



Foundation fieldbus End User Council, P.O.Box Z5546, Perth, WA6831

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday 14 August 2008

LOCATION: – Woodside Plaza, Perth

Minutes by: Jim Russell

PRESENT

Allen Tighe (Chair - Seacove Systems)
Jim Russell (Secretary- ICEweb) – via Telephone
T.S. Lim (Woodside Energy)
David Bilsborough (Woodside Energy)
Bill Ramsay (Honeywell)
Duncan Turner (Apache)
Rob Bush (Yokogawa)
Brenton Lynch-Rhodes (WPC)
Stuart Watts (Emerson Process Management)

APOLOGIES

Dean McNair (Hima)
Kevin Barnes (MTL)

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Tom Rolton (Emerson Process Management)

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes proposed for acceptance by Lim and seconded by David.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING: Jonas Berge / Chung Ock / Bill Tatum / Ian Steer / Chuck Carter

OUTGOING: Jonas Berge / Chung Ock / Ian Steer / Chuck Carter / Bill Tatum

3. ACCOUNTS PAID/BALANCE

Operating account balance is \$5378.08. Investment account balance is \$30,000

Allen advised that 2005-2006 account verification has been posted on the web. Allen to get the final page signed. The 2006-2007 accounts need to be audited, Allen to schedule with the Accountant.

Action: Allen

4. WEBPAGE

Nothing to report – will update JA page when dates are known.

5. DONATED EQUIPMENT

Brenton to follow up the donation of DVC positioner.

Jim sent Allen details of the laptop recycling group.

Action: Brenton

Action: Allen

6. PUBLICITY

June Newsletter email sent out.

Dean still looking at FF-EUC Aus Brochure, Jim requested base document from Bill Tatum. Duncan to again discuss Foundation assistance with Bill. Allen stated that document should be completed ready for JA-2009.

Action: Dean/Jim/Allen/Duncan

7. Technical Evenings

Meetings this year will be adhoc and be arranged when suitable technical subjects are identified by suppliers.

8. FF Essentials & Configuration Course

Allen to advise Jim of course attendees so that invoice can be raised. **Action: Allen**

Training Kit – Allen advised that he is attempting to upgrade the NI Configurator Kit to version 3.2.1 which supports EDDL. He has also purchased a PCI express to PCMIA adapter so new laptop can be utilised for courses.

No further response from Lee College. Also the Foundation/ SAIT relationship needs to be clarified – Duncan to discuss with Bill Tatum. **Action: Duncan**

Allen to follow up SAIT to see if their course has been updated or if there are plans to do this. **Action: Allen**

ISA FF course is another option although Allen reports quality is not as high as the SAIT course – ISA manual is in B&W with no animation in presentation.

Allen asked Duncan to ask Bill what happened to the certified trainer/ courses approach. **Action: Allen**

Meeting held with management at ACEPT but any training alliance appears to have little interest.

Allen said that the excess baggage costs for the NZ course was \$1000 total (20kg !) and asked if anyone know of a cost effective way of getting the kits overseas. Rob may be able to help in future. **Action: Rob**

9. Mailing List

Jim advised that the list is up to date.

10. AG-181

Nothing to report. Duncan to advise EUAC progress after discussions with Bill T during UDSA visit. **Action: Duncan**

11.0 Jump Aboard 2009

The theme subject of "Further Frontier" – FF-SIS and FF Wireless was agreed.

Dave Lancaster of Bechtel to be approached when call issued.

Date agreed for May 2009. Melbourne and Perth, potentially Brisbane.

Jim to send out kick off meeting note. Brenton, Lim, Allen, Jim and Rob have asked to be included on the subcommittee. Meeting to be scheduled for 16th September.

Action: Jim

12.0 FF Courses / Marketing / Event Synergies Fact Finding visit with Singapore FF Groups

Owing to resourcing and other priorities by companies this event is not going to happen. Allen to inform Sasajima re our position & contact SIN Group re a possible date for the next SEA roadshow of Q1/2 2010 – can alternate years with JumpAboard. Jim stated that the idea will not go forward unless the vendors (a Marketing Group) who will take ownership and organise the event.

Action: Allen

Duncan to discuss SEA "RoadShow" issues with Bill Tatum.

Action: Duncan

13.0 Other Business

13.1 Sixnet – Kevin advised approx 60% discount has been offered – to advise price for committee approval. Allen to discuss with Kevin.

Action: Allen / Kevin

13.2 Future Direction of FF-EUC Aus

Allen suggested we should have further discussions with the IICA with the FF-EUC perhaps becoming a “Division” or similar joint venture (Special Interest “Fieldbus” Group) with the IICA. Whilst remaining semi-autonomous, the group would utilise the resources of the IICA for events. Jim advised that this had been tried before and there were objections from other self interest groups. Current discussions indicate that a generic Fieldbus arrangement would be acceptable – FF-EUC Aus as a component.

Allen to follow up interest for JA09, logistics etc as the idea does have merit.

Action: Allen

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 21st October at 7:00 am. Venue: Woodside.