

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
27 March 2018 @ 9.00am
Devon Hotel, New Plymouth**



Present:, Andy Geissmann, Barry Miller, Gary Reilly, Brain Ebert, Craig Burrows, Brett MacDougall & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Simon Fletcher, Kevin Warner, Michael Meyer, Paul Dixon

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 as awaiting responses and actions from various people.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$179,036 mainly due to 2018 Membership fees being invoiced.

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

New Members: Landmore Agri Ltd, Otorohanga. Independent Machine Testing Ltd, Marlborough. East Waikato Ag, Morrinsville – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Milkrite / InterPuls, UK. Waihi Farm & Industrial – no longer have a dedicated dairy man on staff, contract in a machine tester. Water Solutions (BOP) 2017 – sold business. South Wairarapa Vet Services. Liquitec – retired and closed business.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Ross Richards, Ordish & Stevens. Andrew Hodge, Progressive Engineering Southland. Doug Benton, MacDougalls. Kevin Waterman, Northern Dairy Specialists. Neil Linklater, Westland Dairy Sheds. Murray Christensen, Progressive Engineering Southland. Geoff Shaw, GS Dairy Services. Ian Gibson, Dynamic Maintenance. John Mander, Northland Milking Machine Testing. Dave Thame, Independent Machine Testing - approved.

Resignation of Council Members: Michael Meyer, Barry Miller & Simon Fletcher

Appointment of new Director for TTC as Barry Miller has resigned: Brett MacDougall nominated by G Reilly, seconded C Burrows.

H & S: Concern about non-pressure unions in sheds and potential safety issues should they break. E.O to email MPI to have wording in Section 9.2 of NZCP1 amended so that all unions in the CIP delivery systems must be pressure unions capable of withstanding 400kPa.

TTC Report: April Testing course full so additional course scheduled for May – encouraging after cancelling the Feb testing course.

Apprenticeship Update: Free fees have attracted a number of new sign-ups with more than 40 pax doing apprenticeship now – a positive outlook.

Plumbers Act Review: Awaiting further discussions with Federated Farmers as to best angle to approach Government before engaging other stakeholders.

ISO Testing conversion: Agreed in concept that we could charge the Members to raise funds to produce new course i.e. staggered payments over 18 months to get capital up front, then contributors would receive the amount of their investment back off the training course when they need to re-train their testers. Other funding options to be investigated. E.O to enquire from QCONZ what would the timeline look like for completion? What would be the cost to retrain existing and new testers? Would it be appropriate to incorporate the Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery training into the new course material?

Completing assignments for water courses: Many participants on the water courses, are not completing the post-course assignments which means that they would not have the unit standard awarded. In the case of the apprentices this means they will not complete their qualification. Suggestion that the assignment could be completed in class time but this is not so practical. E.O. to canvas employer to manage completion by participants.

Accepting other testing methods from OEMs: An in-depth discussion took place around if we should approve and accept individual OEMs own testing methodology. Although we acknowledge that this issue may crop up in the future, we shall leave as status quo for now.

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: AutoRep & flowcharts still to be trialled. Changes can be released once these are signed-off.

Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery: Feedback has been received from members re if this training should be included in the testing course – would increase number of days and increase time to complete a machine test. 67% of relevant respondents agreed that this training should be included in the testing course.

Building strong service partner networks: Andy Geissmann spoke to how MPTA can show support to dealer members by promoting the work and advice dealers do for farmers. How are we supporting our Dealers in issues such as MBV. As we represent some OEMs that operate in competition to our Dealers it is difficult to promote some Members against others. However, we could advertise promoting that farmers buy their goods from businesses that are suitably trained to advise them e.g. liner selection, pump selection, FDE. Should we lobby Fonterra to stop Farm Source selling any milking machinery equipment, liners, filters etc?

Standards for pulsation line leaks: No point in taking this further at this point in light of changing to ISO standards.

Electrical Options: Awaiting confirmation from EWRB that E/L satisfies the requirements for supervision of people doing EAS & EST.

Meeting concluded: 1.15 pm

Next meeting date: 9th May 2018 in Hamilton

Signed

Vice - President.