

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
20th November 2024 @ 10.30am
GEA, Hamilton**

Present: Trevor Fowlie, Les Sinclair, Craig Burrows, Trevor Foley, Gary Reilly, Marty Bloy, Darren Main, Craig Russell, Danny Simmonds, Sam Anderson & Executive Officer (E.O), Maria Scott. Joined by Tyree Connor from Training Centric.

Apologies: Nick Bell

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 \$85,691

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

New Members: The Water Centre, Whangarei - Approved

Withdrawn Members: Thames Farm & Industrial – 2024 Membership not paid.

Resignation of Council Member: Shaun Nicholls has resigned from Council as he is no longer working for Davey Water Products.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Vili Loilagi, Lely Dairy NZ (ROBOTS ONLY). William Head, Hunts Farm Services. Holger Olbrich, Southland Farm Services. Gerard Slattery, Paeroa Farm Services. Callum Hoy, Ahoy Engineering. Ethan Cooper & Sam Cooper, Cooper Farm Services. Aaron Carston, Ordish & Stevens. Kevin Waterman, Northern Dairy Specialists. Daniel Blacktopp, Dispatch & Garlick. Gavin Chetwin, Independent Milking Machine Services. Isaac Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre. Scott Quinnell & Kale Grahame, Elite Farm Solutions. Neil Linklater, Westland Dairy Sheds. Pieter Vermaak, Dairy Nutrition & Management Solutions. Leigh Henderson, Advance Dairy & Pump. Matt Lambert, Apex Milking Machine Testing. Norm Bailey, Bromley Dairy & Pumps. Alan van den Heuvel, ABC Milking Solutions. Doug Benton, MacDougalls. Matthew Reiher, Morrison Agri. Glen Stevens, DairyPro. Marc Lesch, Ngatea Milking Machines – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: First payment for 2023 from Competenz p\$17.8k has finally been received - \$48k still owing. Busy two months for training with 9 pax on each of the Small Drinking Water Supplies courses in INV & HLZ, 12 on October Testing course & 8 on the November one. 9 on the Milking Block course. But only 3 on the FDE Hydraulic Design course which ran at a loss because we needed to get apprentices through this training which had not run since 2022.

Micro-credential Development: Tyree went through each of the three micro-credentials currently being developed seeking sign-off on graduate profiles and outcomes. Council provided suggestions which will be incorporated and initial applications will be submitted to the relative WDCs by 28/11/24. M-C development costs (excl. GST) paid to date are \$11,250 for the SDWS, \$10,750 for MMTTC & \$10,000 for Farm Dairy Systems Mgmt

Machine Testing training in Australia: Four participants from Australia have attended our Oct & Nov Testing course. A meeting will be set up to gather feedback from them. QCONZ have just been approved by NZQA to deliver to International Students which opens our training up to other markets and means International Students can be awarded our Certificates. Two DeLaval Testers from Australia will be joining our April '25 Testing course.

Milk Quality Conference: Danny Simmonds advised that the Milk Quality Conference is coming up in July '25 and raised do we want to be involved? Audience is Farm Dairy Assessors, Detergent Reps, FIL, Government Speakers. Decision yet to be made.

Farm Dairy Assessment: Recent changes to NZCP1 state 'Any deficiencies relating to the items below that are identified during milking machine testing **must be rectified as soon as practicable:**

- a) adverse impact on animal health, particularly in relation to teat damage and mastitis;
- b) adverse impact on proper milking machine function;
- c) damage to milk components e.g from excessive frothing; and
- d) adverse impact on the hygiene of milking equipment.

Danny Simmonds from Fonterra raised how this will be policed. Fonterra faults identified as Critical and Major must have a call for action, not just a recommendation. Discussed if we should consider having a Roadshow to target Farmers, Dairy Assessors, Testers on how to interpret machine tests and actions required.

Plumbers Act Restrictions: Marty Bloy has had contact the Plumbers Board and they have agreed to meet with us to discuss our call to reach an agreeable demarcation point for the work our Members do vs the work of a plumber. Marty Bloy, Gary Reilly & Maria Scott will attend meeting in Wellington in December.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: DairyNZ haven't been able to answer our questions as yet. E.O to write to David Burger, DairyNZ GM Farm Solutions & Policy, to seek answers & enquire if they would be prepared to 'gift' the program to us. Further discussions with Fonterra around what is involved in their Farm Environment Plans indicate that the FEPs don't go into enough detail to replace a full WOF assessment if required.

Safety around Industrial Slide Pulsators: Tech Note for Moving Parts – safety around slide pulsators has been signed-off and can shall now be sent to Members.

Dairy Test X: Further improvements have been suggested to Innovag and they are working on these.

ISO Milking Time Testing / Wet Testing: ISO are working on including Wet Testing in their guidelines. Darren Main to be added to the ISO comms list for notifications and feedback about this and he will report back to Council when relevant information is to hand.

AutoRep & SmartStandards platform enhancement: Latest quote from Y5 to complete the build and design of the web-based platform for AutoRep has come back at \$28.4 k which is a massive increase from the initial quote of \$14.4k. Our finances don't support us doing this work currently, however, it may be something we can pick up in the future. E.O to ask Y5 to fix their pricing for us to consider doing this upgrade at a later date.

Attracting & retaining people to the industry: A Member has raised concerns about the difficulty of attracting & retaining people to the industry & wants to start some discussions around how we can effectively do this. Gary Rielly has a contact that brings in staff from overseas, he will invite him to give his thoughts on what we can do as an industry and is there opportunity for our industry to employ from overseas.

Training Centre Lease: The lease is coming up for renewal in May 2025. We have had some discussions around if we should move the training centre to Hamilton or not. One real estate agent indicated that pricing in Hamilton would be around \$150m² which would be considerably more than we currently paying for our 248m² property in Palmerston North, particularly if we were to increase the size of the premises to incorporate a wet station for water training. Decided to stay put in Palmerston North for now but to request lease be amended to a one year, renewable, period.

Water Industry Certificate of Recognition: More testing has been done on the SurveyMonkey platform that will receive applications and this is now ready to launch.

Meeting concluded: 4.00pm

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Reilly', written in a cursive style.

Gary Reilly, President.