

Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
8th October 2019 @ 11.30am
Workingmen's Club, Palmerston North



Present:, Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Ross Mugeridge, Trevor Foley, Brian Ebert, Don Vermeulen, Travis McIntosh & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Warren Carlsen, Kevin Warner, Paul Dixon

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: TTC Shareholders funds of \$11,087.78 paid back to MPTA on 2/9/19. Technote to all machine testers on changes to VSD testing methods was sent to all Testers 26/08/19.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$164,237

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

New Members: Samson Services Maintenance - Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Connor Smith, Elite Farm Solutions. Daniel Blacktopp, Dispatch & Garlick. Blair Phillips, Onsite Dairy Solutions. Aidan Wright, Milking & Water Systems. Daniel Simpson, Thames Farm & Industrial Supplies. Matthew Ludemann, Waitaki Dairy Solutions. Daniel Shuttleworth, Progressive Engineering. Tony Mellow, ABC Milking Solutions. Kain Tanner, Tanner Industries. Neels Biermann, CCMP. Dylan Wright-Moran, Stocker Dairy Solutions.. Sue Leef, Morrison Agri. Pae Hemara, Elite Farm Solutions. Doug Grant, DR & BA Grant. Steve Bevan, Thinkwater New Plymouth. Alex Jurica, Canterbury Farm Services. RJ Hampton, Pratt Milking Machines. Gordon Fraser-Jones & Ben Caldwell, McGregors Farm Services. Les Payne, Cameron McKenzie, Phil Shields Dairy & Pumps. Dean White & Mathew Taylor, Southland Farm Services. Steve Busch, Cotter & Stevens. Sean Borlase, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies. Damian Tutty, DairyTech South. Andy Bowring, Pump & Electrical Services - Approved.

H & S: Some previously identified minor H & S issues at the Training Centre are yet to be tended to; mainly around safety tape to be put on steps, slopes & low roof line, warning labels for zip etc - E.O to action. Electrical appliances have been tagged & tested.

TTC Report: A number of courses scheduled over next two months. October & November Machine Testing courses are full. Milking Block course for apprentices has 8 participants week 14-18/10/19. Pump Selection & Effluent training going ahead in Hamilton week 21/10/19 but courses in Invercargill were cancelled due to lack of support. Deosan have requested Milk Quality training for themselves which will happen 12/12/19. Premises will be spring cleaned, including carpet cleaning and outside washed this week.

Apprenticeship Update: Revised version of qual with updated unit standards and additional elective options and all electrical units moved to electives is now with NZQA for approval. A hold has been placed on converting our Testing course, Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery, Milk Quality & Mastitis & Liner Selection courses into 4 new unit standards until Competenz can satisfy us that the exclusiveness of our Testing course is safeguarded in the future i.e. that other providers cannot deliver this training.

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

Plumbers Act Review: Despite several requests there is still no response from Ministers for a meeting - E.O to continue to push for meetings with Damian O'Connor & Shane Jones requesting them to champion our cause.

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.

Climate Change: There is a lot of mixed messages around the effects of carbon dioxide & methane in the atmosphere. Craig Burrows has provided some science-based research which can be shared on our Facebook page to raise awareness. E.O to enquire with Federated Farmers what they are doing about climate change and if they are they considering the other side of the equation. C Burrows will pen email for E.O to send.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: Sub-committee have met to discuss possible *grandfathering* of an industry qualification for those who had been working in the industry for many years but have no formal qualification to show for it. There was some discussion around how the structure and criteria may look – perhaps based on a points system. E.O to survey Members to see if there is support for such a process.

Death of electrician working on a pump: occurred in Taranaki recently due to a ruptured pressure air vessel on the pump. E.O to send communication to go to Members highlighting dangers when working on equipment under pressure.

Hybrid Liners: Some new liners are on market in South Island, silicone and one-piece shell lasting 13,000 milkings. E.O. to investigate if their product meets NZ Food Safety standards, invite them to be Members & request the specs & cluster air admission per liner for machine testing.

Unregistered Machine Tester: Garry Curd has been machine testing without a Registration for many years in the Bay of Plenty region. A cease & desist letter to be sent to both him and Employer Steve Miller Rural Services

Upgrades to Training Centre: Various equipment upgrades are being actioned at the training centre. Some additional test ports will be required to be installed for the ISO testing.

Industry Skill Shortage: Immigration NZ have made changes to Working Visa which will make it easier for employers to bring staff in from overseas. Information has been circulated to all Members.

ISO Testing conversion: Contract for Service for the ISO conversion project has been signed by QCONZ and they have started work on spreadsheets & new modules. ISO sub-committee meeting with Murray Pedley 9/10/19 to talk over process. Will 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: 3.30pm

Next meeting date: 27th November 2019 in Hamilton

Signed

President.

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