

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 @ 10.00am  
GEA, Hamilton**



Present:, Barry Miller, Michael Meyer, Brain Ebert, Andy Geissmann, Paul Dixon, Simon Fletcher & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Brett MacDougall, Gary Reilly, Kevin Warner, Craig Burrows

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Most Dairy Processors declined our request to be advised by QCONZ &ASUREQuality of unregistered testers for us to follow-up on so this has been scrapped. Amended procedures for transducers in machine testing has been sent to all Milking Members. Procedures for new Milking Machine Testing Registration has been emailed to all relative Members twice.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$86,827.

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

New Members: Bay Milking Equipment 2016 Ltd – Approved

Withdrawn Members: Bay Milking Equipment – sold. Ideal Milking Machines – ceased trading

Practising Certificate Approvals: Grant Houston & Luke Roberts, Read Industrial. Andy Battison, & Nick Lewis Parr & Co. Corrie Schutte, Morrison Agri. Michael Elston, Dispatch & Garlick. John Thompson, ASUREQuality. Murray Royal, Westland Dairy Sheds, Zane McCall & Shaun Keys, Bay Milking Equipment. Alan van den Heuvel, ABC Milking Solutions, Devon Woods, Progressive Engineering. Graham Pask, Opotiki Engineering.– Approved.

Darrel McLean Testing: A letter was sent to Darrell McLean on 29/08/16 advising him that if he continues to do incomplete machine tests he will be removed from the list of Registered Testers. Darrell approached the owner of the 3 farms from which we saw the tests from, consequently, the farm owner expressed their concern to MPTA that the machine tests were passed onto us without their consent which has resulted in some angst between the farm owner and the Member company that services their machines and passed the machine tests on to MPTA. E.O has spoken to both parties.

TTC Report: October Testing course running with 9 pax plus 1 pax doing Refresher. Course dates for rest of year and early 2017 are set on showing on website.

Apprenticeship Update: 16 apprentices now fully signed-up, 16 new apprentices ready to sign in now or shortly, 16 trainees currently working through Mechanical Engineering L2 who will soon be ready to transfer into Year 2 of apprenticeship, 4 potential apprentices for later.

Apprenticeship Sponsorship: No sponsors have been secured.

Employer's Licence: EWRB have approved the Employer's Licence application from Qubik which is a major breakthrough. This means we know the template format we have developed is acceptable and that the procedures we are able to advise Members on are

satisfactory. An Employer's Licence allows nominated employees of a Company to be able to legally undertake specific limited electrical work such as disconnect and reconnect electric motors. The process over past 6 years has cost MPTA approx \$10,000 + gst. Template can now be made available to all Members for price of \$500.00 + gst. E.O to send communication to all Members together with other electrical options available.

Plumbers Act Review: A schematic diagram of a basic farm water reticulation has been sent to Judith Burney of MBIE so that she can have a clear understanding of what work our industry does and where we think a plumbers work should start / finish. She has undertaken to speak to a technical advisor about our position. The PGDB have again published an article in their latest InfoBrief newsletter to all plumbers reiterating their stance on the work our industry does being the domain of a registered plumber. Will await response from Judith Burney. B Ebert has also sent info to his local MP, Ian McKelvie.

ISO Testing: Australian sub-committee has completed some field testing and provided feedback and suggested changes. M Pedley & C Burrows to assess and C Burrows will then complete field test in NZ to confirm process. Grandfathering process being reviewed by working group of Australian Milk Quality Steering Group headed by Graeme Mein - G Reilly represents MPTA on this working group. K Warner has approached NZTE re. funding and waiting to hear. Funding options still to be sort.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: Letter sent to Standards NZ on 06/09/16 reiterating the sections of the Handbook we would like amended and advising our intention to offer stray voltage training to electrical professionals. Stds NZ have responded advising there is delay in review, however, they are hopeful that they will "get something up and running before Xmas". They have indicated that Appendix A will likely be removed.

Testing Robotic Milking Machines: To comply with the requirements of NZCP1, which states that "milking machines must be tested by a registered milking machine tester with a current practising certificate", testers of robotic machines will be required to undertake the MPTA Milking Machine Testing course and submit six machine tests for marking to become Registered Testers. These six tests may be completed on either conventional or robotic milking machines; however, they must include either the NZ Standard Milking Machine Test Report, or the robotic test report data, plus completed Visual Faults Checklist and Milking Machine Test Summary sheets. QCONZ to be upskilled in reading the robotic information submitted to enable them to assess if the tests and information provided for robot tests are satisfactory.

NZCP-1: Communication sent to MPI on 17/08/16 re our concerns in NZCP-1 around critical rating for machine tests and cooling. Receipt acknowledged by Tony Rumney confirming that our proposed changes to NZCP1 will be considered as part of the corrections review which will occur shortly.

Upgrade of Liner Selection course: QCONZ will demonstrate the online version on Liner Selection training at the next Council meeting.

H & S Training. QCONZ have an online health & safety package called Farm Source which could be made available to MPTA Members. QCONZ will demonstrate at the next Council meeting.

Guidelines for the Design of Safe External Rotary Milking Platforms: Minor changes were made to the existing document around use of a triple design safety stop device. Finalised version has been sent to platform manufacturers and to WorkSafe NZ who have removed the previous outdated Hazard Alert and will replace it with a link to our latest Guidelines.

Meeting concluded: 12.30pm

Next meeting date: tbc

Signed

President.