

Minutes of MEANZ Special Meeting 8th Jan 2023 at Christchurch.

Start 9.12am

Members present and Apologies
- see appendix 1.

President's Report circulated earlier to clubs and read out. Proposed by Rob Wilson 2nd by Dave Giles –Passed.

Vice Presidents Report. Read out.

Proposed by Lester Watchorn, 2nd by Richard Lockett. Passed

North Island Report –Read out

Proposed to be accepted by Sean Heenan, 2nd by Chris Morton.
Passed

South Island Report--Sent by email and also read out.

Proposed to be accepted by Rob Wilson 2nd by Lester Watchorn.
Passed.

Financial Report

Copies had been circulated by email to clubs.

Proposed to be accepted by Heather Wilson, 2nd by Trevor Kissel. Passed.

Heather Wilson gave a short presentation on how the Amusement Device Applications are changing. One picture needed for the application not 10 etc. Worksafe and MBIE said at the meeting with Exec 3 years ago that they are bringing in that all forms be standardised across clubs. Some forms being used by some clubs lack detail and this will stop any problems.

Correspondence.

As tabled: Letter from Roger Reynolds.

Day Manager/operator for the day must read and understand what is on the club certificate sent by Worksafe.

Future Conventions

2025 Manukau Live Steamers withdrew their expression of interest.

Maidstone has put an expression of interest in to host the 2025 convention. They will upgrade their unloading facilities and storage is a work in process. They may work with other clubs.

In discussion, some club reps were unsure of the venue because of the small length of track etc. Was the track able to hold the larger locos and number of locos that attend.

Philip said Keirunga Park Railway in Havelock North are interested in hosting but needs more discussion with members. Potential to hold the 2025 convention. How it this would work etc. is still under discussion. Phillip will facilitate the Havelock North discussions and get back with hopefully an expression of interest

Hamilton are also interested in hosting the 2025 convention but need more discussions with their committee before they put in a formal expression of interest. Russell Prout proposed that 3 months be given for applications to hold the convention in 2025 and to be formally confirmed to meet the necessary obligations and then the clubs to vote. Paulette Morton 2nd.

Rob Wilson said they have till the 30th of April, 2023 to put in formal expressions of interest.

South Island convention.

Nelson Society of Modellers put an expression of interest for Nelson to hold a convention in Nelson.

Nigel Gibbs, Nelson rep talked to this and said he would like the convention to be held in Easter if possible.

Grant Anderson said people preferred 2 years between conventions to give people time to save up. 2025 would be preferable, 2 years after the North Island Convention as it was always held after 2 years and it was in the MEANZ constitution as 2 years. Reps agreed.

Richard Satherley proposed an expression of interest to hold the next South Island Convention and Mike Hartle 2nd Passed.

Regards

New clubs-. None

General Business.

1. Worksafe and MBIE at the meeting with Exec. 3 years ago, said they were looking at changing all forms be standardised across clubs. Some forms being used by some clubs lack detail and standardised forms will stop any problems.

Grant Anderson said that Each club has site specific things they will need to check off and will need space on running day form for these.

Russell Prout said a lot of clubs are new or not strong. Standard documents will help these clubs get acceptance to minimum requirement. Asked for the documents to be sent to the MEANZ reps for their perusal before being put in place to be used. Other reps agreed.

2. Philip Drummond asked about the Travellers List. as some locos are sold or may be stored. Heather Wilson said the Travellers List is now turned into a National Document of all the locos and trolleys in NZ owned privately and by the clubs that run on tracks so even if sold should still be on the list unless new.

Noel Wilson said Worksafe certified amusement devices in the regime and each device has a separate identity relevant to that device. The travellers list for MEANZ allowed locos and trolleys to run elsewhere on other clubs tracks. Rob Wilson said everything privately or club owned that convey the public will now be on the paperwork.

3. Coal discussion. Mike Hartle (Kapiti) asked where clubs were getting coal. Hayden Brown is still importing Welsh Coal but there could be problems importing in the future. Another container is arriving in March 2023. Some clubs are getting Giles Creek Coal or Strongman Opencast Mine coal distributed by the Birchfield Coal Mines.

Many run a mix of local coal and anthracite mix (Welsh Coal).

4. Peter George gave an update on regulations etc.

In the future it looks like Worksafe will require MEANZ to be the regulator for Model Engineering in NZ. MEANZ is our voice and autonomously should take this back to clubs for discussion. Rob said we may need a change in faces on committee but Peter said the people on committee are well capable to do the job. Clubs that don't fall in line with what Worksafe wants will have to leave the system.

