

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
2nd May 2017 @ 10.30am
Fonterra, Hamilton**



Present:, Brain Ebert, Brett MacDougall, Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, & Maria Scott. (Simon Fletcher joined by phone for Election of Office Bearers vote)

Apologies: Andy Geissmann, Barry Miller, Michael Meyer, Simon Fletcher, Kevin Warner

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Hand over of design for stray voltage testing unit hasn't taken place – refer section in these minutes.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$135,099.

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

New Members: Kawakawa Engineering Group Ltd – Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Grant Childs, Central Milking & Pumping. Jason Bolger, Dairymaster Milking Systems. Jason Yeeles, Qubik. Nigel Fennell, Progressive Engineering. Les Sinclair, Spring Meadow Services. Doug Grant, DR & BA Grant Engineering. – Approved.

Election of Officer Bearers: Simon Fletcher re-instated as President and Craig Burrows re-instated as Vice-President and Technical Committee Chair.

TTC Report: May testing course full with 11 pax. Pump selection coming up in Hamilton with 9 pax, including 5 apprentices. A much stronger start to the year than prior year.

Apprenticeship Update: 28 now signed up and approx 6 considering it.

Electrical Options: E.O. has contacted EWRB for consideration of a form of Limited Licence. Registrar, Richard Stubbings, said he will table this for discussion at the next EWRB Board meeting on 17/18 May. E.O. to send a submission paper for presentation to Board. Mike Johnson not available to do EAS training in the Manawatu / Wairarapa regions for Members until after August.

Stray Voltage Testing: Maurice Coates of Sema, says that the design is not easy to replicate as it is complicated, he would like to still be involved in the production of the Stray Voltage Tester unit. Council agreed that, in light of his efforts he has already put in and his support of MPTA in regards to the Electrical Handbook, we will stick with Maurice to build the unit, paying 50% up front and that MPTA would be passed ownership of the IP for the design of the unit.

Plumbers Act Review: Simon Fletcher to make contact with PGDB from both a MPTA & Country Manager Grundfos Pumps perspective seeking a meeting to clarify our respective boundaries / demarcation points for areas of work.

Visual Faults Checklist: Previous discussion around proposed changes to the Visual Faults Checklist overturned. Checklist is to remain unchanged as Filter Sizing & Plate Heat

Exchanger checks are undertaken in the Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery checks. E.O. to advise M Pedley

ISO Testing: ISO flowcharts have been completed and are with Peter Maguire in Australia for review. Craig to have one of his testers do a field test E.O to ask Murray Pedley also to look through flowchart to see if it is practical and feasible.

Support for ISO: Some Members of Council met with Roger Andela of Fonterra & John Fairweather of OCD today and presented our reasoning around a move to ISO testing. They will take our case to next DITAG meeting on 30/05/17 seeking DITAG's support for change. If support received it gives us backing to approach funding avenues.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: Response received from Standards NZ saying the Energy Safety team have advised that correction of the handbook is not currently on their radar to be amended

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: C Burrows is driving technical discussion around some proposed changes to vacuum pump minimum speed testing methods for sign-off.

Extended Milking Machine course: A discussion point raised at the AGM in March was if we should consider a course that covers the workings of a milking machine and how all the components work together. Something more technical than our online Introduction to Milking Machines course, but not as in depth as the Testing course. This is because some Members want their staff to have a good knowledge of the functions of a milking machine but they do not necessarily need to do the full testing course. Could also be offered to Farm Dairy Assessors, Vets, Farm Source Staff etc. E.O to discuss possibility with Murray Pedley.

Upgrade of Liner Selection course: M Scott has completed testing the new online course and submitted feedback. Awaiting B Miller to run through trial and provide technical feedback. Will then have a Member do a trial run and provide feedback.

Amendments to WOF Sticker: Amendments were approved and name change of sticker to Milking Machine Test Record.

Meeting concluded: 2.50pm

Next meeting date: Thursday 29th June 2017 in Hamilton

Signed

President.