

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
23 January 2019 @ 10.30am
DeLaval, Hamilton**



Present: Ross Muggeridge, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Andy Geissmann, Trevor Foley & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Brett MacDougall, Gary Reilly, Travis McIntosh, Brain Ebert, Kevin Warner

Note: Due to the number of absences at this meeting a quorum of six Council Members was not available. There are decisions detailed in these minutes that cannot be enacted until the absent Council Members have been consulted and the majority of votes are gained in support of the respective decisions.

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 \$187,428 - elevated because Annual Membership Subs p\$66,450 + gst have been sent out for 2019.

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

New Members: NIL

Practising Certificate Approvals: John McMurdo, Stocker Solutions. Henry Squires, Progressive Engineering Southland. Craig Burcher, Cooper Farm Services. Josh Ferguson & Aaron Murphy, Pratt Milking Machines. Luke Yeager, Ngatea Milking Machine & Pump Services. Greg Deal, Northern Dairy Specialists. Sam Houston, Read Industrial. Ethan Cooper, Cooper Farm Services - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report

TTC Report: Course dates have been set for 2019 and will take format of block courses for the apprentices to ensure they are getting through the training they need. March Testing course is already full.

Apprenticeship Update: Numbers now sitting at 47 with a number of new learners looking to sign up. One learner withdrew this week due to difficulties with electrical registration / supervision requirement. The qualification is under review by Competenz and a number of unit standards are proposed to change, but this will not essentially effect the material being taught. Council discussed the electrical requirements in apprenticeship and the restriction around supervision to become an Electrical Service Technician (EST). Council propose that the requirement for the learner to have an EST Registration awarded by EWRB is removed from the qualification. However, Council believe it is beneficial to leave the requirement to complete the Electrical Appliance Serviceperson (EAS) and the EST training course in the qualification but the requirement to complete the relative EWRB EAS & EST theory exams should be optional. E.O. to also make contact with current apprentices that should of completed the EST training and exam by now to gauge how many of them successfully passed the EST theory exam.

Agreed by Council Members present, however, is subject to majority approval being attained following consultation with those Council Members that were absent from this

meeting. If majority approved gained then E.O. to communicate Council's decision to Competenz.

Plumbers Act Review: MBIE, have advised that the Review process is ongoing. They have reiterated that they fully understand the issue that the NZMPTA and Irrigation NZ have raised in relation to the current definition of restricted sanitary plumbing. Their preliminary view is that providing guidance to stakeholders is unlikely to address the concerns raised and they will be looking at other options that may provide industry certainty for all. Their current focus is on broad, system wide issues that cut across a range of different regulated occupations. However, they will be expected to provide further advice on how to progress and address other PGD specific issues such as ours but stated that the timeframe for this is unlikely to be in the very near future.

This puts us back at square one with no progress been made to clarify boundaries that we can work within. Council has instructed E.O. to reiterate to MBIE our concerns re the restrictions of the Act and provide them with alternative wording to be inserted into the Act. *Agreed by Council Members present, however, is subject to majority approval being attained following consultation with those Council Members that were absent from this meeting. If majority approved gained then E.O. to communicate with MBIE.*

Electrical Supervision: Kevin White is continuing his enquiries around an achievable pathway for electrical supervision that may meet EWRB requirements. He is proposing a requirement of evidence gathering of nominated tasks that have been observed by an EWRB approved person on at least one occasion. He has written to EWRB with his proposal and is awaiting response.

Industry Skill Shortage: Immigration NZ are currently undergoing a review to replace the Essential Skills in Demand Lists with Regional Skills Shortage Lists. E.O to investigate further re getting Milking Machine, Pump & Effluent Technicians listed on the skills shortage lists.

Stray Voltage: C Burrows is to look over Stray Voltage training material and advise what needs to be added. E.O to set up register of trained and certified Stray Voltage Testers and display on website.

ISO Testing conversion: Planned meeting with DeLaval 12/12/18 did not go ahead - G Reilly to follow up with DeLaval to see if there is any possibility of utilising some of their existing ISO training material. Timeline and costs for the project over next 3 years to be set by Technical Committee.

Three Waters Review: The Government is reviewing how to improve the regulation and supply arrangements of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater (three waters) to better support New Zealand's prosperity, health, safety and environment. It includes requirements for monitoring coliforms, e-coli testing etc. MPTA should be noted as a stakeholder – E.O to follow-up.

AutoRep: CPD in Australia, are developing the new Dairy Test Lite testing unit with functions that could be matched to AutoRep. E.O. to inquire as to if it is compatible with ISO testing standards and what cost is involved to match it to AutoRep.

AGM & Nominations for Council: AGM date to be set for mid-March. Once confirmed date will be advised to Members and call for Council Member nominations will be made.

Meeting concluded: 1.40pm

Next meeting date: Wed 20th March 2019 in Hamilton, which will also be AGM date

Signed

President.