

Minutes of MEANZ meeting -- 7 Jan 2012.

at Steam up North Convention Site 0915 hrs

Members present and Apologies - see appendix 1.

Minutes of the previous meeting held at Nelson, in Jan 2010 were circulated earlier and copies were available. They were taken as read, and accepted. *(Dave Giles, Roger Reynolds)*

Matters Arising - nil

President's Report. Colin Burleigh had prepared his Report in April and it was read by the Secretary and was accepted with thanks. *(Hugh Martin, Graham Head)*

(Copies had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting.)

A time of silence was observed in memory of Colin and his legacy. *(Bill Krippner, Paulette Morton)*

Financial Report

The report, including the proposal to pay the first club registration fee from the existing funds was accepted. *(Anderson, Murray Bold)*

Subscriptions.

It was moved and passed that subscriptions remain the same. *(Mike Orange, Brendon England)*

Correspondence. Acknowledgement of the correspondence from the Sec of AALS was made by the Secretary. Our thanks to them for keeping us abreast of their business and experience.

The newsletters from the Southern Federation of MES (UK) are acknowledged.

Hugh Martin explained difficulties experienced with mail delivery within the club and suggested that more use be made of e-mail direct to the MEANZ Rep in the club. This can be addressed by the incoming Secretary.

Report was accepted. *(Dave Giles, Hugh Martin)*

Election of Officers –

Richard Lockett was nominated for the President role. *(Dave Giles, Mike Orange)*

Dennis Searle renewed his offer to stand as Secretary and this was greeted with acclamation.

Rob Wilson was nominated for the SI Representative. *(Jock Miller, Graeme Chisnall)*

Dennis Collins was nominated for the NI Representative. *(Dave Giles, Mike Orange)*

With no further nominations these members for the new Executive were accepted.

President -- Richard Lockett (Palmerston North ME Club)

Secretary -- Dennis Searle (Experimental & MES [Waikato Based])

NI Rep – Dennis Collins (Cambridge / Rotorua LS)

SI Rep – Rob Wilson (Canterbury SMEE)

Auditor – Brian Wheeler is prepared to continue in the realisation that a geographic change may be called for. Thanks for his service were expressed. *(Hugh Martin, Roger Reynolds)*

2014 Convention It was noted that Dunedin had withdrawn their offer after serious consideration. Canterbury had been invited to consider hosting it and Graeme Chisnall presented a proposal that was accepted with acclamation. (*Murray Bold, Paulette Morton*)

2016 Kapiti again registered an interest in the 2016 Convention and Graeme Brown explained that various alternatives are being considered for hosting facilities. Should these prove to be unworkable Peter Jones advised that Tauranga would be interested.

2018 John Caldwell stated that Nelson S of M would be in a position to host again.

Membership Applications

These were dealt with in turn with the proposer speaking on the club situation and the seconder supporting the application.

Mana Ariki Railway Inc - Dave Giles, Ken McIntyre

Cambridge-Rotorua Live Steamers - Dennis Collins, Brendon England

Otago Miniature Road and Rail Soc - Bill Krippner, Paul Newton

Experimental & Model Engineers - Dennis Searle, Greg Burrows

All applications were passed by the required majority.

It was explained that the Rotorua club does not now exist.

This situation brings the MEANZ membership to 29.

Amusement Device Regulation (ADR) Implementation

An explanation of the changed situation in the final wording of the ADR whereby MEANZ Auditors can function as the 'Competent Person' to inspect and sign off a club application for registration was given by the Exec members. This was not envisaged at the time of Colin Burleigh's report in April and it was anticipated that training of the Competent Person was going to be a major exercise. Auditors will now be able to draw on their experience and will only need to be familiar with the ADR Interpretation document and the clauses that have been listed in the application to carry out the necessary inspection function.

Bill Krippner raised the question of final responsibility and it was clarified that provided the Competent Person does cover the necessary points it is the Club responsibility to continue the processes and maintain the safety standards.

Ken McIntyre stated that a followup audit is scheduled for their club and an 'inspection' would be possible at the same time. It is anticipated that the two functions would be covered at the same time remembering that they are not identical.

Hugh Martin questioned the qualification required for a 'competent person' and for those within MEANZ responsible for appointing auditors. It was explained that a tertiary qualification would be advantageous in the eyes of the bureaucrat. For the type of expertise required for a miniature railway assessment, experience and knowledge of the field was critical, and this did not of necessity come from a qualification though that could still be a good starting point.

**** Marshall questions amusement device

Peter Jones voiced concerns about visiting locos and how they were covered in the registration. It was explained that this is a misfit of the ADR that we have been trying to rectify over the years. The Host club needs to have a system to assure themselves any vehicle run is in a safe condition and have it identified and listed. A warrant system is

proposed for the future to help in this process but it will still be up to the Club concerned to ensure the safe condition of the visiting vehicle.

Remits

Age of the Driver.

It was proposed (*Romanes/Orange*) that **the recommended minimum age for driving be lowered to 15yrs.**

Bill Krippner felt this should apply under all circumstances.

Graeme Brown felt it was only applicable with public passengers.

Richard Lockett wondered what was behind this proposed change and it was voiced that young drivers need encouragement and integration into the system and can make good drivers.

John Romanes added that the restriction is not based on the ability to drive so much as the level of maturity and ability to handle an emergency.

Peter George stated that it should still be up to each club to decide as circumstances and the nature of the track must be part of the equation.

