

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
28 September 2022 @ 10.30am  
DeLaval, Hamilton**

Present: Gary Reilly, Kevin Warner, Ross Muggeridge, Trevor Foley, Darren Main, Craig Burrows & Maria Scott

Apologies: Trevor Fowlie, Brian Ebert, Paul Dixon, Andy Geissmann

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Research into industry charge out rates & investigation into possible new premises for training facility in the Waikato yet to be actioned.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$203,320

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

New Members: PASLR Crucial Services Ltd and Boxy's Milking Machine Testing – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Aqua Synergy Group – Membership fees unpaid

Practising Certificate Approvals:

James Chapman & Hylton Pene, Rakaia Dairy Services. Johnny Linwood, Nind Dairy Services. Luke Adamson, Southland Farm Services. Sam Cooper, Cooper Farm Services. Callum Hoy, Ahoy Engineering. Ross Coleman, Jeff Evans Ltd. Zane McCall, 60/40 Milking. Matthew Nelson, Pump & Electrical Services. Scott Quinnell & Kale Grahame Elite Farm Solutions. Scott Welsh, Dairy & Pumps. Matt Roberts, Moa Milking. Ryan Hill, Camco. Brett Perkins, Farm Supplies Central. William Court, Read Industrial. Gary Feeney, Registered Tester. Gavin Chetwin, Independent Milking Machine Services. Norm Bailey, Bromley Dairy & Pumps – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: October & November Machine Testing and two Milking Block courses for apprentices are all full. Water courses for September & October are also mostly full as we push to get apprentices through training before the Government free funding ceases in December. Anticipate that uptake of courses for 2023 will be much lighter with less apprentices needing training. 2023 calendar to be set.

Plumbers Act Review: Nothing to report. E.O. to follow up on discussions on 15/03/22 with MBIE to see if they have made any headway.

QCONZ Review of Service: Tyree Connor from QCONZ discussed review of service agreement to amalgamate the various contracts we have into one formal contract. This includes price increases for their services and their daily course delivery fee to \$1,350 which will be reviewed annually in line with CPI. The fee for delivery of our Testing course will increase to \$1,550 per head. Terms of new Service Agreement were agreed with some minor changes required to the document. The two Training Schemes we have in the Milking strand of our apprenticeship are now called NZQA micro-credentials; now is a

good opportunity to review the make-up of them to ensure they meet the needs of learners and if we should break them down into separate micro-credential qualifications.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: It was agreed that combining units 29158 Demonstrate knowledge of basic hydraulic theory for rural fluid systems (L3, 2 credits) and 29163 Demonstrate knowledge of pumps and pump selection for rural systems (L4, 6 credits) from our Pump Selection training into a micro-credential qualification, and making it a compulsory requirement, would add depth to our proposed recognition of prior learning Pumping Systems Technician Certification. It would also allow these two units to stand as a separate recognised 'mini certificate' with NZQA. Tyree from QCONZ will look into process of establishing the new micro-credential qualification. This will delay the release of the Certification until the micro-credential is available.

Acquiring Small Drinking Water Supplies course material: Geoff Mills from ICENZ who has always delivered our Small Drinking Water Supplies course has retired and sold his PTE entity to Swimming NZ, so he will no longer be delivering the training. We have been offered the opportunity to purchase the course material and IP from Geoff / Swimming NZ for \$14,500.00. Purchase has been agreed in principle, however, E.O is to request access to the course material, under a NDA, so due diligence can be undertaken. This course forms part of our Dairy Systems (Engineering) apprenticeship and is not offered by any other provider in NZ so we need to have a means for apprentices to complete this training. We will also look to get the two units for this course 29965 & 29996 set-up as a micro-credential.

Length of Water Courses: At the insistence of Competenz we have trialled extending the water courses by one day to allow participants to complete, or mostly complete, the course assignments while on course. Although not all participants were successful in completing the assignments in course time, there has been a huge improvement in the number of participants who have completed. However, Competenz have reneged on compensating us for the extra teaching day. Further consideration needs to be given as to if we will continue with the extra day and, if so, our prices will need to be increased to cover the additional costs.

Milking Machine Standards Manual: Still waiting on new product specs from OEMs before we can launch this. E.O to chase again.

Meeting concluded: 2.45pm

Signed

President.