

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
30 November 2017 @ 10.00am
Palmerston North**



Present:, Andy Geissmann, Michael Meyer, Simon Fletcher, Barry Miller, Brain Ebert, Brett MacDougall, , Craig Burrows, ,Gary Reilly & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Kevin Warner, Paul Dixon

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Liner Selection online course material now complete, has been tested and is ready to launch.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$103,367.

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

New Members: Waterite Pumps & Electrical Ltd, Te Puke. Reid & Harrison 1980 Ltd, Matamata. Ahoy Engineering Ltd, Invercargill – Approved.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Craig McSaveney, Waikato Milking Systems Timaru. Leigh Henderson & Lance Fairclough, Advance Dairy & Pump. Graham Bury, Willow Dell Milking & Pumps. Grant Thompson, Pump & Electrical Services. Isaac Marsden, Progressive Engineering Southland. Steve Forrester, James Silver Smith. Ziggy Burch, Beta Milking & Water Services. Regan McLeod, Dynamic Maintenance. Sean Dunn, Camco Dairy Services. Jeff Davie, McLarens Rural Services – Approved.

TTC Report: Good uptake on recent testing courses but other milking & water courses cancelled. Dates for 2018 have been set and are up on website. Hopefully uptake of courses in 2018 is strengthened by apprentices coming through. Is the Cleaning Evaluation material still current & in line with NZCP-1 requirements? E.O to check with QCONZ. Can this be added to the milking machine test course?

H & S: Dairy inspectors not picking up non-compliant unions on wat wash & milk line deliveries. This is a health & safety issue. E.O. to ask QCONZ &ASUREQuality what are the procedures for checking this and why is it not being checked.

Apprenticeship Update: A bit of interest shown recently with about 5 people looking to sign up early in the New Year. Waiting to hear if apprenticeship will qualify for Governments 1st year tertiary study free funding – this would be a huge advantage and should attract new apprentices.

Plumbers Act Review: A group met with PGDB on 30/10/17 to discuss possibility of a specific licencing class of registration for our industry. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful as the PGDB shut us down and hold their stance that we are not able to do the usual work we do on farm as they deem it to be 'sanitary plumbing'. This puts us back to square one and, at the PGDB's suggestion, we will lobby Government for changes to the Act to allow us to continue our usual business practices. B MacDougall will approach Andrew Hoggard of Federated Farmers and raise issue with him and enquire how we could move forward with this seeking FF support and for them to champion our cause.

ISO Testing funding: Have met with Callaghan Innovation re funding. They are looking into if they can assist us but they feel we are outside their scope and also outside the scope of funding available by NZTE which they also deal in. They have suggested AdMardt which E.O will investigate. B MacDougall also to enquire with Federated Farmers if there is funding available for this.

Should all new machines require a machine test before supply?: It is at sole interest of machine manufacturer but generally completed as part of commissioning. DeLaval require a machine test be completed before warranty applies – usually done 1-2 months after installation. GEA does it after 2 hot washes. Post meeting Fonterra have advised that they have in their pre start up that a milking machine test is required. E.O. to submit amendment to NZCP1 to include requirement for machine test in section 7.2 (12).

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: QCONZ have completed the changes to VSD testing and these will be released to Members. The new methodology will take effect from 01/01/18. E.O to send communication to all Members and include new CV module. QCONZ to update training manual before first 2018 Testing course.

Tester Ross Gibbison: Ross has submitted six further tests for marking which have been marked at correct and his Practising certificate has been issued.

Standards for pulsation line leaks: Are our allowances for pulsator consumption, ACRs, pulsator airline, regulator leaks etc too low? Many tests are failing because of the lack of tolerance with the standards. C Burrows & G Reilly to investigate consumptions and the ratio of fails.

H & S: Manual at Training Centre has been updated with amendments from Health & Safety at Work Act 2015.

Electrical Options: Communication to be sent to all Members detailing requirements to operate under an Employer's Licence.

Stray Voltage Testing: Maurice Coates is continuing to test and prototype and has been very encouraged by the results so far. At the end of prototyping he will be able to give an exact costings but he is thinking of something around the \$NZ200 mark. He stated that he will stick with our original deal that he will do all of the in house development free of charge. When the time comes that he has to outsource for laboratory testing and circuit board/case fabrication then he will let us know in advance what the costs are.

AGM Date & location: 27th March 2018 in New Plymouth. Try to get someone from Federated Farmers as speaker.

Meeting concluded: 3.00pm

Next meeting date: 25th January 2018 in Hamilton

Signed

President.