MBIE didn't get through the last meeting with the Government well when asked about the draft regulations. Caucus asked questions they couldn't answer. If the draft regulation changes are not completed by February, then they most likely won't be released this year. It is an election year and would be seen as electioneering which they cannot do. It would not go through if not out quickly. There could be a change in government and then it would depend if the National Government decided to continue with the draft changes for the building and structures act. If the National party did not want the regulation changes then they would be shelved.

Chris Morton asked Peter George to write a memorandum to be sent by MEANZ to all clubs. To come from MEANZ to Worksafe. Peter said it wasn't his job to do that but would give Heather info to write up.

5. Lester Watchorn discussed that Worksafe are updating the standards and it does cost them to do this. We are changing the MEANZ operating procedures to one easy to follow format. Looking at the new website and hoping to be able to download more paperwork from there in the future.

6. Dave Giles thanked Heather and the executive for all the work they do. There is a lot of paperwork for Heather to sort with clubs so thanks to Heather for her work involved.

7. Nigel Gibbs-Said he was a MEANZ auditor not a rep for the club and should all MEANZ auditors attend the Biannual General Meeting as well? Auditors are vital part of ongoing structure and should be involved.

Nigel Gibbs proposed that at the BGM MEANZ meeting the auditors to be invited. Rex Toms 2nd. Passed.

Richard Satherly suggested the MEANZ exec to go to the auditors meeting as well.

8. Hierarchy from MEANZ to the auditors group. MEANZ to appoint a chairman of the auditors group. Rob said no top position is listed in the MOPS or constitution as a post or position. There should be a chairman so not being led by the auditors.

Chris Morton said that would put MEANZ in good stead with MBIE.

Rob Wilson said that Lead auditors and auditors cannot check their own clubs. The position of Lead, Lead auditor has been removed. Rob said after the initial auditors meeting in Kapiti there has been little training since. MBIE and Worksafe want ongoing training concurrent with what is required. To put in training for South and North Island to be discussed at auditors meeting.

9. Rex Toms suggested to send a get well card to Maurice Flood (Worksafe).

Closed 10.25.

Followed by a presentation from Sean Heenan to be sent around clubs about the change in the Incorporated Society Act.

Appendix –

1. Representatives & Attendance

Apologies, Marcus Harvey(Cross Creek), Peter McDonald-jones, Jim Staton, Donald Ross, Rob Wilson, Heather Wilson, Lester Watchorn, Richard Lockett, Peter George, Nigel Gibbs, Tracey Gibbs, Max Donnelly, Harrison Hitchcock(LALS), Harvey Dart (Penwood Railway Australia),Bob Wine, Mike Orange, Dave Giles, Peter Anderson, Mike Harrison, Warren McKenzie, Lydia Lilley, Regan Olivectors, ,Alan Malaquin, Greg Burrows, Richard Satherley, Paulette Morton, John Nelson, Alex Hunter, Phillip Drummond plus several others who were around individuals computers.

MEANZ Reps 2023

Albany Model Engineers Society	Sean Heenan
Ashburton Steam & Model Engineering Club	Ian Marr
Auckland Society of Model Engineers	Grant Anderson
Cambridge Model Engineering Society	_____
Canterbury S.M.E.E.	John Blanchard
Christchurch Live Steamers	Philip Miles
Cross Creek Railway Society Inc.	_____
Eastern B O P M.E Soc .(River Edge Park Miniature Railway)	Brett. Lilley
Gore Model Engineering Club	Colin Nicholson
Hamilton Model Engineers	Ray Martin
Keirunga Park Railway Incorporated.	?
Hawkes Bay Model .Engineering Society .	Graham Leabourn
Hutt Valley Model Engineering Society	Caleb Scott
Kapiti Miniature Rail & Model E Soc	Mike Hartle
Maidstone Model Engineering Society	Barry O'Callaghan
Mana Ariki Railway Inc.	Dave Giles
Manukau Live Steamers Inc.	Don Huggins
Marlborough Associated Modellers Society	Ron Perkinson
Nelson Society of Modellers.	Nigel Gibbs
New Plymouth Society of Model and Exp. Engineers	Peter George
Otago Miniature Road and Rail Soc	Noel Wilson
Otago Model Engineering Society.	Gary Douglas
Palmerston North M.E.Club	Chris Morton
Picton Society of Modellers	Bob Metcalf
South Canterbury Model Engineers Soc	Trevor Kissell
Southland Society of Model .Engineers	Peter Metcalf
Tauranga Model Marine & Eng Club Inc	Russel Prout
Thames Small Gauge R.S.Inc	Alistair Rolls
Westland Industrial Heritage Park	_____
Whangarei Model Engineering Club Inc	Roger Reynolds

