

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
6 December 2022 @ 10.30am
DeLaval, Hamilton**



Present: Gary Reilly, Ross Muggeridge, Trevor Fowlie, Paul Dixon, Andy Geissmann Trevor Foley, Craig Burrows & Maria Scott. Joined by Tyree Connor and Josh Wheeler of QCONZ.

Apologies: Brian Ebert, Kevin Warner, Darren Main

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Research into industry charge out rates & investigation into possible new premises for training facility in the Waikato yet to be actioned.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$199,376

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

New Members: Southern Dairy Services Ltd – Approved.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Pieter Vermaak. Dairy Nutrition Management Solutions. Matt Lambert, Advance Dairy & Pump. Mark Bunning, Milk R Us. Liam Hindman, Kieran Giles & Matthew Reiher, Morrison Agri. Gordon Fraser-Jones, McLaren's Rural. Cody Lamb, McGregors Farm Services. Danielle Howard, King Farm Services – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: Great attendance on October & November water & milking courses with most courses totally full – mainly due to getting apprentices through training by end of year. Testing course for February 2023 already full & March filling up.

Plumbers Act Review: On 13/10/22 E.O. contacted MBIE as there has been no action on this since our discussions on 15/3/22. MBIE advised that it is on their list but not a priority.

Development of NZQA Micro-credential qualifications: Tyree Connor from QCONZ discussed the conversion of our two prior Milking Training Schemes in the apprenticeship into NZQA micro-credentials which has automatically occurred. We discussed the need for and process required to review the make-up of these now to ensure they meet the needs of our learners going forward. It is proposed that these would be split into several separate micro-credential qualifications that will make up smaller pockets of NZQA recognised learning blocks. The mini categories were discussed and mostly agreed on, with the exception of what would be paired with Stray Voltage Testing and included within 'Milking Efficiency' still needing to be clarified. Our water courses will also be grouped as micro-credentials with the priority being with the Pump Selection course modules as we are wanting to use these for our Pumping Systems Technician Certification asap. Tyree is hoping to have this to the industry Workforce Development Council by the end of the week.

Pumping Systems Technician Certification: Pending the approval and development of the relative micro-credential as mentioned above, which will include Pump Selection units

29158 & 29163, the release of this industry certification will be delayed as we believe that it will add more depth if it was to include the micro-credentials as a minimum requirement. Ross Muggerridge has done some further work on the application process and interview questions that will form part of the assessment criteria.

Acquiring Small Drinking Water Supplies course material: Due diligence has been completed on the Small Drinking Water Supplies course material and IP being offered by Watermark Training and Swimming NZ and approval was given on 18/10/22 to go ahead with the acquisition of the training material for the offered price of \$14,500.00 + gst and payment was made on 4/11/22 with the course materials being released via internet to MPTA on 10/11/22. The two associated units 29965 & 29996 will also be set-up as a micro-credential.

Length of Water Courses & course pricing: At the insistence of Competenz we have trialled extending the water courses by one day to allow participants to complete, or mostly complete, the course assignments while on course. Although not all participants were successful in completing the assignments in course time, there has been a huge improvement in the number of participants who have completed. However, Competenz have reneged on compensating us for the extra teaching day. Further consideration needs to be given as to if we will continue with the extra day and, if so, our prices will need to be increased to cover the additional costs.

AutoRep Updates: A number of enhancements have recently been released to users of the new AutoRep App which include that reports can now be selected to collate into one file, addition of the Mini-Test feature, identified faults automatically transferring across to Test Summary page for further comment, and more. A query was raised as to if every field on the Testing Record and the Visual Faults Checklist can be made compulsory to complete with either a tick, a cross or as N/A. E.O. to enquire with QCONZ re the possibility and practicality of this. An annual subscription fee of \$50 per user will be charged from 2023 to help fund upgrades and new releases to the AutoRep App.

Milking Machine Standards Manual: Updated OEM specs from GEA have now been added and the digital version of the Standards Manual is now available for user testing and feedback. E.O to arrange some users. The price for the use of the Digital manual will be \$50 / year. E.O to enquire as to what format / platform this will be released in and how Member's can access it.

Meeting concluded: 4.00pm

Signed

President.