

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ 10.30am  
Hamilton Airport**



Present: Gary Reilly, Ross Muggeridge, Paul Dixon, Trevor Foley, Brian Ebert, Travis McIntosh, Claudio Urzua (for GEA) & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Craig Burrows, Warren Carlsen, Kevin Warner, Don Vermeulen

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: A cease & desist letter re Unregistered Machine Testing has been sent to Gary Curd and his Employer, Steve Miller Rural Services.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$137,540

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

New Members: NIL

Practising Certificate Approvals: Sam Cooper, Cooper Farm Services. Mark Jamieson, Camco Dairy Services. Kris Burch, Quality Water Services. Alan Williams, Dairy Solutions. Gary Wallace, Better Dairy Solutions. Mark Yuill, McLaren's Rural. Murray Lind, Jeff Evans Rural. Jared Howell, Hutchies. Peter Hargest, Global Milking Systems. Steve Forrester, Morrison Agri North Canterbury - Approved.

H & S: Previously identified minor H & S issues at the Training Centre are being actioned by E.O. this Friday.

TTC Report: November Machine Testing course currently running with 9 participants. Ran a 2-day Milk Quality & Liner Selection training session for 12 Morrison Agri staff in Ashburton 20-21 November. Will run Milk Quality training for Deosan in Rotorua 12/12/19. Course dates have been set for 2020 with first new ISO Testing course starting 23 March 2020. Retraining for ISO testing dates yet to be set.

Apprenticeship Update: Revised version of qual is still with NZQA for approval.

Facebook: E.O. yet to set up a Facebook page

Plumbers Act Review: Request for meeting has again gone to Minister Damien O'Connor – awaiting response. Decided against approaching Minister Shane Jones as he displayed condescension towards dairy farmers at a recent 50 Shades of Green protest.

Electrical Supervision: Kevin White has had no response from EWRB to request to consider pathway for supervision. He will follow up with them.

Climate Change: E.O still to enquire with Federated Farmers what they are doing about climate change and if they are they considering the other side of the equation. C Burrows has penned email for E.O to send.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: Recent survey to Members indicated sufficient interest in pursuing a possible *grandfathering* of an industry qualification for those who had been working in the industry for many years but have no formal qualification to show for it. Sub-

committee met earlier today to discuss ideas around what the structure and criteria may be for recognition of prior learning. Will keep momentum rolling.

Unregistered Machine Testers: E.O has had phone conversations with Peter Jones of Huntly and with Craig Midgley's Employer (Ngatea Milking Machines) as they were reported as testing without a current Registration. Peter advised that he is not doing machine tests. Craig's employer said that Craig is certified to the ISO Testing methodology that they use for their two DeLaval robot farms. Advised both parties that retraining will be required if they intend to do milking machine tests in future.

Upgrades to Training Centre: New test ports for ISO training will be installed at training centre in next week.

Industry Survey: Has been completed and results distributed to Members. Results were discussed at meeting.

Milk Quality Conference: QCONZ are organising Milk Quality Conference 1-2 July 2020 in Hamilton and have invited us to present on the new ISO testing process. Accepted and it would also be beneficial to promote our Milk Quality training course to interested delegates.

ISO Testing conversion: ISO sub-committee will meet again in next few weeks to discuss how the change over to ISO testing will roll-out over the coming 2 years, pricing for new course and price for existing testers that need upskilling. Once process is established a communication will be sent to Members. If possible, we intend to do the re-training within the regions to help keep costs to a minimum, however, this is yet to be confirmed.

President, Gary Reilly, thanked Members for their efforts throughout the year.

Meeting concluded: 2.45pm

Next meeting date: Late January 2020 in Hamilton

Signed

President.