

Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
19th May 2021 @ 10.30am
DeLaval, Hamilton

Present: Craig Burrows, Gary Reilly, Ross Muggeridge, Brian Ebert, Andy Geissmann, Darren Main, Kevin Warner, Paul Dixon & Maria Scott

Apologies: Trevor Foley, Claudio Urzua

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 \$151,448

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

New Members: Graham Beck has taken over Kemsley Dairy Services - Approved

Withdrawn Members: Willow-Dell Milking & Pumps – no longer operating in industry.
Engineering Solutions – no longer working in milking area.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Luke Roberts (ISO) & Freya Ahrendt (ISO), Morrison Agri. Graham Beck (ISO), Kemsley Dairy Services. Rob Foote, Stocker Dairy Solutions. Grant Childs, Central Milking & Pumping. Zane McCall, 60/40 Milking. Charlie Clay, Progressive Engineering. Craig Samuel & Alan van den Heuvel, ABC Milking Solutions - Approved.

Election of Bearers: Gary Reilly nominated & re-elected as President. Craig Burrows nominated and re-elected as Vice-President. Craig Burrows elected as Technical Committee Chairperson for Milking and Ross Muggeridge elected as Technical Committee Chair for Water / Pumping.

H & S: Nothing to report. Facility not being used until mid-June.

Training Activity: April Testing course had eight participants. Over 100 participants now signed into ISO online. Pump Selection running in Christchurch 27-28 May with 10 participants. Three other water courses in South Island cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Apprenticeship Update: We now have 70 active apprentices and 9 more who are considering it. E.O. will do a push for new apprentices.

Plumbers Act Review: Letter has been received from Hon Poto Williams, Minister for Building & Construction, reiterating the outcome of the Review of the PGDB Act re the need to undertake further work to create a clear demarcation between restricted sanitary plumbing and other water reticulation activities that share the same water source. The important concern to them is to maintain protection of public health and safety. They will be seeking input from MPTA and other interested stakeholders and will keep us up to date of the steps towards this.

Farm Dairy Effluent Accreditation System: Perrin Ag have been engaged by DairyNZ to review the existing Accreditation & WOF programs. We have indicated our willingness to be involved and eventually take over the management of these programs. We are meeting with them (via TEAMS) tomorrow. Farm Source (James.Atkinson@fonterra.com) are
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working on an initiative whereby they will promote a couple of accredited FDE designer companies as preferred suppliers to Farmers. E.O. to express our concerns to Fonterra re this potentially undermining the existing FDE Accreditation and WOF programs which could cause the collapse of these programs i.e. if only selected accredited design suppliers are promoted, the other designer companies may see little benefit in being involved.

Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies: Amendments have been made to initial document. Acknowledged that a separate Acceptable Solution will be produced covering chemical treatment of water e.g. chlorination. An Acceptable Solution has also been circulated on Roof Water Supplies.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: First test case has been assessed and recommended for approval – needs to be peer-reviewed. E.O & Ross Muggerridge to discuss Assessment process with Hugh Gallagher and finetune process as required. Then need to re-visit application process before it is released to industry.

Calibration of Testing equipment: Gary Reilly raised questions of how often should machine testing equipment be calibrated? G Reilly to discuss with calibration contact to consider options & will discuss further at next meeting.

Vacuum Sensor Readings: Question was raised at the AGM in March re how far can Vacuum Sensor Readings be out compared to actual vacuum level? Answer: consider the digital readout as a gauge; so +/- 2kPa.

ISO Testing: Another communication to go to testers that have already done ISO online or the full ISO training course advising latest changes and pointing them to the online material for latest forms & standards. Also to remind them that they must be ISO Registered by 28/02/2022 or will be required to do full ISO Machine Testing course at cost of \$3,100.00 + gst.

Robotic Testing: Testers that only operate on Robotic Milking Systems will be able to undergo our ISO online re-training and then submit six correct robotic system tests for marking to become a MPTA Registered ISO Robotic Milking Machine Tester. However, they must have previously completed a full MPTA Milking Machine Testing course and will ONLY be able to test Robotic Milking Machines – not conventional machines. If they wish to test both robotic & conventional systems, Testers will need to also submit six correct machine tests completed on a conventional machine.

Meeting concluded: 3.15pm

Next meeting date: tba in Hamilton

Signed

President.