

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
22nd May 2024 @ 10.30am
GEA, Hamilton**

Present: Trevor Fowlie, Les Sinclair, Craig Burrows, Nick Bell, Trevor Foley, Gary Reilly, Marty Bloy, Craig Russell, Darren Main, Shaun Nicholls, & Executive Officer, Maria Scott.

Apologies: Sam Anderson & Danny Simmonds

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 \$172,258

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

New Members: Franklin Water, CM Engineering, Bos Contracting – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Mike Oliver, retired. Numedic, they feel that they fall outside of what MPTA membership offers, Farm Supplies Central – closing down 31/5/24

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Damon McKinnon, McLaren's Rural. Daan Louw & Ulrich Fourie, Mainland Engineering. Jayden Staples-McAloon, Landmore Agri.

Ahren Lomas, Paeroa Farm Services. Craig Samuel, ABC Milking Solutions. Peter Taylor, Milk'n'Water Services. Dylan Moore, Read Industrial. Ernie Blom, Hunts Farm Services. Dave Thame, Independent Machine Testing. Kahu Pahau, Dairy & Pumps.

Brent Robinson, Coastal Agri. Nick Lewis, Canterbury Farm Services. Matt Taylor, Southland Farm Services. Daniel Patrick, Progressive Engineering. Travis McPherson, Nind Dairy Services. Mark Van de Klundert, & Karl Arras Stocker Solutions. Ben Hoskin-McLaren, Morrison Agri - Approved.

Election of Office Bearers: Gary Reilly nominated & re-elected as President. Darren Main nominated and elected as Vice-President. Craig Russell elected as Technical Committee Chair for Water / Pumping and Craig Burrows re-elected as Technical Committee Chairperson for Milking.

Change to MPTA Rules: Need to extend the term of Office Bearers beyond three terms if no other nomination has been received for current sitting Office Bearers, and the election is unanimous. Needs to be approved at next AGM.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: March Machine Testing course had 8 participants. Some water courses scheduled for June then no other courses until September. Three Small Drinking Water Supplies courses have been run for Waterforce with 40 participants. Competenz Contract for Service is yet to be agreed on but we are making some progress.

Micro-credential Development: Further discussion took place around the proposed three new micro-credentials – one for Small Drinking Water Supplies and splitting the Machine Testing course into Practical Test Procedures and Reporting & Recommendations. It was

decided that there is no advantage in splitting the Machine Testing Material into two separate micro-credentials as one part is of little use without the other, and it is expected that all learners would complete all of the material. Maria to request clarification from Tyree why we would need to go down the path of these micro-credentials, and also to advise on what is required if we were to convert the Machine Testing material into a NZQA stand alone 'Certificate'.

Machine Testing training in Australia: Maria to investigate logistics and costs of running a 'pilot' machine testing course in Victoria. A suitable venue is to be sourced before we make invite participants. Damian Loomans from SW Dairy Services in Warrnambool has indicated he may have 4 or 5 to put on training. Gary will try again to make contact with Dairy Australia. Consideration also needs to be given to protecting our IP and course material.

Bubbles in Machine Test: ISO does not include bubbles test and it is not in our flowchart, although it is included in the Additional Tests. Gary Reilly to look at if this, and other additional tests should be made compulsory in our tests.

Trade Qualification for Water / Pumping Sector: Platform for receiving applications needs to be finalised – needs to have ability to capture the results so we can use these for needs analysis around where training gaps may be. An editable PDF product may be suitable for this.

QCONZ - End of Services Provision: Discussions have been had with QCONZ and Software Company Y5 around what is involved in managing and hosting the AutoRep and Smart Standards Apps. Y5 believes that this is within their capabilities and have presented their Terms of Engagement and quoted 5 hours @ \$180 / hr for the migration process to transfer the databases to their server. They have also suggested some additional security API be implemented and quoted \$2,880 for this, plus a monthly hosting fee of \$250 which is consistent with QCONZ charge. Maria to query section in Terms of Engagement re IP ownership.

Effluent WOF Programme: Contract has been received from DairyNZ but needs analysis and perhaps lawyer's input. Trevor Foley to request a historical cost / profit breakdown and to enquire if DairyNZ would be happy to 'gift' the programme to us or sell it to us for a nominal amount. Pending satisfactory due diligence on costing and clarification on ownership of IP and who is responsible for the upgrade of course content and material; Council has agreed to taking over the delivery & management of the WOF Programme, however, the programme will still be 'owned' by DNZ. Trevor Foley is to instigate the contract process with Dairy NZ.

Launch of Digital Testing Standards App: Was launched on 21/05/2024. It was decided that this will be offered free of charge to Members.

Increasing of Membership: Need a drive to recruit more Members from the water sector.

Meeting concluded: 3.40pm

Signed



Gary Reilly, President.