

INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NZ INC

Minutes of Meeting held at the Miramar Golf Course, Wellington
at 11.00 am, Wednesday 20th May 2009.



George Kelcher welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: [Chair] George Kelcher, Warwick Leach, Steve Ellis, Les Ward, Murray Discombe, Andrew Mahan, Stephen Garwood, Gordon Laing and Gavin Hartley. Christine Dodds taking minutes.

1. Apologies:

Kevin Walker.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Laing/Discombe: Moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read.

3. Matters Arising:

John McCallum has accepted the offer to be a guest speaker at the Jim Macdonald Tour and also Michael van Koeverden. Need to make a decision on this.

4. Correspondence:

- IoQ Malaysia are holding their conference 3rd & 4th November to be held in conjunction with the World Presidents meeting.
- Russell Vickers – thanks for his ongoing support which he wishes to continue.
- MinEx email re CoCs these have been accepted and forwarded.

5. Newsletter:

Put the world presidents on the mailing list.

More articles required - Feb. bus tour from Auckland also once the MinEx submission is finalised this could be added to the newsletter and on the website. Report on South African trip from George K and Auckland meeting at Russetts to be forwarded from Murray D.

6. Financial Reports:

Auditors' recommendations followed through. Update the Budget spreadsheet and send to Board asap with the end of financial year accounts.

Break an investment and let George and Warwick know which one has been broken and put into the cheque account.

Laing/Hartley: Moved that as Call rates are better than fixed term the President and Vice President can make a call on this to action. Carried.

Charitable Trust Status underway and the Inland Revenue tax status. Please all board members are asked to send in Officer forms.

7. Awards Conference 2009:

Cable Price has gone from Platinum to Gold sponsorship. Komatsu Award will not run this year as the funding has been cut but may be reinstated. Action: Send GK a list of who has won the Komatsu Award over the past five years.

Short of judges for the Winstones' Safety Award & A J Loader Award. Need some entries for the awards so email branch secretaries to let their members know. Follow up awards for reissuing [send list to Gavin] and President's badges for conference.

Ward/Discombe: Moved that John McCallum be awarded an Honorary Fellowship for 2009.
..... Carried.

Discombe/Hartley: Moved that Trevor Tamblyn be awarded an IoQ NZ Award for 2009.
..... Carried.

As part of the joint conference IoQ has funded a communications strategy over the past two years. AQA pay approximately \$25,000 with 20% funded by the conference. Look at the funding and move to a 60/40 percentage as it ensures the industry is out there in the public forum. Need to clearly identify that IoQ are a part of it [not an AQA incentive only]. If this figure is accepted then 20% of communication exposure must relate to conference and IoQ.

8. Presidents' Meeting South Africa:

- Well attended meeting with the Presidents all there; reports to go on the website.
- Caernarfon Award was won by New Zealand – Darcy Maddern and Greg Slaughter.
- International common purpose statement to tie everyone together. On websites IoQ looking at having a common front page with the common purpose statement.
- By-laws required some changes so that no group was disadvantaged so may need to check that NZ rules reflect this.
- Reciprocal membership – these should be accepted by paying the membership fee at the same level. If they want to keep the benefits of the other country they would be able to have two memberships.
- Future meetings; Australia 14 – 17 October, Malaysia November & 2010 UK at the same time as HillHead. If Warwick is unable to attend may send the Vice President.
- Jack Berridge query in membership numbers – time of year they are paid the payment is only for current members. With the change of annual fees this will sort itself out. Do we write people off; need to make a decision? Membership application forms and rule changes, auditing etc. Would like to see NZ mirror the UK rules.
- E-learning is a big thing in the UK. Exito may become a part of it. Australia looking at the cost/benefit ratio. IoQ chance to become a training provider – food for thought. Agenda topic for the September meeting.
- South African magazine Dale Kelly re article for magazine. Action Item.

9. IoQ NZ Rule Changes:

Rule changes tabled. Gordon Laing to do changes to the rules with Tracking on and could be ready for 28 day notice for conference. Review engagement; audit taken out. This would give the go ahead to have it changed for next year without having to take it to another AGM.

10. MinEx CoCs discussion:

Auckland branch had a guest speaker Steve Dohnt discussing the new proposals. Input was sought to remove the CoCs [only for surface mining]. The discussion paper is not correct. Should MinEx be involved overall; do they have the authority? MinEx was set up to be an overriding body for H&S and as a direct voice to government. H & S obligations under the Act say that everyone must be trained to do the job therefore under the Act by the CoCs are a benchmark. Discussion followed:

- Should we have CoCs – yes; they can be upgraded with a five year right of renewal.
- Any rules should apply to all surface mining or open cast mining; does not cover underground mining.
- Item 5 – don't take on board their implication because the H&S Act overrides. Legislation requiring someone to have an A or B grade is a tool for enforcement.
- The SAG did not support the removal of CoCs.

