

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
19th July 2023 @ 10.30am
DeLaval Hamilton**

Present: Andy Geissmann, Ross Muggeridge, Trevor Fowlie, Trevor Foley, Les Sinclair, Nick Bell & Executive Officer, Maria Scott.

Apologies: Gary Reilly, Kevin Warner, Darren Main, Paul Dixon, Craig Burrows

Passed Life Members: A minute's silence was observed to remember Life Members Tom Laurent and Dave Milne who have recently passed away.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Two Tech Notes have been updated & distributed to Testers. Space to indicate if liners are vented or not have been added to test reports.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Nothing to report.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$183,360

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

New Members: NIL

Withdrawn Members: Thinkwater Auckland, Southern Dairy Services – subs unpaid. Note: Grundfos Pumps who were listed as withdrawn last month have decided to continue their Membership.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Yohann Anderson, ABC Milking Solutions. Rhys Michie, Vickers Farm & Dairy. Brock Daniel, PW Dairy Services. Jordan Norton, Qubik. Keith Nolly & Allister Thomas, Dairymaster Milking Systems. Alex Knight, King Farm Services. Jordan Johnson, Tanner Industries. Ziggy Burch, Beta Milking & Water Services. Darren Green & Nick Body, McLaren's Rural. Georgia Canning, On Farm Agri Centre. Ross Richards, Ordish & Stevens. Steve Harris, Nigel Fennell & Travis Diack, Progressive Engineering. Todd Welsh, Dion Kennedy, Alasdair Courten, Matt Hale & Miranda Buechel, Morrison Agri. Hayden Hurley, Jeff Evans. Nathan Roberts, Advance Dairy & Pump. Reynhardt Schutte, McGregors Farm Services. James Boyden, Davidson Engineering. Liam Sell, Nind Dairy Services. Jim Oliver, Joe's Water – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: Two Pump Selection courses run in June in South Island with 13 participants (total). Another Pump Selection running in Invercargill end of July with 11 participants. After that, no courses scheduled until October.

Apprenticeship update: Further breakdown of figures provided by Competenz show that there have been 114 apprentices terminate since the apprenticeship started in 2016. 38 learners have been withdrawn by Competenz as their progress was not on target, 18 were dissatisfied with employer / industry and 16 had a change in career choice. E.O. to request further info from Competenz as to how our figures stack up against other Engineering quals and other industry apprenticeships.

Apprenticeship Marketing Campaign: James Bilton from flickmedia presented an online campaign targeted at building awareness of the apprenticeship and driving enquiry for new enrolments. Cost for six-month campaign = \$750/month for their services which includes campaign development & implementation and reporting of viewer analytics, \$1,000 for initial photography & promo video production and \$1,000/month to purchase ad slots on Facebook & Instagram. Approval was given for the spend and to engage flickmedia for a six month campaign.

Electrical Pathway: We are delving into an option recorded in Gazetted Notice #45 which provides an option to complete an EWRB Board-approved Electrical Service Technician competency-based training programme in place of needing to complete the EWRB EST exam, assessment & 18 months supervision. Maria enquired with EWRB what should be included in this training programme to their response was *'The Board only approve an application once it has been created, we are not able to provide information or assist on what should be included in a qualification in its creation stage. This process is completed by NZQA and Te Pukenga.'* Maria has had discussions with E-tec who are an EWRB approved training provider and they are considering if it is something they can progress.

Development of NZQA Micro-credential qualifications: The first micro-credential for Selecting the Right Pump for Rural Fluid Systems has been approved by NZQA. This will be integrated into our Pump Selection course and used for the Pumping Systems Technician Certification. Ross & Maria have been working on the Evidence Workbook that QCONZ have prepared for the micro-credential.

Pumping Systems Technician Certification: With the micro-credential and Evidence Workbook now ready to go, we are getting closer to being able to launch this certification. Maria has been in discussion with Sandy Cobussen of Cobussen & Cobussen re a marketing campaign for the launch of the Certification. They have prepared a robust outline of approach and approximate costs which was discussed at the meeting. This includes preparation of an online application form, webpage site link, copy writing promotional material, social media advertising, testing target audience reps, project management, graphic design. Costs were 50-60 hours at \$150/hr plus cost of Facebook & LinkedIn ads, and web development. Maria to request further breakdown of hours involved and what this would cover. Also to invite flickmedia to also quote for this campaign.

Changes to NZCP-1: MPI are proposing changes to section 7.6 of NZCP-1 which relates to the frequency of when a milking machine test must be completed and by whom. We consider the changes to be illogical and not in the best interest of animal welfare or milk quality. Maria to write to Tony Rumney of MPI and express our concerns for the proposed changes and strongly assert that the wording should remain unchanged from the existing version.

Smart Standards App: Updates for MilktechNZ and Reads has been given just this week. Trevor Fowlie to look at Milkaware / Milfos / GEA material to see if any of it needs updating then Digital Milking Machine Testing Standards App should be ready to launch.

Meeting concluded: 2.15pm

Signed



Gary Reilly, President.