

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
25th May 2023 @ 10.30am
DeLaval Hamilton**



Present: Gary Reilly, Ross Muggerridge, Kevin Warner, Darren Main, Paul Dixon, Trevor Fowle, Trevor Foley, Craig Burrows, Les Sinclair, Nick Bell & Executive Officer, Maria Scott.

Apologies: Andy Geissmann

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Nothing to report.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$245,665

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

New Members: NIL

Withdrawn Members: Dynamic Maintenance, Grundfos Pumps, Superheat Ltd, Pumps Nelson, Aquaheat Facility Services, Pump Action Repairs & Maintenance.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Bechan Ellis, Ivan Barclay & Ashlee Stevenson, Morrison Agri. Matt Podmore, Qubik. Phillip van Graan, Stocker Dairy Services. Graham Beck, Kemsley Dairy Services. David Stone, Bromley Dairy & Pumps. Ben Irvine, Progressive Engineering. Chris Symes, Spring Meadow Services. Sean Sandri, Ahoy Engineering. Mason Fleming, Better Dairy Solutions – Approved.

Election of Bearers: Gary Reilly nominated & re-elected as President. Darren Main nominated and elected as Vice-President. Ross Muggerridge elected as Technical Committee Chair for Water / Pumping and Craig Burrows re-elected as Technical Committee Chairperson for Milking.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: Had 10 participants on first May Testing course, but only 4 on second May testing course. Farm Water Reticulation ran in PMR with 10 pax. Pump Selection for South Island is looking strong with two extra courses put on in June & July. After that, no other courses scheduled until October.

Apprenticeship update: Received notification from Competenz of actual numbers in apprenticeship which show we only have 69 active enrolments (48 in Milking & 21 in Pumping). There have been 24 completions (20 in Milking & 4 in Pumping) & 127 withdrawals since the apprenticeship began. It is disappointing that 58% of those who started the apprenticeship have withdrawn without completing – have requested reasons for withdraw from Competenz. Before we consider a potential sponsorship option for apprentices it is important to understand why apprentices are not completing. E.O. to survey Members to see what has been working, and what are the challenges for apprentices are and to establish reasons why apprentices are withdrawing.

Electrical Pathway: A further meeting has taken place with Electrician, John Horan, re a potential supervision pathway option for those who have completed the EST training and exam that need supervision to become Registered. We have requested that John put a formal proposal to EWRB of his intentions, this will need to be signed-off on by EWRB before we will proceed with anything. Matt Gough from Manufacturing, Engineering & Logistics WDC has also brought to our attention a Gazetted Notice #45 which provides an option to complete a Board-approved Electrical Service Technician competency-based training programme in place of needing to complete the EWRB EST exam, assessment & 18 months supervision. Matt is trying to find out more about what is involved with this.

Vacuum Drop: Wording in Tech Note #3 needs to be changed from referring to the Vacuum Drop between the Receiver and the Vacuum Pump, to the Vacuum Drop between the Receiver and the REGULATOR. s

Development of NZQA Micro-credential qualifications: Are still awaiting outcome from NZQA on the Pump Selection micro-credential qualification that has been submitted to NZQA for approval.

Pumping Systems Technician Certification: Nothing to report – still waiting on approval of the above-mentioned micro-credential.

Vented Liners: Space should be included on Test Report results (CAA section) and Test Record pages to indicate if the Liners are vented or not. E.O to advise Murray Pedley to update.

Small Drinking Water Supplies course material: A meeting was held with the proposed new facilitator, Geoff Dawson, from InAqua to discuss what should be in the new course material. E.O. has sourced some online material about the new Taumata Arowai regulations which could be used as a pre-requisite.

Digital Milking Machine Standards Manual: Aesthetic formatting is being completed before we released the App.

Shifting Training Centre to Hamilton: Trevor Fowlie had visited the AgResearch farm at Tokonui & suggested it may be a suitable site. Further discussion with John Coxhead from AgResearch revealed that the property is in the process of being sold.

Meeting concluded: 2.15pm

Signed



Gary Reilly, President.