

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
18th November 2021 @ 8:00am
Video Conference**

Present: Craig Burrows, Gary Reilly, Ross Muggeridge, Andy Geissmann, Brian Ebert, Kevin Warner, Trevor Foley, Paul Dixon & Maria Scott

Apologies: Darren Main, Claudio Urzua

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Notification about calibration of equipment has been sent to all Milking Machine Testing Member companies.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$168,235

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

New Members: Dairy Nutrition Management Solutions, Mosgiel - Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: ISO Approved Testers: Campbell Duncan, Stocker Solutions. Gareth Purdie, DeLaval. Bryce Godinagh, Advance Dairy & Pump. Steve Harris & Devon Woods, Progressive Engineering. Shea Thomas, Caldera Water & Dairy. Jamaine Luxton & Richard Darrah, Bay Milking Equipment. Jesse Williams, Davidson Engineering. Phil Shields, Dairy & Pumps. Daniel Lord, Hunts Farm Services. Steve Bevan, Thinkwater Taranaki. Andrew Hodge & Martin Saunders, Morrison Agri. Josh Buist, Lely Dairy NZ (Robots only).

Non-ISO Testers until 28/02/2022: Les Payne & Cameron McKenzie, Dairy & Pumps. Neels Biermann, CCMP. Gordon Fraser-Jones, Warwick Jones & Mark Yuill, McLaren's Rural. Aaron Discombe, McGregors Farm Services. Rob Wilson, Southland Farm Services - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: 2 water courses in Hamilton cancelled because of Covid Levels. 8 on October Testing course and only six for November course. 5 on Pump Selection in PMR & 6 on FDE Hydraulic Design in Nov. Ran a separate Milking Block course for Morrison Agri staff only which included seven apprentices. Ran a 3 day catch up session for apprentices needing to complete assignments – costly \$5k exercise for Competenz with only three apprentices taking up the opportunity & two of those yet to complete their assignments. Course dates for 2022 have been set.

Apprenticeship Update: We now have 78 active apprentices and 9 more who are considering it. Recent promotion has gone out to Members again.

Plumbers Act Review: Work with MBIE on establishing a clear demarcation between restricted sanitary plumbing and other water reticulation activities that share the same water source has been pushed out due to Covid. They are looking to pick this up again in January. E.O. to follow up with them again late January 2022 if not heard anything back by then.

Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies: There are mixed messages between the proposed Acceptable Solution for Rural Agricultural Water Supply and the Drinking Water Supply Operational Compliance Rules whereby the Rules state that "All work on the Community Drinking Water Station/Water Carrier Water Supply treatment system must be

carried out by a *suitably trained and qualified person*.” However, the Acceptable Solution states: “The end point treatment system must be installed by a suitably qualified plumber”. These two documents should align with each other. E.O to write to the Regulators, Taumata Arowai, requesting ‘*suitably trained and qualified person*’ be adopted.

Three Waters Reform Technical Advisory Working Group: Dept of Internal Affairs will be establishing a Rural Supplies Technical Advisory Group. We have expressed our interest in being party to this group.

Industry Charge-out Rates: Our industry charge-out rates are way too low to be able to attract & retain new people. How can we encourage industry to realise the value of their worth? Perhaps engage an employment professional to host a webinar discussing charge-out rate / business viability formulas that Members can join. Is it something the OEMs could take-up? Need to be careful that this is not considered as price-fixing. E.O to seek legal advice on if we can do push to educate Members in setting change out rates based on business formulas etc, and what is considered price-fixing or not.

Milking Machine Standards Manual: Format of the printed manual will modernised to an electronic tool to make it more intuitive, interactive and easy to use. Users can search electronically to bring up information such as pump curves, vacuum master regulator, expected reserve etc for entered shed specs. E.O has instructed QCONZ to cost project.

Testing course feedback: Gary Reilly attended October Machine Testing course and provided feedback. He will discuss further with Murray Pedley.

Farm Dairy Effluent Accreditation System: in mid-October DairyNZ advised: “At least for the next 12 months the administration of the two programmes remains unchanged.” However, DairyNZ plan to create an Effluent Advisory Group – a representative group of effluent experts/stakeholders who can address key challenges in the effluent space, and steer decisions accordingly for continuous improvement. They are interested to hear from MPTA on such a group, and what opportunities it will enable. The group can be used for decisions on projects and finding funding; & secondly for an agreed position on issues i.e. testing standards for effluent ponds. We have expressed our interest in being part of this.

Membership of Pump Industry Australia: we will apply for Membership as party of interest.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: Still waiting for 2nd test case application to come in. However, have received 3 expressions of interest from information sent out by Ross Muggeridge so can use these as test cases if they go through with process.

Complaint against Members: Technical Committee (G Reilly) has investigated complaint received 16/08/21 against a number of our Members in the Northland Region. Request for more information not satisfied. Non-conclusive information to show any fault in machine test data she has provided. G Reilly to pen response back to complainant.

ISO Testing: 173 existing testers have now registered for the ISO re-training. 25 of these have become MPTA ISO registered to date and another 30 have sent their ISO tests in for marking. 21 existing testers have not yet registered for ISO re-training – have been chased. Concern that not all testers will be fully registered by cut-off of 28/02/2022.

Meeting concluded: 10.50am

Next meeting date: tba in Hamilton

Signed
18/11/2021

President.
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