

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 @ 10.30am  
GEA, Hamilton**



Present:, Andy Geissmann, Barry Miller, Michael Meyer, Simon Fletcher, Brain Ebert, Brett MacDougall, Gary Reilly & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Kevin Warner, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Still awaiting for Skellerup to test Liner Selection online course material and offer feedback.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$120,880.

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

New Members: Pumpn Ltd, Otorohanga & 43 South Ltd, Christchurch – Approved

Withdrawn Members: McNeill Drilling, Watersmart Engineering (shut down), Gateway Data Services (merged & now called The Monitors Ltd). Baty Thomas Engineering Ltd.

Member Name Changes: Milfos South Waikato to Fire N Ice Ltd. Supachill NZ Ltd to Sondex NZ

Practising Certificate Approvals: Luke Vickers, Vickers Farm & Dairy. Mike Guthrie, Mainland Engineering. Shaun Lovell & Donald Ross, Stocker Dairy Services. Darren Fenton, Nind Dairy Services. Will Averill, Lely NZ. Matt Lambert, Advance Dairy & Pump. Chris Oliver, Pratt Milking Machines. Mike Foster, Hutchies. David Stone, Bromley Dairy & Pumps. Mike Trump & Ben Hoskin-McLaren, Morrison Agri. Les Payne, Dairy & Pumps. Daniel Huntley, Caldera Water & Dairy Solutions. Nigel Hannay, Qubik Putaruru. Duane Landers, Hunts Farm Services. Warwick Jones, McGregor's Farm Services. Mike McMaster, Progressive Engineering - Approved.

TTC Report: Nothing to report as no courses running till August.

Apprenticeship Update: 31 now signed up and 3 others giving it consideration. A number of apprentices have dropped out having either left the employment or choosing to stick with the mainstream Engineering qualification.

QCONZ costing: Letter received from QCONZ advising increase in course facilitation costs to \$950.00 per day, plus \$200 per head for those on Water courses to cover NZQA Moderation costs and assessment marking. Course fees will need to be increased to \$800.00 for Pump Selection and \$1,150 for the Farm Water Reticulation and Farm Dairy Effluent Training to cover additional fees. Request from QCONZ to backdate increases to 01/05/17 declined.

Electrical Options: S Fletcher, M Scott & B MacDougall met with EWRB on 21/06/17 to discuss consideration of a Limited Licence or Class of Registration for multi-phase electrical equipment. EWRB understand our desire, however, they have responsibilities to health & safety that must be foremost. EWRB will provide their suggestions for us to

develop a suitable training course that meets their requirements re health & safety, safe electrical practices and supervision.

Stray Voltage Testing: Maurice Coates of Sema, has come up with an alternative design for the voltage meter which will be an adapter added to a standard multi-meter. He and C Burrows to discuss suitability for our needs.

Plumbers Act Review: S Fletcher, M Scott & B MacDougall met with PGDB Registrar, Martin Sawyers on 21/06/17 seeking clarification around boundaries of what work our industry can do. Martin will seek advice from his technical team as to where these boundaries are, what are the health & safety issues and how these can be managed. We plan to meet again early August to discuss further prior to the next PGDB Board meeting.

Feedback on Machine testing course: B MacDougall recently sent two people that are not suitably trained to complete forms and recommendations. Critical parts are not being sufficiently covered. Could this be because of reduced length of course? Testing of RPM on pumps not being taught / demonstrated. Brett to detail in an email and E.O to take it up with QCONZ.

NZCP-1: The latest version has been released on 19/05/17. Member Don Gollan of Sondex has queried the wording around the requirement for multi-plate separation between raw milk and coolant when glycol is being used as he feels this can be misunderstood. Council considers the wording appropriate and concise.

Tester Ross Gibbison: Attended only two days of our March Testing and has since submitted 10 tests for marking, of which 8 have been unsatisfactory. Has spent some additional time with Andy Geissmann going over tests and Andy has explained our expectations to him. He may submit six further tests for marking now and if they are incorrect will be required to attend further training at the November Testing Course.

ISO Testing: Australia have withdrawn from our joint project as they have sourced via TAFE College and the Victorian State Government and are having the training developed in Australia for themselves. This is extremely disappointing considering that we have done the majority of the work on this project and carried the cost to date. It is Council's intention to continue with the conversion of the NZ testing methods should we secure funding.

Support for ISO: DITAG met on 30/05/17 and our request for support from Dairy Processors was discussed. They have asked for more information so they can understand the business case better and how MPTA will manage some of the risks and what are the benefits. E.O will provide further details prior to next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds handbook: A complaint from a Member was sent to Standards NZ re the Member being challenged about what testing equipment they use for testing stray voltage. No response received.

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: C Burrows is driving technical discussion around some proposed changes to vacuum pump minimum speed testing methods for sign-off.

Extended Milking Machine course: Murray Pedley has provided some suggestions around what could be included in this training and that it could possibly be done using a virtual reality portal. E.O to investigate further and perhaps invite virtual reality supplier to demonstrate at next meeting.

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Member purchasing offer: OfficeMax have put together a price list of typical stationery, cleaning, safety and kitchen products that they can offer to Members on a group buying price which is averaged at around 23% discount on their retail price. Council agreed to offer this service to Members. E.O to implement..

Meeting concluded: 2.50pm

Next meeting date: tbc in Hamilton

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ President.