

Civil Contractors New Zealand Manawatu-Whanganui Branch

Branch Meeting Minutes

3 November 2022

The Rat Hole, Bulls

Meeting Started: 6.20pm

Present: Greg Lumsden (Chairman, ATD Services), Willy Morrell (vice Chairman, Bullocks), Maree Keelty (secretary), Grant Radovanovich (Central Regional Manager, CCNZ), Alan Pollard (CE, CCNZ), Shane Taylor, Laurie Vercoe (GPIL), Stacy Dixon (Marley NZ), Rob Ormsby (GPIL), Tony Rutherford (life member), Grant Smith (life member), Steven Blackley (life member), Jamie Blackley (FH), Jason Cryer (Hireways), Brian Duffin (Contracting), Graham Blackley (life member), Hayden Loader (Loaders), Justin Loader (Loaders), Glen Bullock (Bullocks), Ben Morrell (Bullocks), Tim Morrell (Bullocks), Richard Emmett (Emmett's Civil), John Bryant (JDB Consulting), Dave Nicholls (Downer), Chris Berry (Emmett's Civil), Fraser May (CCNZ – arrived 6.31pm)

Apologies:

Bailey Gair (President CCNZ), Leeann Clarke (HEB), Kathy Gibson (Manfeild), Allan Deans (Humes), Hayden Sarcich (Fulton Hogan), Robert Fris (Geofabrics), Matthew Pearson (Hirepool), Neil Ritchie (Turbo Sound), James Foster (Byfords), Richard Apthorp (Byfords), Brendon Walker (Downer), Graham Wharepapa (Off 2 Work), Gary Clarke (Clarke Underground)

Matters arising from previous meeting:

First merged branch meeting

Financial:

- Whanganui bank account is \$6,877, term deposit is \$14,918, current liabilities of \$219.
- Manawatu call account is \$33,553.54, current account of \$217.24, visa totals -\$214.75, term deposit ending 16/12 of \$10,000 and the other ending 17/01 also of \$10,000.
- Manawatu to pay the invoice for the trophy and Contrafed, both of these were signed off at the last meeting.

Moved that financials be accepted by Willy Morrell, seconded Dave Nicholls

Nomination of Committee Members:

Grant explained that we would like an additional two people from each branch to help form a committee under Greg as Chairman and Willy as vice chairman.

Willy and Greg explained that we would like this to get a representation from the previous separate branches so that we can work out how to go forward. This will tie us over to the AGM.

Hayden Loader, seconded by Richard Emmett

Shane Taylor, seconded by Graham Blackley

Jason Cryer, seconded by Steven Blackley

Dave Nicholls, seconded by Hayden Loader

Meeting Venues:

Home, away and one in between
Executive committee to meet 6 weekly.
Committee to set the timetable for this.

Formal Launch discussion:

Alan spoke about the merger. Said that CCNZ is absolutely committed to this branch. Final details still in progress, including the bank account. New financial rules also happening right across all CCNZ branches. Alan is happy to give whatever supported is need.

Do we wish to have a formal launch? Invite CEO, local mayors, etc.
Willy suggested mid February, get past the silly season. A good opportunity to celebrate the work that we do and show everyone who we are and what we do.

Christmas function is at Orlando on 8 Dec. We normally subsidize the night and get a sponsor for the bar for the night. Have used the Hirepool money (that we can tap into), for this in the past.

Maree to investigate dates at Orlando for mid February for the launch.
Please let Maree or Grant know of anyone who should be invited. Also prospective members.

Excavator Competition:

Shane has a model for the trophy.
Greg explained how it runs for those that haven't attended before. This is our 28th year. We set up over the week before hand for it to run on the Sunday, for the regional. We work out a track, sort out the scoring. The National Excavator competition is the Friday and Saturday and will be as part of the Field days and a huge thanks to National Driver Training Centre for letting us use their venue. Greg is going to ask that we leave our gear there between the regional and national competitions. This will keep the costs down. Greg will report back on that once it is confirmed.

Trophies are underway. Jeff Duff memorial trophy – Shane is going to approach his son to see if he would like to present it.

Shane asks that the Manawatu boys put their heads together and work out what should be on the plaque on the trophy.

Sub committees are already set up to start this but we are happy to take more members on these committees.

Our regional will be the Sunday 5th March 2023.

Nationals will be the 19th March 2023.

16 competitors for the regionals.

There will be a teams event as well, as part of the regionals. Two man team, intercompany competition. Clarke Underground and Central Demolition are the holders over the past few years so it would be good to see some more winners.

Willy would like to see a flyer come out on how the day will work. Greg advised we don't give out too much information as we don't want people to be able to practice in advance. There might be a painting competition, an obstacle course, lift a manhole with two glasses full of water on it, could be anything.

This is the same for the National Excavator Competition, if you have ideas, please let us know.

National Excavator Competition - the regional winners get flown in and put up in a motel, all expenses paid. Usually costs about 26-30k to put this on.

If you want to be involved on a committee, please let Greg know and he will let you know the other committee members and put them in touch with you.

General Business:

Maree reads out an email from Eve asking that the trophy from last year's regional winner of the Excavator competition be returned and engraved before being handed out in 2023. Advised that we do a trophy that can be kept.

CCNZ welcome Nicola Hakes as the Membership and Events Manager, and also advise that Anna Lovelock, Office and Accounts Coordinator, finishes on 11 November.

Tony Rutherford said that with Alan bringing up that the financials are being sorted, that we need to work out new signatories. Tony suggested Willy, Greg, Maree and one other.

Alan has a memorandum going out to all CCNZ branches about what is to happen.

Overall, the owners of all CCNZ branches are Alan, Geeta and Bailey.

Alan will have a conversation with Manawatu-Whanganui once his memorandum comes out.

IRD will also need to have a name change.

Alan would like to see this all happen within the next month.

Name change is fairly simply and will come through quickly.

Dave Nicholls asked if it would help if the branch were to agree to this now, would it speed things up.

Alan moved a motion that the signatories are himself, Geeta, chair and secretary, and one branch administrator which will include Willy. Seconded Dave Nicholls. Carried.

Willy asked what the Manawatu branch does that would cost the branch. Greg said a subsidised Christmas function and a dinner after the National Excavator Competition. At a branch meeting if we haven't found a sponsor, we might put on a few nibbles and drinks, but this would be all. We haven't had an Awards function for a while.

Shane is talking to Manawatu Smallbore Rifle shooting at the moment to see when they can host us. 30 shooters on one night, and we'd look to hold this over two nights. We have a trophy for this.

This is most likely to happen April/May next year.

Now that we are a bigger mass, we should be able to do golf, fishing competitions, etc.

Alan advised that head office are about to change their auditors.

The replacement for Anna might also be several weeks away.

Some disruptions while they sorting Margan house and where to go.

Alan reiterated that he is always happy to answer questions and, that Grant is as well.

Grant thanks Laurie and GPIL again for their sponsorship for tonight

Meeting closed 7.19pm

Next meeting:

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