

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 8:00am  
Video Conference**

Present:, Darren Main, Andy Geissmann, Brian Ebert, Kevin Warner, Paul Dixon & Maria Scott

Apologies: Claudio Urzua, Gary Reilly, Ross Muggeridge, Craig Burrows, Trevor Foley

*Note: Due to the number of absences at this meeting a quorum of six Council Members was not available. There are decisions detailed in these minutes that cannot be enacted until the absent Council Members have been consulted and the majority of votes are gained in support of the respective decisions.*

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Research into industry charge out rates yet to be actioned.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$184,617

Accounts for Payment: Accounts previously paid and to be paid were tabled and approved. Outstanding invoice to MacDougalls p\$8,303 being queried.

New Members: Superheat Ltd, Joes Water Ltd - Approved

Practising Certificate Approvals: Darryl Walter, Southland Farm Services. Martin Waayer, Angove Engineering. Jono Rowlands, MacDougalls. Brad Hosking, Highline Dairy Otago. Warwick Jones, McLaren's Rural. Neville Discombe, Thames Farm & Industrial. Martin Baldwin, Machinery Maintenance. Chaz Murdoch, Mainland Engineering. Ian Hilford, Northern Dairy Specialists. Murray Christensen, Josh Gray, Tyler Milne & Ben Callahan, Progressive Engineering. Luke Yeager & Paul Way, Ngatea Milking Machines. David Way, Professional Farm Services. Shane Newton, Registered Tester. Andy Garth, Read Industrial. Steve Nolly, GEA - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: No courses run since last meeting. Course dates for 2022 have been set. February & April Testing courses already full & have added an extra Testing course for May. 2022 should be a busy year for training with apprentices utilising the Government free funding before it runs out in December 2022.

Apprenticeship Update: We now have 84 active apprentices and 8 more who are considering it.

Plumbers Act Review: No response from DIA or MBIE on progress of the establishment of a clear demarcation between sanitary plumbing and other water reticulation activities that share the same water source. (Post-meeting: 10/2/22 E.O. has sent email requesting update on progress).

Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies: Taumata Arowai (Safe Drinking Water) consultation is now open and we will be submitting on the Acceptable Solution for Rural Agricultural Water Supply. It was proposed that instead of stipulating the wording that work

must be completed by a 'suitably trained and qualified person', we should amend this to 'suitably experienced person'. E.O to prepare submission.

Three Waters Reform Technical Advisory Working Group: No word from Dept of Internal Affairs be us being on the Rural Supplies Technical Advisory Group. Have emailed again 17/1/22 (Post Meeting: emailed again 10/2/22).

Milking Machine Standards Manual: QCONZ have provided a brief on what the digital Testing Standards Manual would look like and its functionalities to make it more intuitive, interactive and easy to use. Users will be able to enter shed specs which will bring up information such as pump curves, vacuum master regulator, expected reserve etc. Awaiting quote for job which will be developed ex India. (Post-meeting: 3/2/22 quote has been received for \$27,500.00 + gst).

New AutoRep App for ISO: Work is almost complete on new electronic reporting app for ISO machine testing – just a few tweaks to correct and some additional reports to be loaded up. It should be available within next few weeks for release. The new app will only be released to Testers that have already completed six correct handwritten ISO tests and had their MPTA Registered ISO Milking Machine Tester status awarded. This is to give us more confidence that Testers fully understand the new ISO testing process rather than relying on AutoRep to complete the reports and highlight faults. The total cost for building this app and the additional features we have requested is approx \$20,000 + gst. Pricing for the new app will be the same as for existing AutoRep i.e. \$500 +gst for new Companies wanting to come on board, this includes one free user licence & additional user licences are \$50 +gst each. Existing AutoRep users will be charged \$100 +gst per user for the new app – capped at \$500 for those with more than 5 users.

Running Training Courses under Covid: It was agreed that, due possible liability risks, we will require course participants and facilitators to be double vaccinated against Covid-19 and to produce a current Covid Vaccine Pass for courses run under the RED level of the Government's Covid Protection Framework. E.O to prepare a formal Covid Protection Framework Policy.

Membership of Pump Industry Australia: Application has been made 17/1/22 and awaiting their next meeting for outcome.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: Six people have expressed interest in this pathway and information was emailed to them on 21/12/21, however, no applications have been submitted to date. E.O to follow up with this group.

Complaint against Members: Technical Committee (G Reilly) has investigated complaint received 16/08/21 against a number of our Members in the Northland Region. Request for more information not satisfied. Non-conclusive information to show any fault in machine test data she has provided. Further information was requested by MPTA on 25/22/21 but nothing has been forthcoming. E.O to write to complainant advising case is closed.

ISO Testing: 183 existing testers have now registered for the ISO re-training. 45 of these have become MPTA ISO registered to date and another 58 have sent their ISO tests in for marking. 14 testers have formally advised that they will not be renewing their Practising Certificate, seven of these testers are retiring. Mounting concern that not all testers will be fully registered by cut-off of 28/02/2022. E.O to chase those that have not yet completed the online learning or submitted any tests.

Executive Officer Wage Review: Last review was November 2018 and Gary Reilly has requested that salary be reviewed. Calculation will be done on latest CPI results and circulated to Council Members for approval.

AGM: The next meeting date will also be the date of the AGM.

Meeting concluded: 10.50am

Next meeting date: tba in Hamilton

Signed

President.