

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting**  
**13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 @ 9.30am**  
**Technology Training Centre, Palmerston North**



Present: Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Ross Muggeridge, Brian Ebert, Kevin Warner, Warren Carlsen, Don Vermeulen, Travis McIntosh & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Trevor Foley

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 \$163,076

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

New Members: NIL

Withdrawn Members: NZ Dairy Distribution & Coolsense – 2019 Membership fees not paid

Practising Certificate Approvals: Nigel Hannay, Qubik. Dan Huntley, Caldera Water & Dairy Solutions. Craig Cookson, PW Engineering. Mike Foster & Chantal Roycroft, Hutchies Taupiri. Aaron Discombe, Pratt Milking Machines. Rob Wilson, Southland Farm Services. Duane Lander, Hunts Farm Services. Jason Bolger, Dairymaster Milking Systems. Leo Overdevest, Dairy & Pumps. David Stone, Bromley Dairy & Pumps. James Burnside, Read Industrial. Feagan Malcolm, ABC Milking Solutions. Martin Saunders, Morrison Agri North Canterbury. David Urquhart, CCMP. Mike Stainthorpe, King Farm Services. Ben Callahan, Progressive Engineering. Bryn Butler, Fire N Ice - Approved.

H & S: An audit was undertaken 13/08/19 at the Training Centre and there is some work to be completed to remedy some minor issues identified. Electrical appliances to be tagged & tested, safety tape to be put on steps and slopes, warning labels for zip & low roof line etc. E.O to action.

TTC Report: Small Drinking Water Supplies course in Invercargill ran with 6 participants. No other courses scheduled until October.

TTC Shareholders funds: Funds of \$10,000 which were originally transferred 03/05/11 from MPTA to TTC as Shareholders Funds (as minuted 22/03/11) to be transferred back to MPTA as \$ has never been utilised by TTC and MPTA require the funds to meet obligations as other funds are tied up on term deposit. Interest earned over period also to be transferred to MPTA. Approved by TTC Directors present G Reilly & R Muggeridge.

Apprenticeship Update: Updated unit standards and additional elective options have been fine tuned for revised version of qualification – now needs to go to NZQA for approval. Our Testing course, Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery, Milk Quality & Mastitis & Liner Selection courses are being written into 4 new unit standards. All electrical & First Aid / CPR units have been moved to elective options. First five apprentices have been awarded NZMPTA Dairy Diagnostics Specialist status.

Advertising: Don Vermuelen challenged the value we get from the \$4,000 annual spend on print & radio advertising we do to promote annual machine testing and using an MPTA Registered Tester. Would our funds not be better spent promoting to farmers the role of

MPTA does and our apprenticeship and could we look at other avenues for advertising such as social media.

Facebook: E.O. to set up a website page for promote what we do

Plumbers Act Review: A review of the submissions made to MBIE on the proposed Building System Legislative Reform (BSLR) which incorporates the Review of the Plumbers Act has been released. Our concerns have been noted but no recommendations for action or resolve offered. No response received from Ministers Salesa, O'Connor, Jones & Nash calling them to take up the cause of our concerns. E.O to push for a meeting with Damian O'Connor for him to push our cause.

Vocational Education Training: Submissions for the review of VET have been considered and the Government has indicated that they plan to continue with their proposed plan to integrate Polytechs, Industry Training Organisations (ITOs) and Private Training Establishments into one New Zealand Institute of Skills & Technology. The outcome will effect they way apprenticeships are run and trade specific training is delivered. Competenz are committed to supporting all existing and new employers, trainees and apprentices through the transition period which is proposed to be completed by December 2022.

Electrical Supervision: Feedback still required from Competenz & Skills Org before we present proposal to EWRB for a pathway for electrical supervision. E.O. to follow up.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: Ross Muggeridge has had some discussion with various pumping industry business about a recognised industry qualification for those who had been working in the industry for many years but have no formal qualification to show for it. Those that he spoke with were supporting of and enthusiastic for a grandfathering style of process for water technicians. A sub-committee was formed comprising Travis McIntosh, Ross Muggeridge, Trevor Foley to investigate feasibility further.

Update to VSD Testing Method: Technical Note explaining changes to method to be distributed to all Milking Machine Testers.

Industry Skill Shortage: E.O still to investigate re getting Milking Machine, Pump & Effluent Technicians listed on the skills shortage lists.

ISO Testing conversion: New pricing to complete ISO project has been received from Murray Pedley of QCONZ. Price is \$102,945 which includes an AutoRep update and the preparation of course manual and tutor manual. Cost and project plan approved. E.O. to formally advise Murray Pedley that price is accepted and to commence the project. Aiming for pilot course to be run early 2020. ISO sub-committee to consider roll-out of new training, timeline, pricing for new course and price for existing testers that need upskilling, comms to Members etc.

Meeting concluded: 3.00pm

Next meeting date: September 2019 in Hamilton

Signed

President.