

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
26th March 2020
by email communications**



Due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 virus a face-to-face meeting was not possible. Usual matters addressed at a Council meeting have been circulated to all existing Council Members by email and are detailed below. The majority of Council Members have accepted (via email) the matters addressed below and these minutes shall be adopted as a record of the following.

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Response sent to Lars de Kruijf re complaint re testing course depth. Lars has since advised that his staff member has resigned.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$177,640.

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

Resigning Council Members: Warren Carlsen, Kevin Warner & Travis McIntosh have advised that they will be standing down from MPTA Council effective today.

New Members: Thinkwater Hawkes Bay, Thinkwater West Coast, 7 Mile Farm Ltd Hybrids NZ – Approved.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Leigh Henderson, Advance Dairy & Pump. Geoff Shaw, GS Dairy Services. Ian Hilford, Northern Dairy Specialists. Mike Hampshire, McGregor Farm Services. Doug Benton, MacDougalls. Andrew Hodge & Murray Christensen, Progressive Engineering. Naudé Maree, Professional Farm Services. Elden Kaka, Dairy Essentials. David Thame, Independent Machine Testing. Ian Gibson, Dynamic Maintenance. Shayne Perriam, Milk Tech South. Glen Fraser, Mainland Engineering. John Mander, Northland Milking Machine Testing. Shane Newton, Independent Tester. Travis McPherson, Nind Dairy Services. Neil Linklater, Westland Dairy Sheds. Richard Washington, Farm Supplies Central. Max Preston, Dairymaster - Approved.

TTC Report: March & April ISO machine testing courses have been cancelled due to Covid-19. Accountants are investigating if there is any advantage in continuing TTC as a separate entity to MPTA or if it can be dissolved and MPTA manages the training courses & income. They are checking with IRD if MPTA is exempt from Income Tax, not just Withholding Tax which we have an exemption certificate for – generally the two exemptions go hand in hand.

Plumbers Act Review: G Reilly & M Scott met with Minister Damien O'Connor on 02/03/20. The Minister requested that we seek clarification from the PGDB around water schemes and who is authorised to undertake works on these schemes, including installation, servicing & repair.

Water Services Regulator Bill: We made a submission on this Bill on 4/3/20 which also stated our desire to be part of the Rural Drinking Water Advisory Group that is to be established – haven't had any response as yet.

Electrical Supervision: Kevin White has suggested that, due to the lack of response from Skills Org or EWRB, we present EWRB with a test case of someone who has completed the EST training & exam but not been able to achieve the supervision requirement. E.O. to source as suitable candidate.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: An application and assessment material has been developed and two people have been approached to prepare trial applications which we will then have assessed by Hugh Gallagher. After this trial has been completed we will be better able to set the cost for applications. It was planned to launch the new Certification pathway at the AGM on 26/3/20, however, due to Covid-19 it will now be launched at a later date.

ISO Testing conversion: First trial course scheduled for week 20/03/20 has been postponed due to Covid-19. Trial and launch of ISO testing has been postponed to later in the year.

Next meeting date: Expected to be mid-May 2020 in Hamilton.

Signed

President.