

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
24th July 2024 @ 8.00am
Via TEAMS video call**

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

Apologies: Craig Russell

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 \$133,740

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

New Members: MSD Animal Health Ltd & Smart Milking Machine Testing - Approved

Withdrawn Members: AshAir. Angove Engineering – no longer have a dairy technician

Practising Certificate Approvals: Cameron McKenzie, Dairy & Pumps. Corrie Schutte, Morrison Agri. Nathan Sinclair, Dairy & Pumps. Alan Williams, Dairy Solutions. Matt Clark, Elite Farm Solutions. Alan Payne, DairyTech South. Jojo Medalla, CCMP. Mike Stainthorpe, Thinkwater Whakatane. Will Averill, Lely. Tony Chapman, Nind Dairy Services. Craig Cookson, Precision Dairy Services. Logan Wills-Stachurski, Moa Milking. Kain Tanner, Tanner Industries. Royce Milham, Coastal Agri Services. Kain Tanner, Tanner Industries. Royce Milham, Coastal Agri Services – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: Small Drinking Water Supplies ran in CHC with 12 participants. No other courses scheduled until September. Competenz Contract for Service agreement has finally been completed and signed with QCONZ which means Competenz will now pay for apprentice training, backdated to January 2024 – we have \$17.8k to invoice for 5 apprentices who have completed the Machine Testing course so far this year.

Micro-credential Development: Tyree from Training Centric has provided a summary of works currently being completed and proposed work.

1. The two existing Training Schemes / Micro-credentials for the Milking strand of the apprenticeship need to become full parcels of learning by 2025. This involves mapping this learning to existing unit standards or developing new skill standards. It may be practical to make our Milking Machine Testing course into a stand-alone 'Certificate' with NZQA. Whereas, the components of the 2nd Training Scheme being Cleaning Evaluation, Milk Delivery, Mastitis, Milk Quality, Liner Selection and Stary Voltage could be written as 3 separate micro-credentials.
2. Work is already underway to convert our Small Drinking Water Supplies course into a micro-credential and this will align with latest Acts and Regulations. A working group is meeting in August to discuss what this training should include.

Considerable investment is required from MPTA to prepare these various pockets of learning. Estimated \$24k per micro-credential & \$30-55k for the Machine Testing Certificate.

Machine Testing training in Australia: Numerous meetings have taken place recently, including with Dairy Australia who are enthusiastic for us to take our training into Australia and they would be happy to help us promote it. We are investigating a couple of opportunities to set up a suitable facility. A further meeting is scheduled for 1/8/24.

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. Craig Burrows will write a TechNote to state that checking for bubbles should still be done. Also need to address a couple of other tests that should be included such as diaphragm pumps.

Wet Testing: ISO are looking to add Milking Time Testing into the ISO procedures. Is it confirmed and compulsory? If so, what are the standards, what needs to be tested & reported?

AutoRep & SmartStandards platform enhancement: Thomas Coates of Y5, who are the new IT Management company that manage these Apps, addressed Council with suggestions for improvements to the security of the Apps. Most importantly, to ensure the site is secure, an application programming interface (API) should be implemented. This can be done in the existing Desktop-based application or we can upgrade to a Web-based application and build the security in to that. The advantages of web-based is that it can be built to also work on mobile phones, on Mac, iOS & Android, as opposed to just Windows compatible devices. No installation is required by the users and so there would be no installation and log-in issues, future developments would be a lot less involved than in the existing app. Y5 have quoted \$11,700 + gst to do the API build in the existing App, plus to make a few improvements which we have already requested, or \$14,400 + gst to build the web-based application, including the API build and already requested improvements. Agreed that we will engage Y5 to build a web-based application.

Trade Qualification for Water / Pumping Sector: Have purchased the SurveyMonkey licence to allow applicant data to be captured. Craig Russell to look at formatting the survey.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: Have now received some information regards costs for delivery from Logan Bowler. Further clarification required around who is responsible for course upgrades. It was discussed that for re-certification the Assessor would need to send in one of their WOF reports for assessing once every 2 years. Trevor Foley to seek further information from DairyNZ and enquire if they would be happy to 'gift' the programme to us or sell it to us for a nominal amount. We would need to get the Regional / District Councils on board & Trevor will discuss with Otago Regional Council re what their recommendations are to farmers as they are just in the process of setting some standards.

Dairy Test X: Les has been talking with InnovAg in Australia re some tweaks to their testing unit so it matches our ISO measuring requirements.

Meeting concluded: 10.48am

Signed  Gary Reilly, President.