



## ***Victorian Crane Industry Consultative Committee***

Minutes of the monthly Victorian **Crane Industry Consultative Committee** meeting, held at CFMEU Training Centre, Sabre Drive, Port Melbourne on the **5/4/2013**.

### **Present**

- Rob Graauwmans                      CFMEU
- Steve Kelly                              VWA
- Mark Drury                              VWA
- Barry Dunn                              VWA
- Andrew Taylor                        VWA
- Barry Heywood                        ESV
- Andrew Pitt                              Sergi Cranes
- Marcio Casagrande                    Australian Cranes and Machinery
- Rob McCarthy                         Bullivants
- Andy Chambers                        Manitowoc Cranes
- Brent Stacey                            VCA
- Geoff Fletcher                         TiltLift
- Tom Smith                                Williamstown Cranes

### **Apologies**

- David Waterfield                      VCSA/Australand
- Brandon Hitch                         CraneSafe
- Geoff Williams                         All Crane Consulting
- Les Kriesfeld                            VWA
- Phil Neville                              SpanSet
- Terry Cameron                         CraneWorks
- Rob Oldfield                            ESV
- Garry Barker                            Manitowoc Crane Group
- Ben Potter                                Australian Cranes and Machinery

### **Welcome/Introduction**

Rob opened the meeting at 0801. Some introductions were made on behalf of two new attendees.

### **Previous Meetings Minutes**

Were distributed by email and some copies on hand for perusal, if attendees could bring along a printed copy, that would be helpful.

### **Design Checks**

The general consensus was that Les K is really the only person who has the ability to discuss within this group.

### **VicRoads**

No attendee present.

### **No Go Zones**

There was no reports of any contacts or other issues.

### **WorkSafe**

Some reports from the VWA attendees that there were some familiar battles over the concepts of inspector's roles. The notion was put forward that some parts of the upper levels of VWA see construction as not requiring a separate division, with a desire that all inspectors should be able to attend all manner of reports/workplaces.

A discussion took place on a crane incident where the crane tipped over during training exercise's. It was reported that the LMI was not truly reporting the weight on the hook. Questions were asked when a LMI is/should be checked? Reported back to them that it should be annually as part of CraneSafe/A.I. - as well as daily at start up checks by crews.

### **Man-box**

It was noted that this topic needs discussion.

Some recent examples of mobile cranes being used for work other than lifting purposes were noted.

The safe use AS states that cranes should only be used for lifting personnel when it is the last resort (6.19.1)

It was thought that the two events involving cranes being used as fairground attractions over the Grand Prix weekend opened a Pandora's Box. After such a long standing (and singular) viewpoint on this matter, VWA has possibly interpreted an interpretation in a way that is hard to understand.

It was noted that stunt and theatrical work has applications that are covered by different Standards.

A question was asked – Do cranes used for theatrical work need to be re-registered as amusement structures ??

It was noted by a member that special legislation for major events may have been in play. The same person used the word draconian to describe it.

### **Victorian Construction Safety Alliance**

No attendee present, DW was an apology.

### **CraneSafe**

No attendee present, BH was an apology.

### **CICA**

No attendee present.

### **Incidents**

- A portable boom lift ran into a transformer and moved the transformer.

### **General Business**

- Noted that AS 2550.11 (Safe use of VLC's) was out for review/public comment.
- Noted that WorkSafe inspectors have a dim view of cranes being used as entertainment devices.
- It was also noted that alternative uses of cranes bring a welcome income stream considering the economics of the crane hire market at present.
- Noted that AS 3850 (PreCast) was also out for public comment.

The meeting was closed at 0923.

**Next Meeting** to be held **3rd of May, 2013**, at CFMEU Training Facility, located at **41 Sabre Drive, Port Melbourne**, commencing **0800** sharp.