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AMBSC meeting held at QSMEE, WARNER, QUEENSLAND on Saturday 30th March, 2013, at 8.25pm.

1. Meeting chaired by Mr David Proctor in the absence of the AMBSC Chairman, Mr Barry Potter.
2. The Meeting commenced at 8.35pm.
3. Apologies
Barry Potter, David Merrifield.
4. Minutes of the 2012 meeting (circulated)
Moved Peter Lawson; seconded Ian Kirby. Carried.
5. Correspondence
Moved Barry Glover; seconded Andrew Johnston. Carried.
6. Chairman's Report (circulated)
Moved Ian Kirby; seconded Lloyd Dannenberg. Carried.
7. General Business
 - (a) The AMBSC Duplex Steel Boiler Code, together with the Steel and Copper Codes, has been included in the new WORKCOVER AUSTRALIA legislation. All States are presently in the process of legislating their acceptance of WorkCover Australia, with the exception of Victoria and Western Australia. Western Australia, however, will also join, now that its State Election has been resolved.

Victoria however is not willing to join WorkCover Australia but has indicated it is in the process of issuing an exemption for our AMBSC Duplex Steel Code.

- (b) A general discussion on Boiler treatment resulted in that Copper and Duplex boilers will benefit by having a flocculant (e.g. Tandex Polyfloc) added to the feed water to hold any dissolved solids in suspension for removal during blowdown. It was strongly suggested that that all Steel boilers use a Boiler Treatment regime, as specified by a water treatment company (e.g. Tandex who have in the

past have offered their product TANBLEND as a suitable boiler treatment for our miniature steel boilers.)

- (c) The three proposed amendments to the Copper Code (as circulated and included as an appendix to these 2013 minutes) proposed by David Thomas were defeated by a vote from attending Boiler Inspectors.

Motions:

- (1) Gauge Glasses = For 1 Against 20
- (2) Washout plugs = For 2 Against 19
- (3) Girder Stays = For 1 Against 20

The outcome of this discussion was that the Copper Code should remain unchanged.

- (d) It was agreed by all Boiler Inspectors present, that new water gauge glass(es) should be fitted at each quadrennial boiler inspection, due to the glass being eroded away and glass age embrittlement.
- (e) Barry Glover proposed and seconded by Steve Reeves that the AMBSC Boiler Meeting revert back to being held on the Friday night prior to the Saturday night AGM. After discussion it was decided to refer this proposal to the AALS Board for its adjudication.

It was good to see an excellent turnout of twenty-one Boiler Inspectors together with a large contingent of (approximately fifty) observers. The meeting encouraged all to participate and seek advice on any boiler related matter. Following the meeting I received numerous favourable comments on this type of open meeting, where specific questions without notice can be raised by both observers and our Boiler Inspectors.

- (8) There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Les Irwin,
Hon Secretary, AMBSC.