

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 10.00am  
Waikato Milking Systems, Horotiu, Hamilton**



Present:, Andy Geissmann, Kevin Warner, Michael Meyer, Brain Ebert, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Brett MacDougall & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Simon Fletcher, Barry Miller, Gary Reilly

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: A number of action points yet to be completed from previous minutes

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$169,307 mainly due to 2018 Membership fees being invoiced.

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

New Members: McGregors Farm Services 2018 Ltd, Morrinsville – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Progressive Engineering Timaru – no longer in milking machine field. McGregors Farm Services – sold business.

Member Name change: Milka-Ware Ashburton to Engineering Solutions Ltd

Practising Certificate Approvals: Ross Gibbison, R & R Contracting. Regan Ranby, Lely Dairy NZ. Lars de Kruijf, Milk R Us. Naude Maree, Professional Farm Services. Derek Edwards, Elite Farm Solutions - approved.

TTC Report: A slow start to 2018 courses with only 5 people registering for the Feb Testing course.

Apprenticeship Update: Samantha McNaughton from Competenz addressed the meeting to give an update on the qual. She confirmed that our apprenticeship qualifies for the Government two years free fee funding, however, learners still need to meet additional criteria. The online Electrical Safety training units have been re-priced at \$180.00 for unit 15851 \$130 for unit 15852. They are still working on APL process with Steve Bromley. E.O. to send communication to Members advising free funding with aim of attracting new learners.

Plumbers Act Review: B MacDougall has spoken with Andrew Hoggard of Federated Farmers and raised issue of lobbying Government for change with him and enquire how we could move forward with this seeking FF support and for them to champion our cause. Brett will also approach Ben Allomes of DairyNZ. E.O. to approach other stakeholders i.e. Roger Andela at Fonterra, Dairy Companies, Pump OEM's, Filtration OEMs, Pipe Supplies, valve & Equipment Suppliers (WSP), well-drilling federation, Irrigation NZ, DairyNZ for their support to lobby for change to the Act.

ISO Testing funding: Application for SFF funding has been declined. We could possibly use TTC profits to self-fund and start the development of the course material in stages. Also approach key businesses like Dairy NZ, Fed Farmers, OEMs etc for smaller amounts

\$10-20k to assist with stage development. A communication should go out to Members to advise them the reasoning behind the change – will discuss it at AGM . B MacDougall also to discuss funding possibility with Fed Farmers & DairyNZ – E.O to forward business case to him.

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: Changes have been completed. E.O to send communication to all Members and include new CV module, sample new test report page & link to download new AutoRep.

Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery: E.O to seek feedback from members on their thoughts if this training should be included in the testing course – would increase number of days and increase time to complete a machine test. Make it a discussion point for AGM. If this goes ahead it would also need to be communicated to MPI for NZCP1. E.O to check if the course material still current & in line with NZCP-1 requirements.

Should all new machines require a machine test before supply?: Wording was agreed on for amendment to NZCP1 requiring a full MPTA machine test prior to supply for new installations and major upgrades – submitted to MPI 26/1/18.

Standards for pulsation line leaks: Are our allowances for pulsator consumption, ACRs, pulsator airline, regulator leaks etc too low? Many tests are failing because of the lack of tolerance with the standards. C Burrows & G Reilly still to investigate consumptions and the ratio of fails.

Electrical Options: Communication to be sent to all Members detailing requirements to operate under an Employer's Licence.

Stray Voltage: Peter Dewes is hitting organic farms citing poor VSD installation causing stray voltage in sheds. E.O. to send some facts to Paul Dixon who will pass it on to Fonterra organic suppliers – send to Craig Burrows for approval first.

AGM Nominations: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in New Plymouth / Taranaki region. E.O to approach Federated Farmers for a speaker on their projects, farm stats, rivers accord etc. Could also have a run down on the apprenticeship & some feedback from an apprentice.

Passed Council Member: Members of Council acknowledged the passing of Kevin Foley in December and his achievements, service and contribution to the industry.

Meeting concluded: 2.50pm

Next meeting date: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in Taranaki

Signed

President.