

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 @ 10.00am  
Waikato Milking Systems, Hamilton**



Present:, Barry Miller, Michael Meyer, Kevin Warner, Craig Burrows, Andy Geissmann, Paul Dixon, Simon Fletcher & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Brett MacDougall, Gary Reilly, Brain Ebert,

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: New function for recording Provisional Testing Licence has been added to website.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$138,607 as annual Membership is now due bringing in \$64,500.

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

New Members: Alastair King, Ashburton – Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Darren Degerholm, Keri Pumps. Brett Duncan, Waitaki Dairy Solutions. Brendan Mounsey, Qubik Te Awamutu. Steve Busch, Cotter & Stevens. Ethan Cooper, Cooper Farm Services. Henry Squires, Progressive Engineering. Peter Maxton, Rural Supplies Pukekohe. Rhys O'Brien, CoolLogic. Martin Saunders, Read Industrial. Peter Wheeler, Thinkwater Bay of Plenty. Alex Knight, King Farm Services. Regan Bain, Qubik Putaruru. Francois Paulus, Canterbury Farm Services. Steve Mahuika, Westland Dairy Sheds. Gordon Fraser-Jones, McGregor's Farm Services. Keith Shotter, DairyPro 2010 Ltd. Dan Lyttle, BetaQuip Dairy Solutions. Justin Gray, Stocker Dairy Services. Craig Fairhurst, Davidson Engineering.– Approved.

TTC Report: Calendar for 2017 has been set. First course March MMTC already has 8 pax. Am hoping for a stronger year than 2016.

Apprenticeship Update: Competenz advised that there are 25 apprentices now fully signed-up with the majority completing the Pumping strand. Three apprentices signed into March testing course.

Employer's Licence: Two companies currently looking at applying for Employer's Licence.

Electrical Options: Mike Johnson, a contact via Steve Bromley, has made contact and is happy to advocate to EWRB the need for a limited licence for our industry. Have sent him various correspondence with have had with EWRB detailing our efforts to date.

Plumbers Act Review: Guidelines have been received from PGDB around plumbing and drainlaying work on rural water supply systems. The Guidelines require some further clarification to be able to clearly identify our respective boundaries / demarcation point. A response will go back to PGDB seeking further clarification, seeking their requirements and requesting a meeting. An article re a pumping company doing work on bores in Hawkes Bay was sent to PGDB as complaint by a local competitor – it will be interesting to see where they may go with it.

ISO Testing: ISO flowcharts have been amended and are currently being typed up. C Burrows to undertake field test to test flow of process. Murray Pedley also to run through to see if it is feasible. E.O still to investigate funding options p\$200,000 to complete task.

Funding for ISO: Letter to Ministers discussed in last meeting has been put on hold until we have engaged with other stakeholders E.O to prepare letter pointing out our reason for change to ISO format and the benefits to NZ dairy industry and circulate to selected Council Members for input and completion. Letter then to be sent to Roger Andela of Fonterra / DITAG seeking a meeting to discuss. Next DITAG meeting is on 14/2/17.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: Chased feedback on 18/01/17 but have heard nothing

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: C Burrows still to 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: M Scott & G Reilly still to run through trial and provide feedback then have a Member do a trial run and provide feedback.

H & S Training. Feedback on what would be useful to be included has been communicated to QCONZ for their consideration. They will work on this but it is not a priority for now.

AGM: Date is 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Nominations received. Suggestions for a guest speaker and Life Member (if applicable) sort.

Meeting concluded: 1.45pm

Next meeting date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Hamilton followed by AGM

Signed

President.