

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
22nd July 2020 @ 8.00am
By Zoom Video Call**

Present on Call: Ross Muggeridge, Brian Ebert, Craig Burrows, Claudio Urzua, Trevor Foley, Darren Main, Paul Dixon & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Don Vermeulen, Brad Morrissey, Gary Reilly

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 \$80,961. (is allowing for final payment to QCONZ for completion of ISO conversion)

MPTA Tax Status: Further to what was noted in previous minutes (20/05/20), we have since established that our annual Membership fees of approx \$65,000 are exempt from tax. However, our current Accountants have not been applying this exemption since they took over the accounts in 2015. This has now been rectified with IRD and the allowance for tax exempt Membership Fees has been backdated to 2015 resulting in MPTA having a tax loss of \$268,967 recorded with IRD which can be used to off-set future income tax payable. Consequently, the income tax amount of \$1,748.88 we paid on 15/01/20 for the financial year end 31/12/2018 has been refunded from IRD.

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

New Members: Summit Electrical Services, Ace Electrical Services – Approved

Withdrawn Members: JJ Ltd – no longer Lely dealer or involved in milking or pumping.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Thomas Stocker, Morrison Agri. Ross Hunt, CCMP. Morrie Clement, Udder Dairy Test. Sean Dunn, Camco Dairy Services. Nathan Sinclair, Dairy & Pumps. Tony Chapman & Craig Uren, Nind Dairy Services. Gerard Slattery, Paeroa Farm Services. Ross Richards, Ordish & Stevens. Alan Payne & Sean Faithful, DairyTech South. Freya Ahrendt, Ben Clarke & Corrie Schutte, Morrison Agri. Mike Oliver, MH & SJ Oliver. Andy Garth, Read Industrial. Phillip Oliver, Duncan Engineering. Scott Vincent, McLaren's Rural Services. Gareth, Purdie, Professional Farm Services. Ryan Clark, Aquaheat. Jonny Linwood, Progressive Engineering - Approved.

Complaints re Testing - Darrell McLean: We have received two complaints about Darrell not completing full machine tests and him providing letters to farmers saying an annual machine test is not required. Consequently, the NZ Milking Machine Standards have been updated to state that a full and complete milking machine test must be undertaken at least annually to satisfy the requirements of the NZ Milking Machine Testing Standards and Section 7.6 (1) of NZCP-1. Darrell has been advised of new requirements and if he continues to do incomplete tests as an annual machine test his Practising Certificate and NZMPTA Registered Tester status will be revoked.

H & S: Communication has been sent to Members on 22/05/20 to Members reminding them of WorkSafe obligations for safe working environments.

TTC Report: ISO trial course ran on 8-12 June with six participants. First official ISO Testing course ran 6-10 July with 8 participants. Small Drinking Water Supplies course run 21-22 July with 7 participants. No other courses scheduled until September. Further advice has been taken from our Accountant re winding down TTC. To 'shelve' the Company as discussed at the last Council meeting is not the correct action, however, we could register TTC as a 'Non-active Company' with IRD. To do this we would need to pass the assets (cash in bank & accounts receivable) and trading activities (income & expenses related to courses) to MPTA, cancel the GST Registration and wind up TTC employment responsibilities. This would need to be resolved by the current Directors of TTC and should be completed by the end of our financial year 31/12/20 so no further activity takes place in the next financial year. 6/7 of attending Council Members agreed to this course of action. E.O to formalise agreement and send notice of MPTA Council wishes to the Directors of TTC seeking their agreement to move TTC to a Non-active Company.

Apprenticeship Update: Revised version of qual is still with NZQA for approval. New Government funding for apprentices should draw some interest. Thinkwater are actively promoting our apprenticeship to their business owners.

Plumbers Act Review: Nothing to report – still awaiting further response from Minister O'Connor.

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

Rural and Small Water Suppliers Reference Group: Ross Muggeridge is representing MPTA on this group which has formed as part of the Water Services Regulator Bill Establishment Unit. Of interest to MPTA is an acceptable solution around the requirement of treatment of water with us advocating that this should be at the point of use / take off for human consumption – not from the point of source.

Electrical Supervision: Kevin White is working with two members to put together a portfolio of evidence to submit to EWRB for consideration as a workable pathway for supervision for those to gain a limited EST registration which will allow those approved to do disconnect & reconnect of motors etc. Currently waiting for the evidence to be sent in.

Upgrades to Training Centre: DeLaval machine still to be upgraded and is required to be completed by 14th August. Gary Reilly to follow up with them.

ISO Testing conversion: Final amendments have been made to the course material following the first official ISO tester course early July. Updates to Testing Standards Manual are being finalised with ISO requirements. Online modules to train existing testers will be available by end of month. E.O. will prepare a flyer Members can use to send out to clients explaining the reason behind the move to ISO and what changes may be required on the shed.

Facebook Page: A MPTA Facebook page has been set up and needs to be populated with material. E.O. to complete and invite people to view the page.

Video Call concluded: 10.20am

Next meeting date: September 2020 in Hamilton

Signed

22/07/2020

President.

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