Dave Giles stated the fact that some well trained junior members are better than many of the older drivers.

Dennis Searle felt the age should be fixed

Barry Glover added that the system and insurance in Australia meant that there was no flexibility.

Krippner/George moved an amendment to the effect that **with public passengers the driver of 15 yrs age or less must be under the supervision of a licensed driver.** This was passed by the majority.

Small children in front of the driver.

Romanes/England moved that **the positioning of a small child in front of the driver should not be allowed during public running.**

This situation looks irresponsible and could lead to distraction of the driver.

This was motion was passed.

Warrant of Fitness System

Romanes/Orange moved that **the incoming Executive investigate the adoption of a common warrant scheme for locomotives and trollies.**

The need to keep it simple was voiced and it should grow out of the basic requirement for Registration.

Les Moore Challenge Rules.

Brendon England on behalf of the Hamilton Model Engineers introduced the proposal to take the rules for this event back to a steam theme. (The proposed rules were published in the Agenda.)

Richard Lockett stated that Palmerston North was instrumental in setting up the Challenge and it was to encourage model engineering and the scope of this should not be narrowed.

It was acknowledged that Hamilton had chosen a very suitable steam project but the 2012 Challenge held the previous evening demonstrated the value of variety.

Paulette Morton stated it should cover all avenues of model engineering over time, and should not be limited.

The Motion was lost.

General Business

Introduction of Colin Burleigh Trophy

John Romanes announced the inauguration of a trophy presented by Colin Burleigh for the best non steam locomotive at the convention. (this required the reissue of voting forms to conventioners to ascertain the most popular locos in the now 3 classes)

Graeme Chisnall mentioned that the List of Trophies is on the MEANZ website and this needs to be updated with the correct information.

SI Report

Jock Miller reported that there is a positive attitude around the South Island clubs and notes that most clubs boast a boating pond, and they put more work into public exhibitions.

Havelock North Derailment

This incident has been thoroughly investigated by the Hawkes Bay DoL Inspector, Anne Parker, and as her report is not yet available comment is not being passed on some of the issues.

John Romanes did say that we all need to ensure that safety procedures that have been instituted by our members should be carefully maintained and kept functioning and up to date. Each club must act responsibly in this regard.

Braking Systems.

Peter Jones, Tauranga, stated that they have a flat track but have adopted a fail safe braking system. It was suggested that the incoming executive look at standardising on a fail safe system. Dave Giles stated that only two clubs had gone that far and most were using a straight vacuum system.

Lindsay McDonnell advocates the straight vacuum for its relative ease of application, and reliability.

Duplex Boilers

It was explained that MEANZ had advised DoL that Part 4 of the AMBSC Code had been accepted and promulgated however the official DoL approval of the Part 4 of the AMBSC Code has not come through at this stage. Peter George has made contact with the relevant section and is supporting their assessment of the code and will assist in arranging for a design verification if required.

Orange/Reynolds moved that **David Giles and Peter George investigate further on the requirements.** This motion was passed.

Krippner/Burrows moved that **we wait for DoL approval before running Duplex boilers.**

This motion failed.

With no further business in this category --

The meeting was declared closed about 1207hrs.

Appendix –

1. Representatives & Attendance

Club	Representative		
Whangarei	Roger Reynolds	Eastern BoP	Apologies
Auckland	Hugh Martin	Hawkes Bay	Mark Stack
Manukau	Bill Krippner	Havelock North	John Romanes
Hamilton	Brendon England	New Plymouth	Peter George
Thames	Paulette Morton	Palmerston North	Richard Lockett
Tauranga	Peter Jones	Featherston Miniature Fell Soc	
		Kapiti	Graeme Brown

Maidstone		Christchurch LS	Andrew Sullivan
Hutt Valley	Gavin McCabe	Ashburton	Apologies / J Miller
Nelson	John Caldwell	South Canterbury	“
Picton	Apologies	Otago	“
Marlborough	Brent Coburn	Gore	“
Canterbury	Rob Wilson	Southland	“

Peter Anderson (MEANZ Sec/Treas.), John Romanes (MEANZ N.I. Rep),
Jock Miller (MEANZ S I Rep)

Other Attendees –

Dave Giles (Manukau),
Michael Orange (Manukau),
Greg Burrows (Manukau),
Rex Toms (Manukau),
Bill Parker (Manukau),
Mark Newman (Manukau),
Robert Patterson (Manukau),
Dennis Collins (Cambridge),
Romoana Collins (Cambridge),
Paul Newton (Cambridge),
John Heald (Cambridge),
Colin Batt (Cambridge),
Peter S (Cambridge),
John Bremner (Cambridge),
Dennis Searle (Experimental),
Owen Bennet (Tauranga),
John Stent (Tauranga),
Shane Marshall (Tauranga),
Tony Smith (Thames),
Graham Leabourn (Hawkes Bay),
Cynthia Cooper (Palm. North),
Graham Toms (Palm. North),
Chris Morton (Palm. North),
Murray Bold (Palm. North),
Graham Toms (Palm. North),
Ken McIntyre (Marlborough),
Graeme Chisnall (Canterbury),
Barry Glover (Illawarra Live Steamers),
Geradus Mol (AME),
Shane Ferris (QSMEE),
Barrie Cook (UK),
Lindsay McDonnell (Burnaby),
Lesley Anderson (HVMES),
(51 listed as present.)