

Minutes of Health and Safety Group

Wednesday 18 June, 1:00pm

Teams Meeting

**Present:**

Bobby Ball (BB) - Chair	VHNZ
Kevin Hart (KH)	NZWEA
Ry Peel-McGregor (RPM)	NZ Wind Services
Karl Cromarty (KC)	Technical Rigging Services
Steve Tilling (ST)	Technical Rigging Services
Maria Fernando (MF)	Antarctica NZ
Kenn Wood (KW)	Contact Energy

Apologies:

None received.

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2 Safety Moment

The Chair introduced Murray Howell and Vaughan Evans from PLP, who gave the working group an insight into the DSPA Fire suppression wind turbine install. DSPA is an aerosol based technology for fire suppression solution, sized by volumetric area, requiring no pipework, easily fitted retrospectively with little disruption.

The system is tailor made for generators, can be used in many applications such as server rooms, and storage rooms.

There has been great engagement from Mercury and Vestas, with a total of 43 units being installed.

The Chair thanked Murray and Vaughan for their time.

3 Approval of Previous Minutes

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

4 Members roundtable – share learnings, issues, events, successes

MF shared that the installation of the 3 new wind turbines out of the Netherlands, to replace the current ones, is around a year away. The decommissioned wind turbines will come back to NZ.

KW shared that he is looking forward to the Manawa acquisition, and also to the China renewable energy study tour, and thanked KH for organising.

KC noted that while decommissioning masts that have not been supplied by Technical Rigging Services have eroded earlier than they should, this is because they have not been built for the NZ weather conditions. Paint protection is critical to the longevity.

RPM informed the working group that from 1 July 2025, the industry will adopt the StayLive Competency Tool as the only way to verify training and ID. While the gentailers have been using this for a while, as contractors there are too many systems, making it complicated. It would be preferably to have a streamlined system, with one across the board.

KH gave an update on the upcoming China renewable energy study tour. There are 10 delegates on the tour and the objectives are to learn and understand Chinese OEMs. A reminder of the NZ Wind Energy Summit, 26-28 August in Wellington. Early bird member rates close on 30 June.

5 Agreed group project updates

The Chair thanked KW for the process developed to for shared learnings. Any shared learnings should be emailed to Kira, these will then be control checked by the Chair and KH before going live on the website.

A shared drive has also been set up, which members should have access to.

6 Closure

The meeting closed at 1:55pm

Summary of Action Items

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