

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
30th January 2024 @ 8.30am
TEAMS Video Call**

Present: Ross Muggeridge, Trevor Fowlie, Les Sinclair, Nick Bell, Trevor Foley, Gary Reilly, Marty Bloy, Craig Russell & Executive Officer, Maria Scott.

Apologies: Paul Dixon, Craig Burrows, Darren Main

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$203,205

Accounts for Payment: Accounts paid since last meeting and accounts received but yet to be paid were tabled and approved.

New Members: Absolute Dairy & Water Ltd– Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Naksa Ltd - retired

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Martin Engelbrecht, DairyPro. Richard Darrah, Thinkwater Whakatane. Ethan Dougherty, Southland Farm Services. Brad Hosking, Highline Dairy Otago. Chaz Murdoch, Mainland Engineering. Andy Garth, Read Industrial. Paul Way, Ngatea Milking Machines. Jono Rowlands, MacDougalls. David Way, Professional Farm Services. Ian Hilford, Northern Dairy Specialists. Tyler Milne, Progressive Engineering - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: Off to a slow start for the year with only 6 participants on February Machine Testing course and six on Pump Selection. Did not get the numbers for first Small Drinking Water Supplies in AKL.

Apprenticeship Marketing Campaign: To date over 110 leads have been generated from the campaign and followed up with an email inviting them to send in CV. 22 CVs have been received and circulated to Members for consideration of employing. Campaign has one more month to run. E.O. to send the collateral material promoting the apprenticeship out to Members for them to share with clients or use in their own advertising.

Machine Testing training in Australia: Gary Reilly has been speaking with Damian Loomans & the head trainer from Davey's Way in Australia about training opportunities. They may send someone over to do our course towards end of the year as they are very busy over there atm. Suggested that we meet with Dairy Australia again to try to get some teeth into it.

Pumping Systems Technician Certification: Further in-depth discussion took place about around the purpose / content / outcome of our proposed Pumping Systems Technician Certificate. Are we making it too onerous for applicants? Craig Russell will send through some thoughts on an alternative concept for consideration.

QCONZ Support: The unthinkable has happened in that Murray Pedley has advised that he will be retiring from QCONZ in the coming months. This means someone else needs to take over the technical support work and linkage to the course material that Murray has managed in the past (especially now that QCONZ Ltd is no longer our training service provider – it is Training Centric Ltd). It is agreed that Jill Calow would be best placed to do this as she is the facilitator for all of our Milking courses so already receives most of the tester feedback, and she does the machine test marking. Ange Simon at QCONZ has the most knowledge of how changes to course material track through the course and other resources.

Micro-credential Development: Tyree & Maria to meet with WDC on 9/2/24 to discuss micro-credential development needs for 2024 – primarily the milking courses that have previously been NZQA Training Schemes.

Effluent WOF Programme: Dairy NZ are keen for MPTA to take over running the WOF, however, it will still be owned by DNZ. Advantage to MPTA would be in the training we could offer to WOF Assessors. To become an Assessor costs \$1.3k for the 2-3 day course on-farm plus assessment at \$1.1k. Are we interested? A WOF assessment is already compulsory with Miraka, Silat who require one done every 5 years, Fonterra are on board with it with incentives if done (Farm source points / \$\$). Trevor Foley is to enquire more re costing to run the WOF Programme.

AGM: Date has been set for 27th March 2024 in Hamilton. Suggestion for guest speaker is Jim Graham, Chief Advisor Water Science, Taumata Arowai – E.O.to make contact.

Meeting concluded: 10.45am

Signed  Gary Reilly, President.