- Small operators were not consulted nor were the IoQ – rules must be applied across the board and applied fairly.
- Item 7 – they are flexible and also ensure that an operator is H&S conscious in terms of responsibilities under the Act. Further unit standards could be added if necessary.
- Industry should not totally control the content but have input via the SAGs. Changes subject to agreement with the DoL when unit stds are reviewed or new ones added.
- Do we need to be regulated; yes until changed. IoQ believe we should remain legislated to a degree as long as we have input via SAGs and DoL to ensure unit standards reflect current practice.
- Site compliance – implies that sites are currently not compliant? On an extractive site you currently need an A or B grade managers if there are four or more on site.
- Sites that may not be deemed to be quarries [extractive term definition is a wide one] from IoQ point of view it would be better if this definition is clarified.
- What is deemed to be an extractive site and what CoC is required to run it. Revisit the definition of an extractive site and the CoC that is required to run it.
- 9B timeframe is maximum of five years. Life time certificates are running out rapidly.
- 10 – they can be flexible. Industry have input into the unit standards via the SAGs.
- 13 – MinEx must sort this issue first.
- 15 – does the current CoC model meet industry needs? Need to review and have a five year time limit [15a is the best option]. Review and define what is currently required and what is actually happening before we start changing things.
- Ascertain numbers of actual 'life time' CoCs.
- Disagree with 15 b, c, d, e and f strongly and disagree with all of 17.
- We believe the whole document is poorly thought out and shoddy and ill conceived.
- Circulate a letter to the members regarding the above points and seek any rewording or other changes fed back and we may get a further extension of time.

Laing/Hartley: Moved that discussion documents tabled relating to MinEx should be accepted. Carried.

Tony Hunter – taking feedback from industry.

- Asked for an extension of time so that an official IoQ submission.
- Where do CoCs sit within the framework? Exito have five levels of qualifications reflected in national certificates – A & B grade are not a qualification, they are a licence to operate. Historic regulation asks for a qualification at a specific level. however it may aligned with a national qualification which would keep Industry happy.
- Do we need them in regulation? yes. CoCs A & B grade should be retained. Four or less people you need a B grade; five you must have an A grade to operate.
- AQA say stick with regulation – AQA not happy that A and B grade are not aligned to qualifications. Bar does not need to be raised but does need to be consistent.
- You could abolish the lot and do away with regulation. MinEx may be overstepping their brief as this goes beyond Health & Safety.
- Believe that the SAGs may need to be beefed up for this project to get more input from industry; gain a balanced outcome. Send to Roger, blind copy to Tony Hunter.

11. Exito Report:

Representative from IoQ is Andy Loader; Warwick Leach will contact him to see if he is happy to carry on. Could have another couple of representatives on the SAG who will have a direct representation from industry and the IoQ. Gavin Hartley has offered to be the IoQ representative and Andrew Dronjak is also keen. Steve Ellis may also have a role to play.

12. Friends of the IoQ Sponsorship:

Comment about the IoQ not supporting sponsors; everyone give them a go no matter what your buying strategy is. Need more sponsors so Executive asked please make every effort.

13. Jim Macdonald Tour Update:

Men of Stone book – Gordon Ogilvie who has written a number of books thought a cost of about \$20k for 3 – 4 months work or \$50k for a year's work. Could also talk to Bruce Scott who did the forward for the book about the Halswell Quarry. Suggestion that this type of book needs to be written by an engineer or geologist, eg. Canterbury University [retired professor] or a thesis for an interested graduate or two graduates; one does North Island and one the South.

CV received from Michael van Koeverden who expressed interest in presenting. A costing for the lecture tour was tabled and a fee could be included. This event will take place after conference and if Warwick goes with him it would be a good way to get around all the branches. Executive to come back with some thoughts on the choice of topic or topics. Confirm intentions with Metso.

Kelcher/Laing: Moved that the Jim Macdonald tour goes ahead in late August or September.

Look at having the John McCallum talks at branches for later in the year.

14. Branch Reports:

- Canterbury had an interesting trip to Stockton last month. A meeting was held last week with 32 people present. Comments passed to George that Canterbury branch is going well – well done Andrew. New applications for the loQ coming forward.
- Auckland have had a number of meetings and at one a gift for John Walrond was presented in recognition of what he has done for the branch.
- Waikato have a meeting coming up next week on Wednesday with three speakers lined up; followed by the AGM in June.
- Otago Southland need a bit of an injection so post conference will put in a bit more effort to have some meetings; just need someone to drive it.
- Napier is now making waves and working as a group for next year's conference. Stephen Garwood stated he would like to have some more people involved.

15. Website Report:

Continue to get Reports on Safety which go straight on to the website. Continue to get many hits with 40 – 50,000 being normal.

16. General Business:

Ellis/Garwood: Moved that Murray Discombe be nominated for North of Taihape and Gordon Laing be nominated from the floor..... Carried.

- Nomination needed for the lower South Island to replace Gavin Hartley.
- ACTION: Send an email to all members calling nominations for the AGM in Invercargill [date and time] giving notice that any remits must be submitted. Add award entries are urgent.
- A sponsor has brought to the attention of the loQ that there could be more interaction at conference during smokos in the delegates' area.
- Draft electrical standards that may need to be looked at as there are some hooks in this document. Copies can be obtained from Roger Parton.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

Signed:

President:

Date:
