

## Minutes of MEANZ BGM 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.

Held at North Island Convention, club grounds in the Distinction hotel starting at 9.40 am.

Members present and Apologies

- see appendix 1.

Minutes of the previous meeting held at the Nelson Convention 2018 had been circulated around clubs earlier and copies were available at the meeting. They were taken as read. Proposed by Dave Giles 2<sup>nd</sup> Nigel Gibbs Passed

Matters Arising - None

**President's Report** circulated earlier to clubs. Proposed by Richard Lockett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Morton-Passed

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**North Island Report** read by Bill Krippner. Proposed by Bill Krippner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Wilson Passed

**South Island Report** Was read by Rob Wilson  
Proposed by Rob Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Giles Passed.

### **Financial Report**

Copies handed out at the meeting and had been circulated by email to clubs.  
Proposed to be accepted by Richard Lockett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Orange. Passed.

### **Subscriptions**

After discussion it was proposed keep subs to \$60  
Proposed by Richard Lockett and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lester Watchorn to keep subs the same.  
Passed

### **Correspondence.**

As tabled. A list was available at the meeting.

### **Discussion under General Business.**

MEANZ submission to Worksafe and Minutes from last NZORD meeting discussed  
MEANZ Exec says nothing concrete to report to clubs as yet.

When info is sent, the majority clubs don't respond to communications that MEANZ has sent out.

### **Future Conventions**

2022 Christchurch Society of Model and Experimental Engineers expression of interest accepted. Proposed by Richard Lockett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noel Wilson Passed.

2024 Manukau Live Steamers put forward an expression of interest.

## **New clubs-**

Westland Industrial Heritage Park Inc. Proposed by CSMEE. Rob Wilson read a statement from the club and after discussion Rob Wilson Proposed the club be accepted into MEANZ

. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Searle (Cambridge MES) Passed

Goldfields Mini Rail. Cambridge had not proposed as was written in the agenda. OMRRS proposed. After discussion this club nomination was not successful. It was felt there was not enough information and a representative should have been present.

## **Election of Officers**

### **President.**

Richard Lockett proposed by Manukau Live Steamers. Alex Cowdell (CSMEE) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Russell Prout proposed by Cambridge MES (Dennis Searle)

Russel Prout spoke of what he would do/change if elected.

A secret vote followed and Richard Lockett was declared as president.

### **South Island Rep**

Rob Wilson proposed by Canterbury Society of Model and Experimental Engineers.

As there were no other nominations Rob was declared South Island Rep.

### **North Island Rep**

Bill Krippner proposed by ASME

As there were no other nominations Bill was declared North Island Rep.

### **Secretary**

Heather Wilson proposed by Manukau Live Steamers.

As there were no other nominations Heather was declared Secretary.

### **Auditor/Reviewer appointment**

Allan Shanks Proposed by Richard Lockett 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel Wilson ( OMRRS) passed.

## **Remits**

- 1. Manukau Live Steamers:** remit for discussion that clubs pay the MEANZ auditors travel cost of \$100.00 for each visit required to review their documentation and safety systems records to obtain their ongoing registration under the ADR.

After discussion Dennis Searle proposed an amendment 50 cents a km travelling costs or fair recompense.

Nigel Gibbs made a further amendment of actual and reasonable costs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Noel Wilson (OMRRS) Passed.

Peter Anderson said he would rather not charge so he was told could charge \$0. If an auditor does not want to charge it is up to them.

- 2. Otago Miniature Road and Rail:** That the age of drivers be lowered to 14 for driving licences, enabling them to carry public, if the club feels they have the maturity and skills.

**After discussion This went to the vote and the remit was lost.**

The age of a person to carry passengers without supervision remains at 15.

- 3. Cambridge:** For MEANZ to appoint a lead boiler inspector to check credentials of all club boiler inspectors, grade them as to which boilers they are qualified to inspect, issue them each with a MEANZ registration number and boiler inspection license. Dennis Searle asked for this to be discussed within the New Plymouth remit.

- 4. Auckland Society Model Engineers:** proposed that a fighting fund be established by MEANZ with contributions from the member clubs, to enable the lobbying of politicians and to pay for legal advice and representation if needed. This is an issue which requires a united front with as many clubs involved as possible.

Discussion followed and it was thought that with extra money MEANZ committee could source advice and assistance where needed. There were a couple of lawyers in the membership that could be approached as well. Model Engineering could be facing risk to the hobby because of changes in Amusement Device Regulations. Heather said an email had been sent by Bob White (Worksafe) which said over 170 submissions has been received, many from Model Engineering clubs and individuals. These submissions will go to a select committee. In the future there would be a possibility to go directly to parliamentarians if needed about any regulation change.

Draft document on possible regulation changes should come out Feb or March 2020. Bill Krippner said that MEANZ exec have been invited to meet with Bob White in Wellington in February. Bill had on behalf of Manukau Live Steamers and MEANZ executive sent 3 letters. One to Jacinda Adern, one to her Mount Albert electorate office and one to Anne Lise Suller???. Bill said "that the regulations will be written as an act that then goes to parliament to be voted on. Then it will be written up by policy makers, so we have a window of opportunity of probably 18 months to two years.

Nigel Gibbs said "we need a lobbyist to talk the language." After discussion it was decided to see what comes out of the meeting with Worksafe on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February before other action is taken. Bill K said we need to know what we want and acknowledge that we at present have AMBSC parts one and two through.

ASME offered \$5000 if needed. It was agreed that other clubs go back to their members and ask them what each club could afford if required.

Dave Giles said Peter Anderson, John R and Colin Burleigh did a fantastic job with the Government in the last regulation changes. After further discussion

Dave Giles proposed Financial support for MEANZ. IF the exec ask for money it will come forward. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nigel Gibbs. Passed.

