

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
14th March 2017 @ 9.00am
Ambassador Hotel, Hamilton**



Present:, Barry Miller, Michael Meyer, Brett MacDougall, Gary Reilly, Kevin Warner, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Simon Fletcher & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Brain Ebert, Andy Geissmann

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 \$150,182. Annual accounts to be presented at AGM were presented & approved showing a nil profit for TTC as profits transferred to MPTA as Royalties and MPTA showing a loss of \$28,308.

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

New Members: Milkrite, England. Pumps & Filters Canterbury Ltd, Christchurch. Pump Action repairs & Maintenance Ltd, Ashburton – Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Kain Tanner, Tanner Industries. Todd Welsh, Canterbury Farm Services. Dean White, Southland Farm Services. Shaun Jellie, Milk'n'Water Services. Alastair King, Registered Tester. Greg Lister, Registered Tester. Miranda Buechel, Morrison Agri – Ashburton. Charlie Clay, Progressive Engineering. Mark Lesch, Ngatea Milking Machine & Pump Services – Approved.

TTC Report: March testing course ran with 10 pax. Pump selection coming up in Ashburton with 11 pax. A good start to the year. A number of apprentices now signing into courses as they enter Year 2 of their apprenticeship training.

Apprenticeship Update: 26 now signed up, 13 in each strand.

Employer's Licence: 2nd company is going through application and audit process. 3rd licence has been purchased.

Electrical Options: Various conversations have taken place around electrical options. E.O to contact EWRB with possibility of an Associated Licence to disconnect & reconnect. E.O. looking into option of Mike Johnson providing EAS training in the Manawatu / Wairarapa regions for Members.

Stray Voltage Testing: Sema have provided cost to develop electronic Stray Voltage Tester unit for dairy sheds p \$8400 + gst. Cost could be recovered from sales of the unit to those that undertake our training course – primarily electricians. Maurice Coates of Sema has indicated that he would be happy to hand over the initial design work that he has completed so far. Kevin Warner to see if it can be taken to the next level and get an indication of pricing to complete design and production. Some additional material would need to be added to our existing online Stray Voltage training course to show how to use the testing unit.

Plumbers Act Review: Letter has been drafted to PGDB in response to the Guidelines they supplied for us - Simon Fletcher to make contact with PGDB from both a MPTA &

Country Manager Grundfos Pumps perspective seeking a meeting to clarify our respective boundaries / demarcation points for areas of work.

ISO Testing: ISO flowcharts have been amended and are currently being typed up. C Burrows & Peter Maguire in Australia to undertake field test to test flow of process. Murray Pedley also to run through to see if it is practical and feasible.

Support for ISO: Letter has gone to Roger Andela and he has suggested we meet with him and John Fairweather of Open Country Dairy to discuss before the next DITAG meeting in May 17. E.O to suggest date around our next Council meeting and also request Tony Rumney of MPI attend.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: Chased feedback on 18/01/17 & 13/03/17 but have heard nothing.

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: C Burrows still to prepare details of proposed changes and reasoning for sign-off from Council & Murray Pedley. Once changes agreed to E.O to request quote from QCONZ to implement changes.

Upgrade of Liner Selection course: Testing has not been attempted as yet. M Scott & B Miller to run through trial and provide feedback then have a Member do a trial run and provide feedback.

Goals for coming year: Increased Member engagement / visits. Resolve with PGDB re areas of work for respective industries. Stray Voltage testing unit and training. Possible pathway for Electrical Associated Licence to allow disconnect & reconnect. ISO testing – stakeholder support & funding required. Investigation into can we offer website links to Members who don't have a website.

Meeting concluded: 1.30pm

Next meeting date: 2017 in Hamilton

Signed

President.