

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 10.30am  
DeLaval, Hamilton**

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

Apologies: Don Vermeulen, Brian Ebert

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$180,744.

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

New Members: NIL

Withdrawn Members: Think Water Tasman Bay – no longer so involved with rural water supplies or systems

Practising Certificate Approvals: Luke Yeager, Ngatea Milking Machines. Callum Hoy, Ahoy Engineering. Nick Heffer, Qubik. Dakotah Urwin-Chicoine (ISO) & Kieran James (ISO), Read Industrial Ltd - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report as facility has not been used since November 2020.

TTC Report: MPTA has taken over the management of all training activity, invoicing & revenue. Once financial accounts have been completed and lodged for year end 31/12/20 we can finalise the Non-Active status by lodging an IR433 with IRD.

Training Activity: First Machine Testing course will run 1-5 March 2021 with seven participants. Have 17 existing machine testers waiting to do ISO online training once latest updates have been completed.

Apprenticeship Update: We now have 66 active apprentices and 8 more who are considering it. E.O. will do a push for new apprentices shortly once Competenz provide updated marketing material.

Plumbers Act Review: Nothing to report. E.O to enquire with MBIE where the Review of the PGDB Act is at.

Farm Dairy Effluent Accreditation System: DairyNZ have put on hold their call for proposals from interested parties for the combined administration of the dairy effluent services (includes the WOF program & the FDE Accredited Designers management) while they consider what it looks like for the coming financial year. Sub-committee of Trevor Foley, Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows & E.O will work with DairyNZ on how MPTA can drive it.

Technical Staff doing ISO training: It was agreed that Technical staff that have completed our full Milking Machine Testing Course in the past but do not intend to become a Milking Machine Tester, may undertake our online ISO Machine Testing Re-training to become familiar with the new testing methods; as this knowledge could assist in the roles.

Communication of ISO changes to public: Some Members have reported that they are getting feedback from Farmers not knowing anything about the changes to ISO testing methods and the associated costs. MPTA has widely communicated to Members that they should be discussing this with their clients themselves. A flyer has been prepared and will be provided to Members that they can use in their discussions with farmers. MPTA will do some nationwide advertising in rural publications to put the word out about changes required.

Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies: Discussed in depth the draft for the Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies produced by Taumata Arowai (MBIE). There are numerous areas of concern that we have highlighted. Ross Muggeridge will prepare our response & send to Paul Dixon for further comment if necessary before we submit it.

AGM: will be 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in Palmerston North. Nominations for Council are now open and will close 03/03/21.

Murray Pedley to be recognised as MPTA Life Member

Skilled Water Tradespeople: First test case has been assessed and further information was requested. We are awaiting outcome of assessment and feedback on process.

ISO Testing:

Amendments to our new ISO testing process are almost complete. Those who have already completed the ISO training will need to have the changes communicated to them.

QCONZ will be assessing the DeLaval VPR tests from a marking perspective this week. Based on their feedback we should be able to make a decision on if we will accept DeLaval test reports for marking & issuing of our MPTA Registered ISO Milking Machine Tester Practising Certificate.

Meeting concluded: 3.25pm

Next meeting date: 30/03/21 in Palmerston North followed by the AGM

Signed

President.