

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 @ 10.30am  
DeLaval, Hamilton**



Present: Gary Reilly, Brain Ebert, Paul Dixon, Travis McIntosh, Andy Geissmann, Craig Burrows, Ross Muggeridge, Kevin Warner, Trevor Foley & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Brett MacDougall

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: N/A

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$115,631.

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

New Members: Waihi Farm & Industrial Services, John Frew Farm Water Specialists, Taupo. Rotorua Farm & Industrial Pumping Ltd – Approved.

Member Name Change: CoolLogic in Whakatane now called Aquaheat Facility Services Ltd

Practising Certificate Approvals: Richard Darrah, Bay Milking Equipment. Freya Ahrendt & Corrie Schutte, Morrison Agri. Josh Martelli, Ag-Worx. Hylton Pene, Rakaia Dairy Services Ltd. Shaun Dyer, Dairymaster Milking Systems. Ryan Wood, Caldera Water & Dairy Solutions. Finn Kamphorst & Will King, King Farm Services. Shane Simpson, DairyTech South. Andrew Garth, Read Industrial. Mike Oliver, Registered Tester. Gareth Purdie, Professional Farm Services. Michael Elston, Dispatch & Garlick. Mark Galbraith, Pump & Electrical Services. Owen Spice, Piako Rural Services. Leroy Ent, McLaren Rural Services. Ian Compton, Southland Farm Services - Approved.

H & S: MacDougalls have checked all electrical sockets at training centre to ensure they are safe – two power points replaced.

TTC Report: Ran 2 water courses in Blenheim to accommodate for apprentices. Small Drinking Water Supplies in CHC ran with 7 pax will just break even. North Island Small Drinking Water Supplies postponed until October as not enough numbers reached. No other courses scheduled now until October.

Apprenticeship Update: Numbers now sitting at 46 with a number of apprentices having withdrawn. 6 companies in discussions with their employees to sign-up for apprenticeship. E.O. to follow up with these 5 plus other possible leads from latest survey.

Plumbers Act Review: G Reilly & M Scott met with MBIE recently to discuss Review of the Act. MBIE have a willingness to understand our position and have committed to arrange a meeting between PGDB, MBIE, MPTA & Irrigation NZ to try and come to a suitable solution. A new schematic has been provided to MBIE with separate tank for sanitary to dairy shed. Requests to meet with Minister's O'Connor and Salesa were unsuccessful as the Ministers were unavailable. A recent call to Members and OEM in support of our cause gained little response.

Farm Source selling milking machine equipment: C Burrows has received advice from his lawyer re if Farm Source should be selling milking machine equipment to farmers and promoting preferred suppliers for regulated equipment – they suggest we file our concern with the Commerce Commission, citing either Fair Trading Act or Business Competition. E.O. to make submission to Commerce Commission.

Rotary Platform Guidelines: A Geissmann highlighted that there are some errors in these guidelines around crush points which have been identified by an independent assessor that they were engaging for GEA systems. Review of guidelines to be undertaken.

New Equipment for Training Centre: CP Design in Australia who make the Dairy Test Professional units have supplied us with their latest Dairy Test Lite testing unit for use at the training centre. Email of appreciation has been sent to Braham Basser at CP Design.

ISO Testing conversion: G Reilly approached Chris Watkins of DeLaval to see if there is possibility to access any of their existing ISO training material – Chris will investigate. An application to AgMardt for \$100k funding has been declined. E.O also enquired re funding from MPI under their “Future Skills” programme, however, we do not qualify for this as the programme is more focused on raising the profile of careers in the primary industries. Timeline and costs for the project over next 3 years to be set by Technical Committee.

Insurance: E.O. to look to increase Association and Public Liability insurance amounts to ensure we and our Council Members are adequately covered should an incident occur.

Amendments to VSD Machine Testing methods: Have been completed and distributed to Members via email on 06/08/18.

Electrical Options: EWRB have confirmed that experience gained under an Employer Licence can count towards the 18 months supervision that a learner needs to gain their EAS or EST registration, however, suitable evidence of work undertaken needs to be provided. E.O has met with Kevin White of Resource Development Foundation, who will investigate how this evidence can be obtained / recorded / signed-off. Still waiting to hear from EWRB if an employer with an Employer Licence can sign the Trainee Limited Certificate (TLC) for those working under E/L that wish to gain EAS or EST.

Meeting concluded: 2.00pm

Next meeting date: tba in Hamilton

Signed

President.