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MEANZ Update

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SGM Highlights

Amusement Device Registration.

As it currently stands all AD applications must be accompanied by several photographs of the facility and list of all locomotives and ride cars both club and privately owned that regularly operate on the track. The Form 2a Certificate of Examination of ME Amusement Device to be used is currently on the MEANZ website,

Peter Anderson the past MEANZ secretary and negotiator stated that this was not what was originally agreed to at the negotiations with the Department of Labour.

Rob Wilson the Sth Is MEANZ Rep and Jock Miller the past SI MEANZ Rep held a meeting with the ex Minister of Labour Kate Wilkinson where they voiced their concerns on the current AD Regulations. Kate advised she would write to the now Minister of Business, Innovation and Employment (MoBIE). It was decided to wait for a response from the department with a target date of NLT 31 May 2013 before MEANZ resumes negotiations with the department's policy team.

Boiler Codes

Codes 1 and 2 pertaining to copper and steel boilers have been adopted by DoL. As amendments to these codes are promulgated they then become the current standard for construction and testing.

Both these codes have had recent amendments to construction methods and boiler inspection expiry dates. It would be in the interests of each club to obtain the latest copies, Codes may be purchased from:

Copy for Secretary

Copy for MEANZ Rep

MBM Model Engineering
PO Box 75-153 Manurewa
Auckland 2243

www.mbmmodelengineering.com

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PO Box 4721 Higgins ACT 2615
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Code 3 Sub miniature boilers and

Code 4 Duplex steel boilers have not been adopted for use by the MoBIE as yet. Richard Steel the Technical Support Services Manager of High Hazard & Specialist Services Branch advised in a letter dated 12 April 2013 that their adoption will be completed later this year. Until this occurs the codes cannot be used.

The Manukau Live Steamers MEANZ Rep advised that their club is in the process of obtaining a **duplex design verification**. Their club is funding this process to the tune of \$2500.00. A motion at the SGM to donate \$1000.00 from MEANZ was turned down as they were doing this for their own benefit. This caused some concern amongst SGM members who then suggested that individual clubs could donate funds to MLS to help cover expenses. This was agreed to by the MLS Rep.

Public Liability Insurance

Discussion on this topic ranged from yes it was a good idea, to too hard to extract the PLI from current insurance policies, the savings are

not much better than current charges, and clubs with no PLI and not intending to get any.

As time did not allow us to completely resolve the matter I will place it as a notice of motion for the BGM next January where the vote must be all or nothing to make it viable.

Locomotive and ride car identification numbering.

The Eastern BoP club Whakatane have presented a scheme that could be taken up by clubs to maintain identification of locomotives and ride cars.

Their proposal is to attach an industrial “plant disc” to all ride cars and locomotives. They propose to stamp these with a suitable ID number similar to a boiler number and have the loco/ride car owner affix them to their equipment.

What is needed is a suitable numbering scheme that will ensure unique and traceable numbers NZ wide.

Their proposal is: Club Boiler Code Prefix + R or L as appropriate and a sequence number.

EG. ZEB R 001 is ride car number 1 registered with the Whakatane club.

Or ZEB L 002 is locomotive number 2 registered etc.

By using the boiler code prefix they have an already recognized club code. The R or L distinguishes it from an actual boiler ident code.

A single number sequence to be used internal to each club (not the same one as the boiler code!) eliminates the need to apply for a number from a central register.

Change of 2016 Convention venue.

The Kapiti Miniature R &MES Club applied for and was awarded the hosting rights to the 2016 Convention. Now due to circumstances beyond their control they no longer have the ability to host the convention. The Tauranga club at the Whangarei convention stated that if Kapiti was not able to host the convention they would take over it's running. This was put to them the other week and their reply was to the affirmative. This decision has also given them the impetus needed to have their high level track completed by 2016.

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The Otago Model Engineering Society have just received their **Amusement Device Registration Certificate** from the AD Registrar

Maurice Flood. In his accompanying letter he stated: “Many thanks for forwarding the addendum (listing the locomotive and carriage equipment to which the certificate applies) for inclusion with the Certificate of Examination as issued by the MEANZ Auditor Mr John O Miller.”

He goes on to say “You are reminded of the requirement to obtain a Permit to Operate from the Local Authority.

Well done Otago.

Dennis Searle

MEANZ Sec/Treas 18th April 2013