

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
20 March 2019 @ 9.00am
Hamilton Airport**



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

Apologies: Brett MacDougall, Brain Ebert,

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 \$205,952

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

Resigning Council Members: Andy Geissmann and Brett MacDougall have advised that they will be standing down from MPTA Council effective today.

Change of Director for Technology Training Centre Ltd: So that MPTA Council can act on Technology Training Centre Ltd (TTC) business it is required that at least two of the four TTC Directors are Members of MPTA Council and are present at meetings, or consulted, on matters relating to TTC business. Accordingly, Brett MacDougall is to resign as a TTC Director and will be replaced by Ross Muggeridge of Davey Water Products. Bank Authorities to be updated accordingly. The other TTC Directors are Karl Rossiter, Hugh Gallagher & Gary Reilly.

New Members: Rural Taranaki Ltd – approved.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Robert Foote, Stocker Solutions. Zane McCall, 60/40 Milking. Peter Taylor, Milk'n'Water Services. Greg Lister, Registered Tester. Miranda Buechel & Todd Welsh, Morrison Agri. Peter Wheeler, Waterite Pumps & Electrical. Steve Reynolds, REA Engineering - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report

TTC Report: A strong start to the year with the March & April Testing courses already full. An extra Testing course has been scheduled for May. April Milking block course for apprentices has 8 participants. Uptake on online courses for apprentices.

Renewal of Lease for Training Centre: The current lease for the Training Centre premises in Palmerston North expires on 31/05/19, however, in terms of our Lease Agreement we have two 6-year rights of renewal. It was agreed that we shall continue with the lease for the next six years and confirmation of this intention was signed for Landlord. New rent rate effective 01/06/19 to be adjusted by Landlord in line with CPI and advised.

Vocational Education Training Review (VET): The Government has recently announced a proposal major overhaul of the vocational training run by Polytechs, Industry Training Organisations (ITOs) and Private Training Establishments (PTEs). E.O. attended a stakeholder discussion group with Competenz and has made a submission to Ministry of Education with our concerns around the proposed changes.

Syd Bodmin Trust: E.O has made inquiry with trustee, John Gray, as to if this funding is still available and what the eligibility criteria may be. John stated that as the Bodmin Trust is a charitable trust it is outside it's rules to support a private business making profit and so they would not be able to support the employers of our apprentices. An apprentice who is self-funding their own apprenticeship costs may qualify for support via the trust, however, they would need to provide evidence for their case of hardship. He advised that their focus is more the protection of children, on fighting poverty and supporting education of the under-privileged and that their donations go to such causes as Riding for the Disabled, Halberg Trust.

Apprenticeship Update: Numbers still sitting at 47 with approx. 20 new learners looking to sign up. Peter Ferguson from Competenz spoke re review of the qual. A number of engineering units have changed however, these do not essentially effect the learning and outcomes of the qual. The issue with attaining EST registration being a requirement of the qual was discussed and was agreed to remove the compulsory requirement of completing the EAS & EST components, however, these will be added to the elective selection of the qual should learners wish to do these and have the ability to gain the supervision. This will also negate the requirement for a Trainee Limited Certificate (TLC) to be gained within the apprenticeship. The basic safety electrical units will remain and an additional new unit standard will be developed on demonstrating knowledge of restrictions for carrying out electrical work. Peter advised that EWRB had told him that only 51% of learners pass the EWRB EST exam.

Plumbers Act Review: E.O. till to reiterate to MBIE our concerns re the restrictions of the Act and provide them with alternative wording to be inserted into the Act.

Three Waters Review: E.O has contacted Dept. of Internal Affairs who are undertaking this review and requested that MPTA be included in the 'interested party' list for consultation.

Employers Licence changes to Auditor: ERWB have approved Telarc Ltd as the only company that can audit companies for E/L registration. The audit requirements and application process will be considerably more difficult than it was previously for our Members to gain an Employer Licence.

Electrical Supervision: Kevin White presented proposal to go to EWRB for an achievable pathway for electrical supervision. It proposes a requirement of evidence gathering of nominated tasks that have been observed by an EWRB approved assessor on at least one occasion. He is meeting with EWRB on 21/3/19 .

Pulsation Ratio: DairyNZ are advising farmers to alter pulsation ratios with aim to reduce milking time. This was done without consultation with MPTA. They are running Rural Professional events around the country in April to advise further on this. E.O to communicate to DairyNZ our disappointment in the lack of consultation on such a technical presentation to dairy farmers which has resulted in the mixed messages the farmers are taking away from the presentation. We may of requested that the way the message was presented was moderated and recommended a different delivery / presentation.

Milk Filitering sizing: E.O. to contact Synlait and advise that the minimum filter sizing requirements are part of NZCP-1 and that there is not a requirement for sizing to be completed by a MPTA tester.

Industry Skill Shortage: E.O still to investigate re getting Milking Machine, Pump & Effluent Technicians listed on the skills shortage lists.

Stray Voltage: Existing training material to be reviewed & updated – C Burrows.

Annual Machine Testing: Fonterra only rates not having a milking machine tests annually as a 'minor' non-compliance. So, farmers are cancelling machine tests considering that there is no consequence for a minor non-compliance. E.O to contact Fonterra to enquire why the minor rating is in place.

ISO Testing conversion: G Reilly has had discussions with DeLaval re us being able to access their ISO training material, however, information has been slow in coming. A Geissmann will also approach GEA to see if they have material that they are happy to share. MPTA now has some funds that we can put aside to start the development of the conversion. E.O to ask Murray Pedley of QCONZ to re-quote project of writing all the training material and associated resources.

AutoRep: CPD in Australia, are developing the new Dairy Test Lite testing unit with functions that could be matched to AutoRep. E.O. to inquire as to if it is compatible with ISO testing standards and what cost is involved to match it to AutoRep.

Meeting concluded: 1.40pm

Next meeting date: Wed 1st May 2019 in Hamilton

Signed

President.