

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 @ 10.00am  
GEA, Hamilton**



Present: Brett MacDougall, Paul Dixon, Craig Burrows, Simon Fletcher, Michael Meyer, Gary Reilly, Brain Ebert, Andy Geissmann & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Barry Miller, Kevin Warner

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Goat & Sheep machine specs to ISO standards still to be compiled and circulated. Meeting minutes now available on website for Members to view.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$158,567.

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

Annual Accounts: Query was raised with Accountants, TaxLink Hamilton, as to if we are risk of tax evasion by MPTA charging the full amount of TTC profits as royalties. Accountant has responded stating "According to our tax specialist, there would appear to be no tax avoidance or evasion issue with the transactions."

Correspondence Inwards: 1 x course evaluations circulated

New Members: Quality Water Services, Feilding. Onsite Dairy Solutions, Matamata. Waihi Farm & Industrial Services. Hi Flo Pumps & Irrigation, Rotorua. Agri-Scan (South) Ltd, Invercargill – Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Lance Gunderson, Mark Galbraith, Neil Tobin, Nigel Young, Alex Scott, Martin Baldwin, Jonno Ross, Neville Discombe, Gerard Slattery, Hayden Hurley, Shane Newton, Ian Gibson, Craig Uren, Malcolm Terrill, Murray Eddington, Norm Bailey, Maurice Clement, Mark Boyde, David Thame – Approved.

TTC Report: Course registrations are extremely low and income is down \$43k on same period last year. 6 pax on April MLST in HLZ with an extra 4 pax for Liner Selection portion was a good result, 7 pax on May Machine Testing course. 12 other courses scheduled for March, April and early May cancelled.

Apprenticeship Update: 4 new trainees signed-up on apprentice. Competenz have handed electrical registration issue back to us and E.O to follow up with EWRB to get pathway sorted.

Sponsorship: Grundfos have committed to sponsorship, Simon will make formal offer. E.O to approach [Dominic.Jackson@gea.com](mailto:Dominic.Jackson@gea.com). Paul Dixon following up with Roger Andela at Fonterra. E.O. to follow up with other potential sponsors already approached.

Plumbers Act Review: Response from Nick Smith to Chester Borrows MP for Wanganui, was read. Is encouraging in that he is acknowledging our position. Is expecting that Act will be tabled to Parliament mid-2016. Simon has approached Daniel Paul to seek further guidance on what path we should take to lobby this further.

ISO Testing: Work is continuing with fine-tuning what a complete ISO compliant test will look like with test reports and flow charts being updated. Group will travel to in Melbourne 1-2 June 2016 to get sign-off before we delve into the processes required.

Transducers in Machine Testing: A Tester has challenged vacuum pump reading at VSD test vs all clusters open. Test procedure and AutoRep will be changed to reflect more accurate process for testing. E.O to discuss with QCONZ and flow chart will need changing and will have to be communicated to all machine testers & OEMs.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: C Burrows, M Coates & M Scott met with Standards NZ on 18/03/16 to address our concerns. They have agreed to include a recommendation for revision of the Handbook in next year's work programme - starting July 2016. Possibility for us to take this and control the stray voltage situation in dairy sheds with training and provide the correct equipment for the job. Maurice Coates working on developing alternative equipment for testing, after which we can look to market our stray voltage training to the electrical field. E.O to invite Maurice Coates to next meeting to show us prototype.

NZCP-1: Feedback from DTAG on recommendations qualifying Critical, Major and Minor non-conformances have raised issues around health & safety, liability and where that responsibility lies. E.O. to seek clarification from MPI re intent of clause and what it was hoping to achieve, and request that the clause be revoked from NZCP-1 until such time that a clear, agreed process can be implemented to suffice the requirements. Communication to OEMs re robot testing and NZCP-1 requirements will be sent this week.

NZCP-1 Cooling: Andy Geissmann discussed contradictions in NZCP-1 around cooling, use of glycol and water quality. Fonterra have already addressed the cooling issue with MPI. Andy to provide specifics of issues and offer solutions – to be approved by Council before submitting to MPI.

Upgrade of Liner Selection course: Feedback from Skellerup and QCONZ indicates that the Liner selection course is out dated. Murray Pedley thinks this course would lend itself well to an online learning option and has detailed his thoughts on how this could be broken down to smaller modules. Video work would also be required. E.O to request pricing from Murray and an outline of what needs updating.

Website Upgrade: New website has been completed and functionality tested and has been made live today. E.O. to communicate to Members and ask them to take opportunity to update their records.

Goat & Sheep specs: Brian got hold of sheep guys at Massey and will take them to our testing centre to show what we do.

Pump / Water Industry Round-up: Rural segment is very flat but AKL & CHC up on last year.

Meeting concluded: 3.55pm

Next meeting date: 22 June 2016 in Hamilton

Signed  
04/05/16

President.  
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