

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 @ 11.00am  
Innovation Park, Hamilton**



Present:, Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Trevor Foley & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Ross Muggeridge, Brian Ebert, Travis McIntosh, Kevin Warner, Don Vermeulen & Warren Carlsen

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Ross Muggeridge has been installed as new TTC Director. Bank operating authorities being actioned.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$291,929

Accounts for Payment: Accounts previously paid and to be paid were tabled and approved.

Annual Membership Fees: Discussion point raised at AGM 20/3/19. Agreed that should we have a Membership Fee increase in the future then at that time we should consider graduating the Membership Fee relative to staff numbers.

New Members: Anything Pumps NZ - approved

Withdrawn Members: McQuinn Pumps.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Brendon Mounsey & Craig Samuel, Qubik Te Awamutu. Grant Childs, Central Milking & Pumping. Brad Hosking, Farm Fix It 2011 Ltd. Marc Lesch, Ngatea Milking Machine & Pump. Charlie Clay & Nigel Fennell, Progressive Engineering Southland. Alastair King, Registered Tester. Francois Paulus & Richard Booth, Canterbury Farm Services. Bevan Thomas, 60/40 Milking. Ross Aitken, DairyTech South. Wayne Atkins, Dairy & Pumps. David Thomson, Tanner Industries - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report

TTC Report: March, April & May Testing courses all full without any advertising – good sign. April Milking block course for apprentices ran with 8 participants. Some water courses scheduled through May & June.

Renewal of Lease for Training Centre: Lease renewal for a further three years from 1/6/19 signed and to be sent back to landlord. New rent shall be \$2,582.00 per month including gst & OPEX of approx. \$400 / mth.

Upgrades to Training Centre Equipment: Murray Pedley has provided a list of upgrades he feels are required at the training centre such as some of the machines to be set up with more than 1 ACR unit, the pig, being overhauled. Has also requested regulators from each OEM for the regulator module on course. MacDougalls to visit Murray at training centre to discuss upgrades required.

Vocational Education Training Review (VET): E.O. has made a submission to Ministry of Education with our concerns around the proposed changes. Submission date has now closed so need to await outcomes.

Apprenticeship Update: E.O and Peter Ferguson from Competenz have signed off on the rewording of qualification outcome with EAS & EST being removed as a compulsory component of the qualification – will be retained as elective units should a learner wish to complete these. The full review needs to be submitted to NZQA by October 2019.

Plumbers Act Review: MBIE have produced a proposed Building System Legislative Reform (BSLR) which is open for consultation until 16/6/19. This incorporates the Review of the Plumbers Act and they are proposing to withdraw current exemptions for householders and work in rural areas being done by non-registered plumbers. E.O. has reiterated to MBIE our concerns re the restrictions of the Act. Alternative wording was drafted at meeting and to be sent to MBIE requesting it be inserted into the Act. E.O. to make submission on behalf of industry under new BLSRP reiterating our case and Members to be encouraged to do same.

Proposed Rewording for PGDB Act: Section 6 (2) Sanitary Plumbing does not include - where engineers are providing non-sanitary water from the source, e.g. a bore or rainwater tank, to a point prior to the connection of sanitary plumbing by a plumber. Where sanitary plumbing is connected to such a system a certified backflow prevention or suitable air gap must be in place to maintain sanitary plumbing status from the backflow prevention or air gap to the sanitary appliance or fitting.

Electrical Supervision: E.O has met again with Kevin White and Peter Ferguson re plan to present joint proposal to EWRB for an achievable pathway for electrical supervision. To be presented by Competenz, MPTA & Skills Org. It proposes a requirement of evidence gathering of nominated tasks that have been observed by an EWRB approved assessor. Kevin to prepare document and Competenz to brand it, then to be sent to EWRB.

Industry Skill Shortage: E.O still to investigate re getting Milking Machine, Pump & Effluent Technicians listed on the skills shortage lists.

Stray Voltage: Existing online training material has been critiqued by Kevin Warner of WMS and he will have another technical person from WMS look at it. Awaiting feedback.

Annual Machine Testing: E.O. has emailed Fonterra requesting they explain why they have downgraded their rating for not having an annual machine check completed from 'major' to 'minor'. Awaiting response from Fonterra.

ISO Testing conversion: Don Vermuelen has provided ISO testing procedures from DeLaval for our perusal. Murray Pedley of QCONZ has prepared a draft costing of project of writing all the training material and associated resources, taking into account the material we now have and the work that has already been completed to date. C Burrows, G Reilly & E.O will meet with Murray Pedley to discuss costing and pathway for the project

AutoRep: CPD in Australia, are developing the new Dairy Test Lite testing unit with functions that could be matched to AutoRep. Murray Pedley's suggestion is to wait until we have changed to ISO before trying to match this up with AutoRep.

Meeting concluded: 4.10pm

Next meeting date: June 2019 in Hamilton

Signed

President.