

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
20 May 2020 @ 8.30am
By Zoom Video Call**



Present on Call: Ross Muggeridge, Brian Ebert, Craig Burrows, Claudio Urzua, Gary Reilly, Brad Morrissey, Trevor Foley, Darren Main, Don Vermeulen, Paul Dixon & Maria Scott.

Apologies: NIL

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: NIL

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$132,889.

MPTA Tax Status: Our Accountant has investigated MPTA Tax Status to see if we are exempt from Income Tax which has been the belief of Council Members as we have not paid much income tax for many years. It turns out we are not exempt from Income Tax at all and that we had been utilising Tax Losses over the past 10 years to off-set tax owing. These losses have now all been used and MPTA will be liable for standard Income Tax rates in future. Further, where MPTA was exempt from paying Withholding Tax on interest earned, this exemption has been revoked by IRD as they consider we no longer qualify for this exemption.

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

New Council Member: Claudio Urzua from GEA, Darren Main from DeLaval & Brad Morrissey from Grundfos.

Election of Officer Bearers: Gary Reilly re-instated as President and Craig Burrows re-instated as Vice-President and Technical Committee Chair.

New Members: NIL

Practising Certificate Approvals: Richard Washington, Farm Supplies Central. Max Preston, Dairymaster. Neil Linklater, Westland Dairy Sheds. Lars de Kruijf, Milk R Us. Lance Felton, Fire N Ice. Stuart Babe, Beta Milking & Water Services. Norm Bailey & Oliver Bromley, Bromley Dairy & Pumps. Liam, Wright Camco Dairy Services, Craig McSaveney, Field Engineering. Martin Baldwin, Machinery Maintenance. Sean Hayes, Hayes Farm Services. Neville Discombe, Thames Farm & Industrial Supplies. Tyler Milne & Brent Highsted, Progressive Engineering. Hayden Hurley, Jeff Evans Rural. Aaron Cross, CCMP. Jonno, Ross, On Farm Agri Centre. Malcolm Terrill, Better Dairy Solutions. Darrell McLean, Fox Eden & Associates - Approved.

H & S: A Member has raised concerns about safe access into the central pit area of rotary sheds. E.O to send a communication to Members reminding them of WorkSafe obligations for safe working environments

TTC Report: All courses for 2020 to date have been postponed due to Covid-19. ISO trial course will now run on 8-12 June and the first official ISO Testing course will be 6-10 July. Some South Island water courses that were scheduled for May have been moved to September 2020. Our Accountant has advised that he does not see any tax or financial advantage to be gained in keeping TTC as a separate entity to MPTA and suggests that

TTC could be dissolved and MPTA can manage the training courses & income. This was discussed and Council suggest that we move the assets (cash in bank & accounts receivable) and trading activities (income & expenses related to courses) to MPTA and 'shelve' TTC so it may be used in the future if needed. E.O to investigate process and communicate to Council Members & Directors of TTC.

Apprenticeship Update: Revised version of qual is still with NZQA for approval. Currently there are around 51 apprentices signed up and there have been 39 apprentices withdraw from the qualification since it started.

Plumbers Act Review: Minister O'Connor has passed on concerns re the restrictions of the Plumber's Act to Minister Carmel Sepuloni (Minister for Social Development) – yet to hear anything back.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: Am awaiting applications from the first two test cases that will then need to go through the assessment process.

Complaint re Member: We received a complaint from Sandra Hipkin re a new pump purchased from & installed by Ross Pumps of Hamilton. The pump was pumping sand and pressure to the house was poor. Recommendations given by Technical Committee Chair, Craig Burrows, to respond to parties involved.

Upgrades to Training Centre: DeLaval machine to be upgraded. Suggestion to combine the NuPulse & DeLaval units and make a new unit with whatever Murray Pedley needs. Gary Reilly to follow through with Murray as to what they require.

ISO Testing conversion: All course material and resources are complete and first trial course will run on 8-12 June 2020. After that the online modules for existing testers to re-train can be completed and made available. Communication re changes needed to machines & process for becoming a MPTA ISO Registered Tester has been sent 18/05/20.

Video Call concluded: 10.00am

Next meeting date: July 2020 in Hamilton

Signed

President.