

Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
3rd November 2020 @ 11.00am
DeLaval, Hamilton

Present: Brad Morrissey, Darren Main, Claudio Urzua, Paul Dixon, Gary Reilly, Ross Muggeridge, Trevor Foley & Maria Scott

Apologies: Brian Ebert, Craig Burrows, Don Vermeulen

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: \$150 donation made to Te Aroha Beautiful in memory of Life Member Paul Worsley.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$110,503.

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

New Members: Highline Dairy Otago Ltd – Approved

Withdrawn Members: Farm Fix It Ltd – milking machine part of business has been purchased by Highline Dairy Otago Ltd

Practising Certificate Approvals: Dan Chick, Mainland Engineering. Murray Royal, On Farm Agri Centre - Approved.

H & S: New DeLaval machine set-up has a head hitting hazard & restricts access to the testing area. Pipework to be altered to allow better access & head hitting area to be minimalised with padding wrap and safety tape.

TTC Report: Courses have picked up with 6 on current MMTC & 9 for 2nd MMTC later in November. Milking Block course for apprentices ran with 10 pax. Pump Selection in CHC had 7 pax & 6 in HLZ. FDE Hydraulic Design in PMR x 4 pax and Farm Water Reticulation Design in HLZ x 10 pax

Notice of Intentions to register TTC as a Non-Active Company has now been signed by all TTC Directors and processes will be completed before 31/12/20 being the end of our financial year. MPTA has already taken over training related transactions and provided new Employment Agreement for Executive Officer based on same terms as was with TTC.

Apprenticeship Update: New version of apprenticeship qualification is now available and all new learners will be signed into this. Existing apprentices are being transitioned into the new version by Competenz.

Plumbers Act Review: A response has been sent to Minister Damien O'Connor encouraging a swift conclusion to our concerns around the restrictions of the Plumbers Act

Farm Dairy Effluent: DairyNZ are calling for proposals from interested parties for the combined administration of the dairy effluent services they currently provide. These include the WOF program, the FDE Accredited Designers management. Trevor Foley to request further information from DairyNZ as to expected level of administration, the costs to run the services and income that may be generated.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: First test case has been received and will be sent for assessment. Discussion on if we should simplify the level of evidence required or provide a checklist or example scenario to show what is required.

Rural and Small Water Suppliers Reference Group: Draft Rules have been prepared by Water Services Regulator Establishment Unit for Microbiological Compliance – all drinking water must be filtrated & disinfected. Next meeting 17/11/20.

Electrical Supervision: no progress.

Training Updates:

There has been some discussions with QCONZ about making more of our course material available online to make learning more convenient and accessible (N.B: does not include our Machine Testing material). In doing this, it would make training available to a wider audience at their own convenience instead of them waiting for a scheduled course and minimum numbers needing to be met. The online capability would also help satisfy assessment of skills & evidence of assessment requirements for NZQA for those learners completing our apprenticeship.

QCONZ have prepared a proposal suggesting we amalgamate the best of both QCONZ & MPTA material in to a set of modules that can be used for office staff, sales reps etc at one level but still meeting the needs of apprentices, who need more in-depth knowledge, at the next level. E.g. an office person may be assigned 8 modules, that are drawn from 4 separate training courses, that would give them a basic introduction to topics such as Milk Quality, Mastitis, Milking Machine Hygiene etc, while an apprentice would be required to complete each of the 4 courses in their entirety. The office person will gain some good starting principles, and could go on to complete any of the 4 courses in their entirety if they wished to in the future. The apprentice would also be required to complete further workshop training (face-to-face) and on-job experience on the topics and be assessed on their skills and knowledge to meet the NZQA Training Scheme requirements.

QCONZ have also proposed an updated process, by way of their existing cell-phone App (SYNC) for sending in milking machine tests for marking and recording results. Again being able to then provide evidence that would be required for NZQA for apprentices, while also providing an auditable dataset for each step of the process that could help protect our liabilities against issuing Milking Machine Practising Certificates.

Prices have been quoted by QCONZ, however, Executive Officer to query costs for development of Milk Delivery e-learning course as we already have the suggested modules to make up the bulk of this.

ISO Testing Concerns: Feedback has been received from a Vet Company about their Tester who recently completed the ISO Milking Machine Testing training not being able to undertake ISO tests in the field as not many machines are already setup for this. Discussed option of allowing them to self-train in the old format of testing and test to that method until there are sufficient machines set up with the ISO ports for them to get ISO Registration, however, this was dismissed as it would set a precedent for others to do the same.

Employers & course participants are advised prior to attending the course that they should ensure they have sufficient dairy sheds to test that are set up with the required test ports for ISO testing.

ISO Testing conversion:

Some amendments to flowchart process have been identified that need to be incorporated in the ISO material that has been already in place. Craig Burrows will communicate these to QCONZ to action. This will involve many aspects of the resource material being

updated. Those who have already completed the ISO training will need to have the changes communicated to them.

We are considering if we will accept individual OEM ISO test reports for marking & issuing of our MPTA Registered ISO Milking Machine Tester Practising Certificate. Comparisons have been made with the DeLaval system and further assessment is required as to bridging, or accepting, the differences in reporting & process.

AutoRep upgrade or App development for electronic milking machine test reporting still to be started.

Meeting concluded: 3.30pm

Next meeting date: to be advised, however will be via Video Conference

Signed

President.