

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
23 January 2020 @ 8.00am
by Conference Call**



Present on Call: Ross Muggeridge, Brian Ebert, Craig Burrows, Warren Carlsen, Maria Scott & Paul Dixon (Paul available for first 30 minutes only).

Apologies: Gary Reilly, Travis McIntosh, Trevor Foley, Kevin Warner, Don Vermeulen

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: NIL

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$184,362 due to 2020 Annual Membership Fees coming in.

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

New Members: NIL

Withdrawn Members: Dairytech, Otorohanga. Samson Services Maintenance – he is now working for a MPTA Member.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Steve Nolly, GEA Milfos. Grant Thompson, Pump & Electrical Services. Alastair Hodgkinson, Rural Taranaki. Chaz Murdoch & Mike Guthrie, Mainland Engineering. Aaron Carston, Ordish & Stevens. Leonard Opena, Field Engineering. Ryan Anselmi, Landmore Agri. Ross Gibbison, R & R Contracting. Peter Anderson, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies - Approved.

H & S: Previously identified minor H & S issues identified at the Training Centre have now been attended to. This included electrical safety check & isolation where needed, electrical tag & testing, height, slip & step hazards marked with safety tape, grip matting put in wet floor area of testing room, replaced smoke alarms & fire extinguishers.

TTC Report: Ran a one-day Milk Quality course in Rotorua for Deosan staff. Retraining for ISO testing dates yet to be set. The question was asked if there is a need to continue TTC as a separate entity to MPTA or can it be dissolved and MPTA manages the training courses & income? E.O to enquire with Accountants

Apprenticeship Update: Revised version of qual is still with NZQA for approval. Competenz is working on the process for transitioning existing students from old qual to the new one. Once this is established, they will be able to determine when the roll out will be. The development work for the learning resources for the new unit 31974 Demonstrate knowledge of restrictions for carrying out electrical work is yet to be done.

Plumbers Act Review: Still no action on various requests to meet with Minister Damien O'Connor – E.O has made further request on 17/01/20.

Water Services Regulator Bill: This Bill is currently in front of Government Select Committee & submissions are due by 04/03/20. It will establish a Regulator which objectives and functions, include:

- protecting and promoting public health outcomes and drinking water safety;
- administering the drinking water regulatory system; and

- building capability among drinking water suppliers, and across the wider water industry, including by promoting collaboration, education and training.

A Rural Drinking Water Advisory Group is to be established and E.O. is to make contact with dia.govt to be included in this group. We will make a submission on the Bill highlighting our role in rural areas and the restrictions of the PGDB Act.

Electrical Supervision: Kevin White is continuing his efforts to make contact with Skills Org & EWRB to request them to consider pathway for supervision. He will follow up with them again in next 2 weeks.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: An application form and process has been developed to allow people to submit 2 portfolios of evidence that demonstrate their skill within the industry. This would then be assessed by a Member of the MPTA Sub-Committee, or someone suitably experienced appointed by that Sub-Committee i.e. Hugh Gallagher. If the APL evidence is satisfactory, an MPTA Pumping Systems Technician Certification can be awarded. Eligibility criteria has been set but process for assessment & cost yet to be established.

Complaint re Testing Course Content: Received from Lars de Kruijf stating that his employee was not suitably trained on the March 2019 machine training course & that, in spite of him having strict supervision from Lars, he is not ready to do testing on his own. Lars has requested that his tester be retrained at MPTA cost. Lars also expressed concern about the lack of knowledge other new testers in his area are displaying. E.O. will discuss further with President & Vice-President and will send a response.

Upgrades to Training Centre: New test ports for ISO training have been installed at training centre. ACRs have been put on Waikato machine. DeLaval machine still needs to be upgraded.

ISO Testing conversion: ISO sub-committee met 12/12/19 to discuss how the change over to ISO testing will roll-out over the coming 2 years. A flowchart & pricing was developed showing requirements for re-training and re-certification. All training will take place at our training centre in Palmerston North. Communication of process has been sent to Members on 18/12/19 & 22/01/20. QCONZ are progressing well with the re-write project and most of the modules are now in final format, editing of video resources is being done together with e-module builds. Testing Standards manual is being updated.

AGM: Will take place the week of 16th March 2020.

Facebook: E.O. yet to set up a Facebook page

Climate Change: E.O still to enquire with Federated Farmers what they are doing about climate change and if they are they considering the other side of the equation.

Conference Call concluded: 9.20am

Next meeting date: March 2020 in Hamilton which will also be our AGM date

Signed

President.