

Diving Industry Advisory Group

meeting notes #8 05 April 2018 – Public Release

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Attendees:

Professor Des Gorman , Lt Cdr Kelvin Barrett (RNZN), Snr Sgt Bruce Adams (NZPDS), Mark Preece (Aquaculture NZ), Shane McDonnell (ADC), Daniel McNaughton (Victoria Uni), Crispin Middleton (NIWA), Richard Steel (WorkSafe, CAR), Richard Taylor (WorkSafe, CAR).

Absent:

Darrell Bird (NZRDIG), Mike Pascoe (SubSea), Dr Chris Sames, Professor Simon Mitchell, Dave Abbott (Liquid Actions Films)

Location: WorkSafe New Zealand Offices, 86 Customhouse Quay, Wellington. Start at 11:00am

Chair: Professor Des Gorman

Secretariat: WorkSafe New Zealand

#: Agenda was tabled, venue housekeeping and emergency procedures outlined

#Chair welcomed all attending

#: Apologies: Darrell Bird (NZRDIG), Mike Pascoe (SubSea)

#: No new members to introduce

#: Notes of last meeting were tabled & confirmed. Outstanding Action Items confirmed as moved to new Agenda.

#: Conflicts of Interests Register tabled. To be sent to all members to confirm, amend or complete as necessary.

#: Incoming and Outgoing Communication matters discussed

- Communications to DIAG vs WorkSafe were discussed:
 - (1) “How does WorkSafe determine whether it is a DIAG or WorkSafe matter?”
 - (2) “How does DIAG protect the privacy of the people emailing?”.
 - It was agreed that the best approach would be a DIAG email address (DIAG@worksafe.govt.nz).

#: Terms of Reference (TOR) – Update approved and to be Circulated to members and released on web site.

#: Risk Register tabled. Working Group to be established to source Public Sector framework document and produce Draft DIAG Risk Register.

#: External Communications:

- DIAG's "Divers' Hose" communication advising use of Umbilical in reference to AS/NZS 2299.1 to be placed on website
- Reverse Profile document for publication to be added to web site and sent to industry as a Technical Bulletin and added to Guidelines Review Project.

#: Bounce Diving was discussed. Working Group to discuss procedures and produce Draft DIAG Bounce Diving policy to be submitted to DIAG and published as a Technical Bulletin and included in Guidelines Review.

#: DIAG Facebook Page. New page to be released shortly. Old page no longer in use and to be removed when possible.

#: DIAG Web Page – WorkSafe to establish separate page and publish Public Minutes and Technical notices.

#: CoC requirements for "recent" training & experience discussed. WorkSafe to clarify details and publish on web site. ***[CLOSED: Changes made and web site updated]***

#: SF17 Standards Committee discussed.

- Work broken up into two main sections – 2815.1-4 and Science (2299.2 & 2815.6).
- Next meeting in May.

#: CoC Wording for Construction Diver Part 2 to list SSBA only. Forms & cards to be adjusted accordingly. ***[CLOSED: Forms & Cards changed]***

#: Aquaculture Industry Diving Good Practice document discussed. WorkSafe has commented and will be incorporating aspects into draft Guidelines.

#: Science diving equivalencies discussed. WorkSafe working well with sector. No outstanding issues remaining.

#: Matters from prior meetings:

- DRAFT Oxygen Partial Pressure to circulate to Working Group for final signoff along with last communications.
- Updated DRAFT Guide to Gas Cylinders under discussion with WorkSafe's Hazardous Substances regulation team.

#: Film & Media Representative – Dave Abbott from Liquid Action Films approved.

#: NZRDIG's request for a Technical Diving Representative was discussed.

- It was noted that NZRDIG have not responded to DIAG's previous request of the figures regarding size or activity of the sector.
- NZRDIG advised that they have one representative. If they need a separate Technical Diving Rep then they can combine this into their nominated Representative.
- Professor Simon Mitchell also considered a suitable expert for Technical Diving matters.

#: A Construction Dive Supervisor CoC was discussed. General DIAG agreement.

- DIAG agreed that "Best Practice" should involve diving with a "Dive Supervisor"
- WorkSafe to consider options for issuing a Dive Supervisor category.

#: Conditional Medical Clearances were discussed. WorkSafe to draft options on how to include this in a CoC and discuss with DIAG.

#: The Occupational Diving Guidelines Review Project was discussed. DIAG supported concept of Risk Based Model.

- WorkSafe to liaise with Medical Working Group on Health Based Control Standards

#: DRAFT Technical Bulletin on SSBA & Underwater Cutting (Broco) discussed. DIAG supported document. To be circulated to Members for final approval.

#: Waiver Request for Chamber under 2299.1 discussed.

- Medical Review undertaken and recommends evacuation as Chamber use is irregular and hard for suitable skills to be maintained.
- DIAG agrees with proposal requiring 6 monthly evacuation practice. WorkSafe to include in Guidance Review Project.

#: WorkSafe Digital Project updated – Occupational Diving CoCs to go on-line and web site to be updated. DIAG congratulated WorkSafe on positive developments.

#: SSBA Currency requirements discussed.

- Closed Bell (Part 4) suitable for Part 2 & 3 SSBA
- Part 3 requirements can be met by Part 2 diving using Part 3 techniques.
- SCUBA is separate.
- WorkSafe to draft Part 3 SSBA Renewal Currency Policy and circulate to Members

#: The Hazardous Substances Regulations and impact on specialised equipment was discussed. LAB numbers, HP Fibre Wrapped Cylinders and specialised valves were highlighted. DIAG recognises industry difficulty in compliance. WorkSafe to consider options in light of regulation amendments.

#: Member Elections – Deferred discussion to end 2018 as DIAG procedures still being set up.

#: Next Meeting early August in Auckland.

Meeting closed at 3:45pm.