

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
17th August 2017 @ 10.30am
WMS, Horotiu, Hamilton**



Present:, Andy Geissmann, Barry Miller, Brain Ebert, Brett MacDougall, Kevin Warner, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Gary Reilly & Maria Scott. Ross Muggerridge of Davey Water products also in attendance.

Apologies: Michael Meyer, Simon Fletcher

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Liner Selection online course material almost complete and when ready will be tested by Member.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$112,643.

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

New Members: Rakaia Dairy Services Ltd, Rakaia

Withdrawn Members: Betaquip Dairy Solutions – sold to Rakaia Dairy Solutions Ltd

Practising Certificate Approvals: Dylan Wright-Moran & Alex Jurica, Stocker Dairy Services. Aaron Discombe, Thames Farm & Industrial. Peter Lipscombe & Ben Caldwell McGregor's Farm Services, Sam Allen & Rob Wilson, Southland Farm Services. Craig Cookson, P W Dairy Services. Simon Phillpott, Ag-Worx. Sue Leef, Duncan Engineering. Scott Cundall, Donald Engineering. Tony Mellow, ABC Milking Solutions. John Edmonds, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies. Daniel Ahipene, Cotter & Stevens. Chaz Murdoch, Mainland Engineering. Neels Biermann, CCMP Integrated Farm Solutions. Damian Tutty, Dairy & Pumps. Daniel McDonald, Progressive Engineering. Jeremy Agnew, Parr & Co. Thomas Webby, MacDougalls - Approved

TTC Report: 12 pax on Small Drinking Water Supplies course in Hamilton which is a great result – 9 of which are apprentices. South Island course postponed until November. Usual courses recommence last week of September.

Apprenticeship Update: Nothing to report. Numbers remain at 31 signed up. Unit Standards for Small Drinking Water Supplies are expiring end of 2018 and alternatives will need to be included into apprenticeship. E.O to follow up.

APL Process: Despite many requests, Competenz are yet to finalise and communicate the process for Assessment of Prior Learning (APL). This process assesses the experience of those who have been in the industry for many years with a view to having their knowledge and skills cross-credited to the Dairy Systems (Engineering) qualification and identifying the gaps where additional training may be required in order for the qualification to be awarded. E.O. to continue to chase this.

Plumbers Act Review: PGDB Registrar, Martin Sawyers has sort advice from his technical team as to where our respective work boundaries are and he has advised that there is very little in the schematic design we provided them that we can work on. This is disappointing and puts us right back to square one. We are meeting with them again on 12/09/17 to discuss further. Should we have no joy from the PGDB meeting we will seek support from wider industry and go to Ministers Support should be sort from Dairy

Companies, Federated Farmers, Dairy NZ, Pump OEM's, Filtration OEM's, Pipe Suppliers, Valve & Equipment Suppliers, Well Drilling Federation, Irrigation NZ etc. On 14/08/17 PGDB placed an article in NZ Herald online stating that water filters can only be installed by registered plumbers – again this is restrictive to our business.

ISO Testing: Industry support is being sort from DITAG to strengthen our case to go for funding to complete the conversion of our machine testing training to meet the ISO testing requirements. A business case is being developed for DITAG to discuss at their next meeting on 30/08/17.

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: Need M Pedley to provide feedback on changes that have been distributed and if he is happy with progress then engage him to make relevant changes to course material, AutoRep, test report pads etc.

QCONZ costing: Letter received from QCONZ advising costs of \$3,250 + gst to upgrade VSD testing methods and incorporate into training course material, AutoRep and amend the test report forms & flowcharts etc – Approved.

Tester Ross Gibbison: We are continuing to work with Ross to become registered and Andy Geissmann has had many email and phone conversations with him offering assistance. Ross has been requested to submit six further tests directly to the marker and is encouraged to attend machine testing course in November to undertake further training.

Electrical Options: Yet to hear back from EWRB re their suggestions for us to develop a suitable training course that meets their requirements re health & safety, safe electrical practices and supervision. They had a Board meeting on 16/08/17 in which they were going to discuss our case. E.O to follow up outcome.

Extended Milking Machine course: Pepper Creations demonstrated modern delivery options for training including virtual reality and animation as learning tools which offered some very interesting, innovative concepts. E.O will liaise with M Pedley as to content and delivery style for this training.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: Nothing to Report – no response from our previous complaint.

Stray Voltage Testing: Maurice Coates of Sema, has advised that he is working on the new stray voltage unit design.

Davey Water Products: Ross Muggeridge joined the meeting & gave an overview on their industry. Water quality is an issue on farm. Davey have four online training courses available which they are happy to offer to all Members. E.O to follow up with Ross re promotion to Members.

Meeting concluded: 3.45pm

Next meeting date: tbc in Hamilton

Signed

President.