Heather Wilson said that we could also apply for an honorary lawyer through the law Society or apply to a funding body for funds.

### **5. New Plymouth Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc.:**

a. Remit that MEANZ to immediately send a message to all clubs requesting that all communication between clubs or individuals to Worksafe be copied to MEANZ secretary for information.

b. Create a subgroup (MEANZ Boilers) that represents MEANZ for all boiler related queries.

Discussion followed.

a. The decision was that it would be good policy for MEANZ to be kept in the loop for any clubs or individuals communication with Worksafe.

b. A Boiler group within MEANZ would demonstrate that MEANZ would have control over this area. Would supply one point of focus for the Govt. The group would be well represented and professional, have expertise in technical design and model making and could talk to both Worksafe and clubs.

Grant Anderson wanted the area of providing boilers listing to non MEANZ members deleted.

After discussion Alex Cowdell and Dennis Searle stated that we can demonstrate boiler inspector competency.

Suggestion to put AMBSC number from the code on the travelling list but Heather said that was not what Worksafe were requiring at this stage but just asking for the name/number the club identified the loco with. Several new clubs are not named in the codes for boiler numbers.

Conflict of interest was discussed and as long as a person declares any conflict of interest that would cover that area. Bill Krippner said that if we want to maintain standards MEANZ need a vehicle, that is independent and to show the group is not tied to any specific club.

Grant Anderson proposed an amendment that excludes non MEANZ members. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nigel Gibbs Passed.

A vote was made on the remit with the amendment and this was passed.

MEANZ Exec to start the process over the next few days as to people to be in the Boiler group.

General Business.

1. Tauranga .

The Tauranga club had sent a letter to Worksafe which the MEANZ executive didn't condone and they were not happy with the current situation that the letter had created with the relationship between Worksafe and MEANZ.

Richard Lockett said MEANZ Executive have had accepted a letter of apology from Tauranga concerning their communication with Worksafe. When MEANZ clubs were called to respond to the question if they thought the hobby had been brought into disrepute, 2 thirds had no opinion as hadn't bothered to answer.

After discussion the meeting agreed not to put the Tauranga club out of MEANZ. Grant Anderson said that the exec deserved congratulations for sorting the issue out. Peter Anderson said membership can write to Worksafe. Richard Lockett agreed but said that there can be implications to all clubs if you write to Worksafe. MEANZ exec has not told clubs not to write to Worksafe about their applications etc. but they have to be careful what they write in the current climate.

Greg Burrows said we have to work as a group. Russel Prout explained the reasons behind the club's letter to Worksafe based on the presentation that Stuart Write have given in Tauranga at the 2018 BGM.

2. Clubs receiving the cover letter from Maurice Flood with their AD Certificate had said that there would be spot checks from Worksafe and Councils to make sure running day paperwork was in order and that inspections of the track prior to running were noted as having taken place.  
Bill Krippner noted the present regulations gave 48 hours to respond to Worksafe in the case of an incident where people had been injured and that Mr Floods interpretation of instant close down had no weight.
3. Bill Krippner followed with the version of events for regulation changes and some of the history.
4. Dave Giles asked that clubs get their audits done 3 months before the audit is due as Worksafe can prosecute or close clubs down without an Amusement

Device Certificate and that clubs get all the information on the check list for the audit before the auditor arrives at the club.

### Closed 12.03

Appendix –

1. Representatives & Attendance
2. Apologies, Mark Stack, Jock Miller. Graham Head

MEANZ Representatives.

Ashburton-----

Albany Model Engineers Society Inc Sean Heenan

Auckland Society of ME Grant Anderson

Cambridge ME Society Dennis Searle

Canterbury SMEE Alex Cowdell.

Christchurch LS Ken Sullivan

Cross Creek Railway Society -----

Eastern Bay of Plenty ME Soc- John Lawson

Experimental and ME John Bremner

Gore Model Engineering Soc -----

Hamilton ME Peter Wisely

Havelock North LS and Associates Paul Staub

Hawkes Bay MES Graham Leabourn

Hutt Valley ME Peter Anderson.

Kapiti Miniature Railway and ME Soc. Tony Brown.

Maidstone ME -----

Mana Ariki Railway Dave Giles

Manukau Live Steamers Mike Orange

Marlborough Ass Modellers Soc. John Bolton

Nelson Society of Modellers. Nigel Gibbs

New Plymouth Soc of Model and Exp. Eng. Lester Watchorn

Otago miniature Road and Rail Noel Wilson

Palmerston North ME club Chris Morton

Picton Society ME ----

South Canterbury Soc of ME ----

Southland S.M.E -----

Tauranga Model Marine and Eng club. Russell Prout

Thames Small Gauge Railway Soc Tony Smith.

Otago Model Engineering Society-----

Whangarei ME Club. Rankin Kennedy.

Others present

Murray Bold, Rob Wilson, Richard Lockett, Heather Wilson, Wendy Krippner, Bill Krippner, Ian Welsh, Rex Toms, Phil Drummond, Peter George, Robert Patterson, Tony Brown, Paulette Morton, Chris Morton, Greg Burrows, Bob Wines, Cynthia Cooper, David Bell, Beverley Jones, Peter Jones, Ron Crisp, Mike Hartle, Brian Mould, Heather Mould, Phillip Drummond, Brett Lilley, Lydia Lilley, John Lawson, Roger Lund, Jason Flannery, Ashley Thomas, John Stent, Roy Robinson, Lexi Browne, Ian Welch, John Heald, Tracy Gibbs, Richard Satherley, Andrew Sullivan, Ben Sewell, Roger Reynolds Plus 2 more, whose names had not been added to the list circulated.