

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

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

Apologies: Brian Ebert, Kevin Warner

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 \$117,848

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

New Members: NIL

Withdrawn Members: McLaren's Milk & Water (Huntly) Ltd, Donald Engineering – don't have a machine tester anymore.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Alex Jurica (ISO), Canterbury Farm Services. Ethan Cooper & Craig Burcher, Cooper Farm Services. Keith Nolly (ISO), DairyMaster Milking Systems. Martin Engelbrecht (ISO), DairyPro 2010. Craig Fairhurst (ISO) & James Boyden (ISO), Davidson Engineering. Nick Lewis, DeLaval. Jared Hall (ISO), Hunts Farm Services. Mike Foster, Hutchies. Hayden Hurley (ISO), Jeff Evans Rural. Mike Stainthorpe, King Farm Services. Jim Oliver (ISO), MH & SJ Oliver. Todd Welsh, Miranda Büchel, Derek Gardner & Theo Joubert, (all ISO) Morrison Agri, Mike Trump & Ben Hoskin-McLaren, Morrison Agri. Marc Lesch, Ngatea Milking Machines. Darren Fenton (ISO) & Liam Sell, Nind Dairy Services (Balclutha). RJ Hampton (ISO), Pratt Milking. Naudé Maree (ISO), Professional Farm Services. Travis Diack (ISO), Ben Irvine (ISO), Nigel Fennell (ISO), Progressive Engineering. Jason Yeeles & Nigel Hannay, Qubik. Les Sinclair, Spring Meadow Services. Donald Ross, Stocker Solutions. David Thomson, Tanner Industries, Luke Vickers (ISO), Vickers Farm & Dairy - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: Ran Pump Selection in May with 10 pax & 2 Small Drinking Water Supplies courses in June with 14 pax. No other courses scheduled until September.

Apprenticeship Update: We now have 74 active apprentices and 10 more who are considering it. Promotion in May attracted some interest.

Plumbers Act Review: On 28/05/21 we had a video call meeting with Daire Queenan and 2 others from MBIE to discuss creating a clear demarcation between restricted sanitary plumbing and other water reticulation activities that share the same water source. They seemed to understand our point of view and will consider options. We discussed demarcation of an air gap would be easiest and most practical. They also mentioned a special class of registration. E.O. to follow up with them again in Sept if not heard anything back by then.

Farm Dairy Effluent Accreditation System: Had a video call meeting with Perrin Ag on 20/05/21 re review the existing Accreditation & WOF programs. Was mainly an information gathering exercise for them. They have since reported back to DairyNZ but we have heard  
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nothing further re outcome. Received a response from Fonterra re our concerns about Farm Source's initiative to promote a couple of accredited FDE designer companies as preferred suppliers to Farmers & this potentially undermining the existing FDE Accreditation and WOF programs – they dismissed our concerns.

Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies: There is some talk happening around chemical sanitation & separate acceptable solution will be developed.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: First test case application by Willem Smith has been assessed and approved. The Assessment Guide has been reviewed & updated and a second test case is being completed.

Calibration of Testing equipment: All milking machine testing equipment is to be calibrated at least every two years, or sooner as per manufacturers requirements. (Note: DeLaval VPR units are to be calibrated in accordance with the OEM requirements). Proof of calibration is to be held and calibration expiry date of testing equipment is to be recorded on the NZMPTA Milking Machine Test Record.

ISO Testing: Various communications have gone out recently to all testers and their employers pointing out requirements for ISO re-training. 130 existing testers have now registered for the ISO re-training but only 15 of these have become MPTA ISO registered to date.

Complaint against Members: We have received a complaint against a number of machine testers in the Northland Region. It is being investigated by our Technical Committee.

Meeting concluded: 3.15pm

Next meeting date: tba in Hamilton

Signed

President.