

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
22nd January 2025 @ 8.00am
TEAMS Video Call**



Present: Les Sinclair, Craig Burrows, Trevor Foley, Marty Bloy, Craig Russell, Nick Bell, Danny Simmonds, Sam Anderson & Executive Officer (E.O), Maria Scott.

Apologies: Darren Main, Gary Reilly, Trevor Fowlie

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Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$159,228. This is allowing for 2025 Membership & AutoRep licences to come in which have just been invoiced. Preliminary 31/12/24 y/e figures show a surplus \$19k, not allowing for \$20k spent on AutoRep Software & \$50k on Course Development.

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

New Members: Dairy Shed Hub Ltd, Matamata - Approved

Withdrawn Members: NIL

Practising Certificate Approvals: Steve Nolly, GEA Milfos International. Tony Macdonald, DairyTech South. Ryan Allan, Progressive Engineering. Liam Hindman, Morrison Agri. Ryan Moffitt, Pump & Electrical Services. Lars de Kruijf & Mark Bunning, Milk R Us. Kris Burch, Quality Water Services. Ross Gibbison, R & R Contracting. Gordon Fraser-Jones, McLaren's Rural Services. Les Payne, Dairy & Pumps. Brandon Norman, Qubik – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

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Training related cost increases: Training Centric have advised an increase in their charges to us which are an 8% increase for delivery of our Testing course and a 12% increase in daily course facilitation costs for all other courses, plus an 8% increase in machine test marking. E.O. to query rationale behind such increases.

Micro-credential Development: The three Micro-credential applications were submitted to the relative WDCs prior to Christmas and Tyree is awaiting responses from them. Likely some further work will be required in them before lodging to NZQA for approval. M-C development costs (excl. GST) paid to date are \$12,450 for the SDWS, \$12,250 for MMTC & \$11,500 for Farm Dairy Systems Mgmt

Machine Testing training in Australia: A ZOOM video call was held on 4/12/24 with the four participants from Australia who have recently attended our Machine Testing course. The

purpose was to gather feedback from them as to how the course went for them, do they have suggestions for improvements and is it feasible to take the training to Australia. Two of the Testers are fully implementing our testing practices, and they felt that it is a very good course and they learnt a lot more than is available in Australia. The participants felt that, logistically, it would not be easy to run this training in Australia due to the machine set up that is needed and the geographical spread of the Testers. They felt it would be more practical for Testers to come over from Australia to complete the training here.

Farm Dairy Assessment: Further discussion took place about how the NZCP1 requirement for *'Any deficiencies relating to the items below that are identified during milking machine testing must be rectified as soon as practicable'* can be managed. Danny Simmonds from Fonterra asked for consistency from Testers when completing Test Summary Reports to ensure that all recommendations and faults are easily identified in the report and have a ranking of major, minor, critical. Danny will prepare a draft around protocol for us to send to Testers. We will also include the requirement that if no rankings are given then the machine test will not be accepted for marking. This outcome will assist Farm Dairy Assessors to be able to easily identify faults from a test and investigate if the specific deficiencies listed in NZCP1 have been addressed.

Plumbers Act Restrictions: Marty Bloy, Gary Reilly & Maria Scott met with PGDB on 10/12/24 to reiterate our desire to establish an agreeable demarcation point for the work our Members do vs the work of a plumber. They will discuss this further at their Board Meeting in February 2025.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: E.O Has emailed David Burger, DairyNZ GM Farm Solutions & Policy, to seek answers around the funding and management of the programme so we can complete our evaluation of commercial potential if MPTA takes on this programme. We await his response.

Farm Dairy Effluent System Design Accreditation: Trevor Foley has spoken with Stephen McNally from Irrigation NZ who advised that DairyNZ will not be funding the FDE Accreditation scheme throughout 2025. Trevor will discuss further with Stephen re the possibility of MPTA taking over the FDE Accreditation scheme from Irrigation NZ as we feel that it fits better with our Member base.

Dairy Test X: Further improvements have been suggested to Innovag and they are working on these. Les will send through the Dairy Test X generated test reports for Council to consider if these will be accepted as test reports

The Future MPTA: Discussions took place about where MPTA is heading - what's our why? We need to have more awareness and push around the pumping / water side of our business. We need to tell a better story of who we are, what we are, what we do for our Members and the industry. Who / what do our Members want us to be? E.O to send a survey to Members asking for their feedback for further discussions on building the profile and activities of MPTA. A list of questions need to be composed.

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