

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 @ 10.30am  
Waikato Milking Systems, Hamilton**



Present:, Barry Miller, Kevin Warner, Craig Burrows, Michael Meyer, Gary Reilly, Brain Ebert, Andy Geissmann & Maria Scott. Also joined by Maurice Coates.

Apologies: Brett MacDougall, Paul Dixon, Simon Fletcher

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: New website has been launched. Goat & Sheep machine specs to ISO standards still to be compiled and circulated.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$138,849.

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

Correspondence Inwards: 3 x course evaluations circulated

New Members: JJ Limited, Invercargill – Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Bruce Ward, David Quintero, Gary Wallace, Brent Robinson, Aaron Cross, AJ Wessels, Marc Ireland, David Weirx, Luke Yeager, Daniel Gorton, Tony Ingram, Shaun Dyer, Stan Darlington, Brad Merrett, Darryl Walter, Tony Macdonald, Scott Balneaves, Ryan Wood, Ben Clarke, Scott Vincent – Approved.

Machine Testing: Discussion around recording of machine testers and issuing of certifications concluded that:

1. A Tester may be listed as a 'Registered Tester' on the website upon MPTA receiving notification from the marker that the testing requirements have been met. This negates the current practice of having Practising Certificates approved at Council Meetings before they can be loaded on the website.
2. For new testers wanting to be certified for the 1<sup>st</sup> time: - a 12 month provisional licence will be issued from the date of the Milking Machine Testing course. This provisional licence will allow the tester to complete **only** six full machine tests to be sent in for marking in order to have their Practising Certificate issued. If the six tests are not received for marking within 12 months of attending the initial Testing course, the tester will be required to undertake a Milking Machine Testing Refresher course before having an additional provisional licence issued.
3. For current testers that wish to be re-certified:- a 'pending approval' licence will be issued if six machine tests are received for marking **prior** to the current Practising Certificate expiry date.
4. For expired testers that wish to be re-certified:- the tester will need to apply to MPTA to have a provisional licence issued which will allow the tester to complete **only** six full machine tests to be sent in for marking in order to have their Practising Certificate re-issued. The tenure of the provisional licence shall be 12 months. If a tester's Milking Machine Testing Practising Certificate has lapsed for a period of more than 2 years, the tester will be required to undertake a Milking Machine Testing Refresher course before having a provisional licence issued.
5. E.O to request from QCONZ &ASUREQuality that they let us know if their Farm Dairy Assessors identify that a tester is testing without appropriate certification i.e. Fully Registered, Provisional Licence or Pending Approval Licence

Transducers in Machine Testing: New procedures for transducers in machine testing has been sent to Members, however procedure was unclear and has caused some confusion. Further information to clarify to be circulated to Members

TTC Report: Irrigation Services from Hastings run our Pump Selection & FDE Hydraulic Design courses for six of their staff. 6 pax on May Machine Testing course. Some specific requests for water courses in specific regions but challenging getting sufficient numbers.

Apprenticeship Update: 5 apprentices now fully signed-up, 15 new apprentices ready to sign in now, 18 trainees currently working through Mechanical Engineering L2 who will soon be ready to transfer into Year 2 of apprenticeship, 10 potential apprentices for later in the year. Lists have been supplied to Competenz for actioning.

Electrical Registration for apprentices: S Fletcher & E.O met with Competenz and John Sickels, Registrar of EWRB, recently to discuss pathway for electrical supervision of trainees doing apprenticeship. Disappointingly, arrangements that were made previously have not been honoured which means that all companies who take on an apprentice must have a suitably licenced electrical tradesperson available to supervise apprentices in regards to the electrical work they are training for. E.O to advise members and look at options for Members to get people suitably licensed

Plumbers Act Review: S Fletcher & E.O seeking meeting with appropriate persons in Government sector to have our concerns heard.

ISO Testing: Sub-committee met with counterparts in Australia to discuss and agree on requirements for ISO testing. The meeting was very successful and a lot was achieved with an agreement on process and extent of testing being reached. C Burrows has been working on flowcharts for new process & G Reilly working on a grandfathering process for experienced testers. Other work is continuing. M Pedley has re-submitted a costing estimate to prepare the required material as \$208,000.00 + gst. QCONZ have submitted an invoice p\$8,765.00 + gst for work methodology development and flow chart creation to date - E.O to ask for further breakdown of cost from QCONZ before paying.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: Maurice Coates presented on flaws in the stray voltage testing procedures detailed in the handbook using an oscilloscope and that it is the wrong tool to use for testing stray voltage in dairy sheds. MPTA should consider offering stray voltage training to electricians & dealer staff and hold a register of trained specialists. Maurice can develop an effective stray voltage meter for MPTA for \$8,400.00 + gst (this is pro-bono with no development time or costs included (6 months for development of first prototype). Then cost of production per unit will be \$987.00 + gst per unit to MPTA. E.O to put our proposal to Standards NZ seeking adoption of our methods in place of the of the flawed oscilloscope procedures and to have MPTA recognised as the industry authority in the field. E.O to work with Maurice to prepare communication to Standards NZ

Milk Quality Conference: Was on earlier this week. A total of 120 delegates, which reduced to approx 75 once speakers and sponsors extracted. Focus was largely on antimicrobial resistance and of little significance to 'milk quality' in regards to our industry. G Reilly & M Pedley presented on milking machine testing for MPTA.

NZCP-1: Communication still to go to MPI re concerns in NZCP-1 around critical rating for machine tests and cooling. A Geissmann yet to complete material re cooling.

Upgrade of Liner Selection course: M Pedley yet to provide breakdown of pricing and an outline of what needs updating.

MPTA Industry Survey: Has been completed, collated and made available to all Members

H & S Training. A Member company has suggested we provide an industry relative H & S course around the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requirements. E.O to look into what is already on offer from existing providers and communicate to Members as an option. To protect our liability under the new laws; we shall withdraw the H & S manual template that we are offer for sale to Members.

Guidelines for the Design of Safe External Rotary Milking Platforms: E.O to re-visit the Guidelines in regards to any changes that may be required around the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Any changes to be sent to platform manufacturers for approval or addition.

Meeting concluded: 4:15pm

Next meeting date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in Hamilton

Signed

President.