

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
3rd October 2018 @ 10.30am
DeLaval, Hamilton**



Present: Gary Reilly, Brain Ebert, Craig Burrows, Trevor Foley & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Brett MacDougall, Paul Dixon, Travis McIntosh, Andy Geissmann, Ross Muggeridge, Kevin Warner

Note: Due to the number of absences at this meeting a quorum of six Council Members was not available. There are four decisions detailed in these minutes that cannot be enacted until the absent Council Members have been consulted and the majority of votes are gained in support of the respective decisions.

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Nothing

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$129,763.

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

New Members: Nil.

Practising Certificate Approvals: John Thompson,ASUREQuality. Callum Hoy, Ahoy Engineering. Holgar Olbrich, Southland Farm Services. Scott Robinson, DairyMaster Milking Systems. Grant Houston, Read Industrial - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

TTC Report: October & November Testing courses both full. Numbers for water courses in Hamilton next week are good. A number of course scheduled over coming months.

Apprenticeship Update: Numbers now sitting at 45 with a number of companies in discussions with their employees to sign-up for apprenticeship (approx. 11) with E.O will follow-up on. Competenz advised that project for Assessment of Prior Learning has been on hold for past year but they are re-looking at it now.

Plumbers Act Review: Am awaiting a meeting with MBIE, PGDB, Irrigation NZ & ourselves to discuss practicalities around what work we can do – MBIE have indicated that this may happen mid-October. Master Plumber's are also advocating reporting instances of poor work done by our Members in support of PGDB case against us. Barry Ebert has suggested we meet with Minister Shane Jones – Brain Ebert to request Barry to set up a meeting with Min Jones.

Stray Voltage: Sinlait have a programme called "Lead with Pride" for suppliers and are looking to include that all their supplier dairy sheds are checked for stray voltage. They have contacted us, via Craig Burrows, to see what training and tradespeople are available. This is a prime opportunity for us to push our stray voltage training and complete the new voltmeter that Maurice Coates of Sema Ltd is designing. Some improvements may be required to our existing online stray voltage training and we could consider offering face-to-face training in regions. It is proposed that we go ahead with these updates to the stray

voltage training and put in place a register, similar to that of the Milking Machine Tester register, that would promote those who have:

- 1) Attended (or completed) and passed the NZMPTA Stray Voltage Training
- 2) Are using NZMPTA approved equipment in the correct and approved manner
- 3) Are using NZMPTA data capturing forms
- 4) Are current i.e. have sent in 4 stray voltage report forms for scrutiny two yearly and subsequently been approved.

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Farm Source selling milking machine equipment: A complaint has been made to the Commerce Commission on 22/08/18 but have heard nothing. They do not necessarily investigate all complaints. E.O to follow-up if it is being investigated.

Attendance Fee for Council Members: President, G Reilly, raised suggestion of a minimal attendance fee for Council Members to attend meeting as it is taking them away from their usual business activities for a day. To be discussed further at next meeting.

Bio-Security on farm: E.O to prepare a flyer highlighting the importance of on-farm bio-security to be distributed to Members - promoting clean vehicle, clean footwear, clean teat plugs, clean equipment etc.

Guidelines for the Design of Safe External Rotary Milking Platforms: An independent assessor recently highlighted that there are some anomalies in these guidelines around stated crush points vs the AS/NZS 4024.1803.2014 referenced standards for minimum gaps for human body crush points. Consideration was given to our liability risk in providing this document as standards and regulations can change without our knowledge and that listed standards may not be practical to implement in all dairy sheds. Accordingly, MPTA shall withdraw these guidelines from circulation and disassociate ourselves with the guidelines. Members, platform manufactures and Worksafe to be advised.

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ISO Testing conversion: Still awaiting discussion with DeLaval to see if there is any possibility of utilising some of their existing ISO training material. Timeline and costs for the project over next 3 years to be set by Technical Committee.

Insurance: A quote has been received to increase insurance amounts to ensure MPTA, Technology Training centre Ltd and it's Council Members and Directors are adequately covered should an incident occur.

To increase Material damage from \$100,000 to \$250,000 = \$287.53 + gst per year.

To increase Business Interruption from \$20,000 to \$100,000 = \$52.78 + gst per year.

To increase Association Liability from \$1m to \$2m & Public Liability (including statutory liability) from \$2m to \$5m = \$516.63 + gst per year.

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Life Membership: G Reilly has nominated Dave Milne formally Dave Milne Farm Services in Nelson for MPTA Life Membership recognition. Seconded by Trevor Foley. Dave started in the industry in the late 1970's working for Anderson & Rooney and NBA Milking Machines. He moved to Nelson in 1980 where he worked for Farm Products and Elders

before setting up his own business Dave Milne Farm Services in 1986. He sold the business to his son in 2003, but was still employed within the business until around 2010. Dave served an number of tenures on MPTA Council for approx. 10 years in total.

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E.O Wages Review: G Reilly raised that it is timely to review E.O wages. He will put forward a proposal for consideration.

Meeting concluded: 2.15pm

Next meeting date: 26th November in Hamilton to coincide with the Effluent expo at Mystery Creek on 27/28 November.

Signed

President.