

Minutes of Health and Safety Group

Tuesday, 4 March, 1:30pm

Teams Meeting

**Present:**

Kevin Hart – (KH) CEO	NZWEA
Bobby Ball (BB) - Chair	VHNZ
Maria Fernando (MF)	Antarctica New Zealand
Darryl George (DG)	Pioneer Energy Group
Josh Guetta (JG)	Meridian Energy
Karl Cromarty (KC)	Technical Rigging Services
Stuart McIntosh (SM)	SRG Global

Apologies:

No apologies received.

1 Welcome

The CEO welcomed everyone to the meeting and a special welcome to the new chair of the working group, Bobby Ball.

2 Safety Moment

The Chair shared an article from 26th February, where unfortunately, two wind turbine maintenance workers fell to their death at a wind farm in America. This is not the news the industry likes to hear about.

The Chair referred to the article on the SafetyOn website (linked on the NZWEA website) article "Transport of WTG Components", where the onus is on the transport companies.

The CEO acknowledged safety risks are greater in transporting turbines to challenging sites because size and scale of turbine height and blades are bigger.

The working group acknowledged the importance of sharing learnings and uploading learnings on the StayLive site.

3 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Chair and MF.

4 Review of NZWEA H&S Group Terms of Reference/Mailing list

The Chair and members reviewed the current mailing list, and it was agreed that NZWEA members should be made aware of the HSE working group and be encouraged to join the

working group, especially contractor companies, which the members thought the would be valuable to both the group and the companies.

It was noted that NZWEA does not have a formal agreement / relationship with StayLive.

Terms of Reference (ToR) were discussed, and it was resolved that there would be no changes to the ToR.

5 Strategic planning option

The Chair asked members on their availability / want of a session for an Appreciative Inquiry, a planning and evaluation tool that focuses on strengths and assets rather than problems and deficits to discuss what the priorities are for the working group, and what is wanted to be achieved in the Chair's 2 year term.

JG has been in these inquiries previously, as has the CEO and were very encouraging of the concept for the working group.

It was resolved that a Doodle Poll would be sent to members to set a date for this in the next month.

6 Member roundtable – share learnings, issues, events, successes

SM brought up the issue of GWO training, and what other members do when an employee's GWO training has lapsed but they are new to an organisation and the next GWO course does not begin for another month and is there an exemption process that others have implemented.

It was noted that GWO is not policy, but best practice.

JG advised that there have been exemptions for those whose GWO have lapsed by a maximum of 2 months before the next course.

DG has used rescue training in between the GWO training and has been helpful, especially with the use of the rescue dummy.

JG noted that there has been an issue of fatigue and heat stress over the summer, and is still a current issue with the weather. Workshops have been run on fatigue and social risks, which were beneficial for both the team and management to help identify key risks and learnings. An issue that attributed to the fatigue and heat stress was not enough hydration, and technicians not taking up enough water when on manual climbs for the day, but also not wanting to drink a lot of water because of increased urination.

Both JG and MF noted using hydration and urination kits.

MF will share the hydration process implemented.

KC believed there needs to be more involvement of contractor companies, especially with the growth of the industry. There is a disproportionate representation, and the CEO reiterate that there will be an active campaign to promote the HSE Working Group to all members.

The CEO advised members of the NNWEA / NZ China Council tour to China to visit OEM's. JG viewed this as a good initiative as it is important to have early input in risk detection, and early engagement is imperative in for H&S.

7 Next Meeting Date

The Chair will send an invitation for the next meeting and for the Appreciative Inquiry session.

8 Closure

The meeting closed at 2:30pm

Summary of Action Items

Subject	Action	Who/When
Next meeting date	▪ Send meeting invitation	Chair