

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 @ 10.00am  
Hamilton Airport**

Present on Call: Brad Morrissey, Gary Reilly, Ross Muggeridge, Brian Ebert, Craig Burrows, Trevor Foley & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Don Vermeulen, Darren Main, Claudio Urzua, Paul Dixon

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$72,086. (is allowing for final payment to QCONZ for completion of ISO conversion that is yet to be paid)

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

Passing of Life Member: The recent passing of Life Member Paul Worsley was acknowledged.

New Members: Milktech NZ Ltd – Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Scott Robinson, Shaun Dyer & Keith Nolly, Dairymaster. Derek Lyon, Cuddon Ltd. Sam Ryan, Professional Farm Services. Iain Watson, Thinkwater Bay of Plenty. Richard Darrah, Bay Milking Equipment. Dan Chubb & Ryan Wood, Caldera. Ian Compton, Southland Farm Services. Owen Spice, Piako Rural Services. Brent Robinson, Coastal Agri Services. Hylton Pene, Rakaia Dairy Services. Murray Eddington, Matamata Vets. Gavin Chetwin, Independent Milking Machine Services. Lyle Manna, Morrison Agri Oamaru. Grant Houston, Read Industrial. Jono Rowlands, MacDougalls. Arron Stevens, McLaren's Rural Services. Matt Roberts, Moa Milking & Pumping, Martin Waayer, Angove Engineering - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to Report

TTC Report: Poor uptake on South Island Water Courses for September. Milking Block course in October already has seven apprentices registered. Have scheduled a second ISO Machine testing course in November.

Notice of Intentions received from NZMPTA, as 100% Shareholders of TTC, to register TTC as a 'Non-active Company' with IRD. TTC Directors Resolution to action signed by the two Directors present and to be forwarded to remaining two Directors for signing before being actioned.

Apprenticeship Update: Revised version of qual has been approved by NZQA for approval and Competenz are working with existing apprentices to transition those that wish to move to the new version which does not have the compulsory electrical components. New promotional material is being prepared by Competenz and new version of qual will be available to new learners from Oct 2020.

Plumbers Act Review: A favourable response has been received from Minister Damien O'Connor acknowledging our position and commenting that in his discussions with Minister

Salesa (Building Act) and MBIE (Review of the PGDB Act), MBIE suggested that a change to the definition of 'sanitary plumbing' in the Act would be a viable solution and that the change in definition would recognise the demarcation of a sanitary systems from a non-sanitary system with the use of a backflow prevention device. E.O to send response encouraging outcome of same.

FDE Standards & COP: Discussed downfalls with current administration processes and management of accreditation and if we should seek to take these tasks over. QCONZ have indicated that they are interested in administrating the accreditation process for us. Trevor Foley to approach DairyNZ and propose we take over accreditation from Irrigation NZ.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: Some feedback has been that the project process is too difficult. So, we have amended the criteria so that evidence of only one project will be required and simplified the definition of what is a project.

Rural and Small Water Suppliers Reference Group: Ross Muggeridge is representing MPTA on this group.

Electrical Supervision: Still waiting for first two test cases to submit their portfolio of evidence to submit to EWRB for consideration. E.O to follow-up again.

Upgrades to Training Centre: A new DeLaval machine has now been installed which will allow for ISO testing. This equipment is on loan from DeLaval. E.O to send letter of appreciation to DeLaval for the supply and use of the equipment.

ISO Testing conversion: All course and online material is now complete, except for the AutoRep upgrade or App development for electronic reporting. Online learning re-training for existing testers to learn the ISO methods is currently being trialled by a group of 20 testers to establish if they can adequately learn the new methodology just by completing the online learning or if additional training at the training centre is required.

Discussed if we will accept individual OEM ISO test reports for marking & issuing of our MPTA Registered ISO Milking Machine Tester Practising Certificate. We would need to do some comparison of the OEM flowcharts to assess that their processes produce our required outcome and Visual Faults Checklists would need to be included. We could possibly accept OEM format provided the Tester has completed our ISO testing course, or our online ISO re-training course, however, MPTA would retain the right to reassess this allowance and the OEM systems at any time, particularly if repeated errors are evident.

Meeting concluded: 2:35pm

Next meeting date: to be advised but will be in Hamilton

Signed

President.