

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 @ 11.00am  
GEA, Hamilton**



Present:, Gary Reilly, Brain Ebert, Paul Dixon, Travis McIntosh, Andy Geissmann, Craig Burrows, Ross Muggeridge, Kevin Warner, Trevor Foley & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Brett MacDougall

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 \$153,878.

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

New Members: Morrison Agri – North Canterbury, Christchurch. Farm Fix It 2011 Ltd, Balclutha. Aqua Synergy Group, Auckland – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Agri-Scan (South) Ltd – haven't paid 2018 Membership fees.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Hayden Hurley, Jeff Evans Ltd. Malcolm Terrill, Southern Dairy Solutions. Craig Uren, Nind Dairy Services – Balclutha. Alex Scott, Coastal Agri Services. Jeffrey Swanson, Farm Supplies Central Ltd. Jonno Ross, On Farm Agri Centre. Gerard Slattery, Paeroa Farm Services. Josh Storey, DairyTech South. Mark Boyde, AquaHeat NZ. Martin Waayer, Angove Engineering. Maurice Clement, Udder Dairy Test Ltd. Murray Eddington, Matamata Vet Services. Norm Bailey, MacDougalls. Tyler Milne, Southland Farm Services. Neville Discombe, Thames Farm & Industrial. Sam Ryan, Professional Farm Services. Keith Nolly, DairyMaster Milking Systems. David Wierkx, Progressive Engineering Southland. Ben Clarke & Lyle Manna, Morrison Agri – Oamaru. AJ Wessels, Morrison Agri – Ashburton. Brendan Murdoch, Waikato Milking Systems Timaru. Brent Robinson, Southern Dairy Solutions. Scott Vincent, McLaren's Rural Services. Aaron Cross, CCMP. Iain Watson, Thinkwater BOP. Johnny Linwood, Progressive Engineering. Garry Wilson, Kawakawa Engineering - approved.

H & S: MacDougalls to visit training centre and check all electrical sockets to ensure they are safe.

TTC Report: Water courses for South Island in May & June cancelled due to lack of interest. Cancellation of courses is causing issues for apprentices that need to complete training so am looking to reschedule for Marlborough in July. May Testing course had some last minute withdrawals so ran with only 8 pax & 2 pax doing Refresher.

Apprenticeship Update: Around 47 apprentices currently signed up. A number of apprentices had withdrawn which we were not aware of. E.O & Council Members encouraged to make contact with apprentices when doing visits to Members or to visit apprentices in their region. Consideration given to offering an incentive to apprentices to complete qual.

Plumbers Act Review: Little traction gained from contact with Federated Farmers seeking their collaboration. Now time to approach Ministers Jenny Salesa & Damien O'Conner to support our cause. Investigate current exemptions in the Act Section 16 & 18, can we work within these. Support from stakeholders, including pump & filter manufacturers to be sort.

Advertising: Ads re machine testing has been booked and are currently running. Have also booked some radio advertising to promote same on Rural Round-up session on Rock & Radio Live.

Farm Source selling milking machine equipment: Discussion around if Farm Source should be selling milking machine equipment to farmers. C Burrows awaiting legal opinion on the effect of potential conflict of interest of Fonterra being the RMP holder and selling their own equipment.

ISO Testing conversion: G Reilly to speak with G Lindsay of DeLaval to see if there is possibility to access any of their existing ISO material. An application to AgMardt for \$100k funding was made on 22/06/18 – will get tabled at their next board meeting on 07/07/18.

Amendments to VSD Machine Testing methods: Final critique to be done by K Warner & A Geissmann then can be released to Testers.

Electrical Options: EWRB have confirmed that experience gained under an Employer Licence can count towards the 18 months supervision that a learner needs to gain their EAS or EST registration, however, suitable evidence of work undertaken needs to be provided. E.O to investigate how this evidence can be obtained / recorded / signed-off. Have asked EWRB if an employer with an E/L can sign the Trainee Limited Certificate (TLC) for those working under E/L that wish to gain EAS or EST – awaiting their response.

Meeting concluded: 2.50pm

Next meeting date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 in Hamilton

Signed

President.