

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 @ 10.30am  
GEA, Hamilton**

Present: Trevor Fowlie, Les Sinclair, Craig Burrows, Nick Bell, Trevor Foley, Gary Reilly, Marty Bloy, Darren Main & Executive Officer, Maria Scott. Also joined by Terry Playle, Phil Read, Steven Read, Henning Visser & Thomas Coates

Apologies: Craig Russell, Danny Simmonds, Sam Anderson, Shaun Nicholls

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 \$101,163

Accounts for Payment: Accounts paid since last meeting and accounts received but yet to be paid were tabled and approved.

New Members: Southwest Dairy Services Pty Ltd (Australia), Smart Water & Irrigation Ltd, Halmach (Hall Machinery Ltd), Northland Water Services - Approved

Withdrawn Members: NIL

Practising Certificate Approvals: Austin Cortesi, Fire'n'Ice. Cameron McKenzie & Nathan Sinclair, Dairy & Pumps. Alan Williams, Dairy Solutions. Sean Borlase & Reuben Easter, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies. Matt Clark, Elite Farm Solutions. Kain Tanner, Tanner Industries. Alan Payne & Scott Graham, DairyTech South. Jojo Medalla, CCMP. Mike Stainthorpe, Thinkwater Whakatane. Will Averill, Lely. Tony Chapman & Johnny Deepak, Nind Dairy Services. Craig Cookson, Precision Dairy Services. Logan Wills-Stachurski, Moea Milking. Royce Milham, Coastal Agri Services. Mike Trump, Corrie Schutte & Heidi Miles, Morrison Agri. Matt Nelson, Pump and Electrical Services. Karl Doyle & Alex Jurica, Canterbury Farm Services. Will Court, Conor Williams & James Burnside, Read Industrial. Ben Tate & Luis Rumia, Stocker Solutions. Rob Wilson & Ian Compton, Southland Farm Services. Shayne Perriam, Milk Tech South. Innes Richardson, Milking & Water Systems. Aidan Wright, Absolute Dairy & Water. Henry Squires, Progressive Engineering. James Chapman & Rob Foote, Rakaia Dairy Services. Ryan Hill, Camco, Matt Roberts, Moea Milking. Shane Blackmore, BOS Contracting. Jack Felton, Fire'n'Ice – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: Farm Water Reticulation currently running in Hamilton with 7 pax & the new Water Facilitator, Lyn Berry, is sitting in on this. Still awaiting payment of \$17.8k from Competenz for 5 apprentices on March & May Testing courses. October Testing course full with 12 pax & November one currently has 6 registered. Small Drinking Water Supplies for Oct & Nov are well subscribed. New carpet has been laid in three areas of the training centre.

Micro-credential Development: At our last meeting we agreed that the Milking Machine Testing 'Training Scheme' should be upgraded to a 'Certificate' qualification. However, since then NZQA have indicated it would be more restrictive / difficult to get approval to deliver this training in Australia as a 'Certificate' than it would be to deliver a 'Micro-credential'. Following email communications to all Council Members, it was agreed that we will convert the Milking Machine Testing Training Scheme into a single Micro-credential.

The Farm Dairy Systems Management Training Scheme (which covers Cleaning Evaluation, Milk Delivery, Mastitis, Milk Quality, Liner Selection and Stary Voltage) also needs to be converted into one or more Micro-credentials by March 2025. It was agreed that this can be kept as a single Micro-credential. Training Centric to be advised to get this work underway.

The new Mirco-credential for Small Drinking Water Supplies is underway and draft documents are almost complete. An initial working group meeting has taken place to discuss what this training should include. Plan is to have this to WDC for endorsement by October & the NZQA by November.

Machine Testing training in Australia: A further meeting took place to consider options for delivery in Australia. The difficulty is being able to set up a suitable training environment. NZQA have indicated that QCONZ can deliver the course from their prospective provided QCONZ sign into the International Students Code which Tyree is currently preparing the SOPs required for this. She has also enquired with TAFE as to if we would be 'allowed' to deliver our training in the State of Victoria. Three participants from Australia are attending the October Testing course and another on the November course. Zoe Vogels from Dairy Australia was going to look into if there is any funding available to help fund technicians to come to NZ for the training.

Plumbers Act Restrictions: Gareth Cowan from Progressive Engineering raised concern about the lack of progress in the demarcation line being established following the review of the Act in 2022. A sub-committee of Gareth Cowan, Marty Bloy, Gary Reilly, Craig Russell & Nick Bell will meet via TEAMS to discuss an action plan of how and who to approach to move this forward.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: We were joined by Adam Duker from Dairy NZ & Logan Bowler (the course Facilitator) to discuss viability of us taking over this training. Further information regards costs vs profit have been attained from QCONZ who have previously been delivering this program. QCONZ indicate that they were making very little profit from this course. The course was funded by DairyNZ, however, DairyNZ have advised that this funding is no longer available. DairyNZ still to provide some answers to our due diligence questions. Terry Playle raised that some effluent assessment is covered in the Fonterra Farm Environment Plans & is this not sufficient? A sub-committee of Gary Reilly, Trevor Foley, Marty Bloy &, Craig Burrows will look into the feasibility of us taking over this training further once we have more info from Dairy NZ.

Safety around Industrial Slide Pulsators: Relating to a death in July of a Farmer in Morrinsville who was caught up in the moving parts of a slide pulsator. Read Industrial have covers available, however, some of them are difficult to retro-fit on older units. They have designed a stainless steel guard that can be more easily retro-fitted. Reads are having their guard design assessed by an independent party. The Visual Faults Checklist has been changed to have a specific checkbox to indicate if the slide pulsator is guarded or not, and Section 2 Safety of the NZ Milking Machine Testing Manual has been updated to state: (a) Moving Parts  e.g. Guards on releasers, vacuum pumps, slide pulsators and all shafts and belts. A Tech Note guarding covering the guarding of moving parts will be distributed to all Testers as well as guidelines from Read Industrial with their recommendations for guarding.

Dairy Test X: Les has been testing the Dairy Test X & giving feedback to Innovag who are doing a couple of tweaks to align it with our testing procedure.

AutoRep & SmartStandards platform enhancement: Thomas Coats of Y5, gave a demonstration of the draft proposed new web-based AutoRep program which can be used on mobile phones, Mac, iOS, Android & Windows devices. The web-based platform will

also alleviate issues that some users are having with log-in or permissions. Changes or updates to the program can be made a lot easier & activated instantly. The application programming interface (API) security will be incorporated. This new platform should be available in approx. 3 months.

AutoRep Maintenance Costs: Since migrating the AutoRep App from QCONZ to Y5 in June, there has been a number of user issues around logging-in and functionality. QCONZ dealt with these at no charge for us, however, we are now being charged by Y5 to investigate these issues and costs have been \$5,000 to date, with one user query alone costing \$900. Discussion was had around if we should be on-charging these costs to the user. It was decided that, as most of these issues will be eliminated with the new web-based platform, we would carry the costs at this stage.

Trade Qualification for Water / Pumping Sector: Verity from 43 South has formatted the SurveyMonkey to allow applicant data to be captured. Needs to be tested and released.

Meeting concluded: 3.45pm

Signed  Gary Reilly, President.