

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
22nd November 2016 @ 10.30am
GEA, Hamilton**



Present:, Barry Miller, Brett MacDougall, Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Andy Geissmann, Paul Dixon, Simon Fletcher & Maria Scott. Chris Yates of QCONZ & Peter Ferguson of Competenz also in attendance.

Apologies: Michael Meyer, Brain Ebert, Kevin Warner

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 \$76,534.

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

New Members: GS Dairy Services Ltd, Temuka. R & R Contracting, Hamilton. Cambridge Water Pump Services – Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Bevan Thomas, 60/40 Milking Solutions. David Satherley, McLaren's Milk & Water. George Whiting, Kahurangi Farm Services. Eric Kemsley, Kemsley Dairy Services. Alan Oliver, Milfos South Waikato. Jeff Evans, Jeff Evans Ltd. Peter Hargest, Global Milking Systems.– Approved.

TTC Report: Uptake on courses extremely low with 10 courses cancelled through Oct & Nov. Only course run was October Testing course x 9 pax plus 1 pax on Refresher. Have only run 8 courses for the year with 48 participants compared to 17 / 116 in 2015 & 27 / 197 in 2014.

Apprenticeship Update: Competenz advised that there are 22 apprentices now fully signed-up - 15 in Pumping & 7 in Milking strands.

Apprenticeship Sponsorship: No sponsors have been secured.

Electrical Compliance options: Communication was sent to all Members on 11/11/16 detailing options for Employer's Licence & EST registration. Only one uptake on the Employer's Licence option so far.

Plumbers Act Review: Positive response to our schematic diagram and defence of our territory received from Judith Burney of MBIE. She has suggested some possible changes to the wording in the Act to better define the boundaries between non-potable & potable water supplies. PGDB are to write some guidelines specifically for plumbing and drainlaying work on rural water supply systems.

ISO Testing: Ongoing discussions have taken place re fine-tuning the ISO flowcharts. C Burrows to make relative amendments then field tests to be undertaken in NZ, Aust and at our training centre. Graeme Mein still working on Grandfathering and administration processes. E.O to investigate funding options p\$200,000 to complete task.

Funding for ISO: G Reilly was speaking with Minister Nick Smith who suggested that industry should possibly pay for the upgrade. Govt. has previously given Irrigation NZ

\$200k for training towards environmental issues. He suggested writing to Nathan Guy & Steven Joyce re funding. E.O to pen letter to Ministers seeking funding assistance - promoting availability of training to International markets.

DITAG: Response received from DITAG citing concern that implementation of ISO testing would most likely increase costs for the farmer with no benefit. E.O to communicate back to DITAG reiterating the advantages of ISO testing in field and highlighting the risks of OEM's instigating their own training if a national training initiative is not in place, managed and supported.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: Nothing to report

Testing Robotic Milking Machines: QCONZ to undergo training with Lely & DeLaval to observe robotic testing and get an understanding of how to interpret the data that is supplied for machine test marking purposes. E.O to arrange training with OEMs. MPTA to cover training costs for QCONZ.

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: Various amendments to testing procedures were discussed around vacuum pump speed, reserve air, regulators as safety valves – function to be tested, plus the inclusion of checking filter sizing in Visual Faults. C Burrows will prepare details of proposed changes and reasoning for sign-off from Council & Murray Pedley. Once changes agreed to E.O to request quote from QCONZ to implement changes.

Upgrade of Liner Selection course: QCONZ gave a demonstration of the new online version on Liner Selection. M Scott & G Reilly to run through trial and provide feedback.

H & S Training. QCONZ gave a demonstration of their online health & safety package which could be made available to MPTA Members. E.O to work with QCONZ on more content. QCONZ to give indication of cost for MPTA to own their own version of the training which it can offer to Members. Structure of how it will be offered to Members to be established i.e. a single Company licence or individual user licences etc.

Competenz Sector Advisory Group: Peter Ferguson gave an update on activity to attract trainees into trades in general. Simon Fletcher will represent MPTA on Competenz's Mechanical Engineering Sector Advisory Group.

Website Amendment: Approval given to add an additional function to website to allow the recording of 'Provisional' Registered Tester status for those who have completed the Tester training course but not yet become fully certified. Cost for amendment \$600 approved.

AGM: Date is 16th March 2017. Called for suggestions for a guest speaker and Life Member (if applicable).

Meeting concluded: 4.15pm

Next meeting date: 25th January 2017 in Hamilton

Signed

President.