linda Shailer (Connexis), Graham Wharepapa (Off 2 Work Ltd), Jason Cryer (Hireways), Peter Sharpe (Blackley Construction), Kathy Gibson (NDTC), Shane Brownell (Brownell Earthmoving), Shane Taylor (ATD Services), Steven Blackley (life member), Kevin Blackley (Blackley Construction), Daniel Blenkiron ([Herb] Blenkiron Bros, arrived 6.10pm), Trevor Blenkiron (life member, arrived 6.30pm)

**Apologies:**

Leeann Clarke (HEB), Hayden Sarcich (Fulton Hogan), Jamie Blackley (FH)

**Matters arising from previous meeting:**

From the minutes, line 8 on page 3, where it refers to Trevor, Tony thinks this should say Grant. Minutes accepted by Tony Rutherford, seconded by Kevin Blackley

Bank account for Maree is up and running

**Correspondence:**

- Nil

**Head Office Update**

- Margan house has officially been sold with a settlement date of May 2023. Are looking for temporary premises until something more permanent can be found
- New president is Bailey Gear. First female in 78 year history. David Howard is vice president
- Conference was deemed successful with 800 delegates. 600 at the awards. Only 150 contracting members so they want to know from us what we want to see at a conference so that more members will attend. Can send Grant an email, text or talk about it tonight.

One comment from Gary Clarke, that conferences often feel like the big contractors and the little guys don't often fit in.

Greg said that the cost can also be inhibitive for a small business.

Grant Radovanovich said that one suggestion from the Taranaki branch is that all new members get one free ticket. Possibly some more SME workshops.

Ollie retired, South Island, so Eve has taken on the role of Southern Regional Manager. Replacement for Eve should be announced in the next week.

Lots of notes from Grant but the basics are:

Database has come up again so head office will fund secretaries around the country to get this updated.

From Fraser – Waka Kotahi want to increase their contact with branches nationally.

New articles are on the CCNZ website and you are encouraged to check this out.

Executive Committee met on 29 September regarding the merger. This has been approved and this will be going ahead. Whanganui members will find out by email tonight, plus an email to all Manawatu members.

We will amend the website names, email addresses, an email will go out from Alan, and we will reconcile bank account. Date of new merger will be 1 Nov 2022, first meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov (Thur) in Bulls.

We are looking for 2 x Manawatu and 2 x Whanganui members to form a committee, Greg will stay as Chair and Willy will be Vice Chair up until first AGM.

CCNZ head office have released a heap of new CCNZ stickers, they're on the website to order and they are free.

**Financial:**

Invoices in from Contrafed (magazine) of of \$30.15 for August and September. As these are monthly, Maree is seeking permission to just pay these rather than wait for a meeting to get approval.

Moved by Maree that Contrafed invoices can be paid on arrival.

Accepted by Tony Rutherford, seconded Steven Blackley.

Bank account balances are call account of \$2,397.34, current account \$511.50, term deposits of \$10,000 (till Dec 22), \$10000 (till Jan 23) and \$30000 (till Oct 22)

For the \$30,000, will move this to the call account until the merger. This was agreed to my all members in attendance.

There is money to come from Whanganui when we merge.

**Items of General Business:**

General business

Nil

Manawatu Excavator Competition

Fencing is our biggest nightmare. Whare will approach Bunnythorpe Rugby Club and we offer \$500 for them to put up and take down. This should be about 20 people.

Hirepool usually supply. Gtatham Wharepapa will follow up.

Shane – truck loading trophy. Will we have the Geoff Duff trophy for the nationals? This is AUD\$900. We need to find sponsorship to purchase this.

The current trophy will go for the regionals.

Greg to talk to Damien at Cable Price and see what they might have.

Tony said the money in our accounts, some of which comes from previous competitions and should be used for purposes such as this.

Shane moved that we get a truck and trailer trophy purchased, seconded by Trevor Blenkiron.  
Carried.

Setting up for the nationals – Shane Taylor has someone that will set up that will come back to us for the 5.5s, but someone needed for the 13's. We need something that is done and dusted.

We'd like the subcommittees to make things run smoothly.

Graham Wharepapa as H&S officer for both.

Herb + 1 or 2 for 13s. Shane Brownell and Steven Blackley will also help.

Shane will go to Steve and say we're looking for stuff for December.

13s group to sort out what the 13s will do for the couple of days.

Tony asked that Grant Radovanovich find out how many competitors we can have. Should be 12 max as there are 12 branches, plus the defender. Total 13. We think this is Troy Calteaux from Otago.

Our regional will be the Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Nationals will be the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

NDTC have verbally offered their venue which we will accept. Greg will follow up with Adrian and Kathy at NDTC.

Shane and Greg will be the facilitators for the regional competition.

Greg will talk to Damien regarding what machines will be required.

Men on the ground for both will be the ones that normally help plus a few more.

Maree to find the old flyer and update date and venue.

Regionals, we may need to limit numbers but Greg will talk to NDTC and if we do not need to pack down we will be able to have more competitors.

Possibly we get 2 13s which means more competitors.

Nationals are 2 x 5.5s, 2 x 13s and a mini dig. Grant R to find out if Fraser will do the 'Have a Go'. We suspect so as Rebecca is the Development Officer.

Regionals to be limited to 16 assuming we have one big and one little.

**Meeting closed** 7.00pm

Next meeting:

Thursday 3 November, Rat Hole, Bulls (venue confirmed)

Thursday 8 December, Orlando, Palmerston North (venue confirmed)