

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
30th March 2023 @ 9.00am
Hamilton Workingman's Club**

Present: Gary Reilly, Ross Muggeridge, Kevin Warner, Darren Main, Paul Dixon, Trevor Fowle, Andy Geissmann Trevor Foley, Craig Burrows & Executive Officer, Maria Scott.

Apologies: NIL

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: E.O, M Scott, attended funeral of Councillor & Life Member, Brian Ebert, and spoke on behalf of MPTA of his contribution to our industry.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$235,092

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

New Members: Waikato Water Boyz Ltd – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Taylor Purification. Alastair King – no longer machine testing.

Member Name Change: Ace Electrical now operating under Automation Services as DeLaval Dealer & have branches in Tauranga, Morrinsville & Stratford

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Mark Jamieson, Camco Dairy Services. Simon Mitchell, Thinkwater Taupo. Richie Phillips, Southland Farm Services. Tyler Birchfield, DairyTech South. Ryan Mallard, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies. Adam Clews, Qubik Putaruru. Willem Laing, Read Industrial. Trae Gotty, McGregor's Farm Services. Sam Houston, Read Industrial. Freya Ahrendt & Luke Roberts, Morrison Agri – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: February & March Machine Testing courses were full, as is the first May course. A second Testing course has been scheduled for May to meet demand. Small Drinking Water Supplies courses scheduled for AKL in April has been cancelled as a re-write of the course material is required.

Apprenticeship update: There has been some resurgence in enquires about the apprenticeship recently. A promo has been sent to all Members pointing out the foundation of the training and funding options available. Suggested that we consider establishing a sponsorship option for apprenticeships. e.g. five x \$2,000 pa. E.O. will consider details of eligibility and logistics.

Electrical Pathway: Electrician, John Horan, introduced a pathway option to assist those who have completed the EST training and exam that need supervision to become Registered. With EWRB. He can offer remote supervision, further task specific and safety training, tag & testing training and guidance in issuing of certificates. The proposition is of interest to us and John will do some research as to what material may readily be available for us to consider providing our own EST training to meet the EWRB requirements.

Development of NZQA Micro-credential qualifications: Our first proposed micro-credential qualification (Pump Selection) has been submitted to NZQA for approval. This M-C will be used in our Pumping Systems Technician Certification.

Student Workbooks for Micro-credential Modules: QCONZ have provided Students Workbooks for the Farm Dairy Systems Management course material and for Pump Selection for feedback on. These detail what on-job evidence needs to be provided by the learner & verified by the employer / supervisor. We made suggested changes to the Workbook for Cleaning Evaluation, and Milk Delivery Milk Quality & Grade Troubleshooting. Other workbooks are yet to be critiqued.

Pumping Systems Technician Certification: Maria & Ross yet to meet to firm up the application process which will include, as a minimum requirement, the applicant having to of completed the above-mentioned micro-credential once it is approved by NZQA.

Small Drinking Water Supplies course material: The proposed new facilitator, Geoff Dawson, from InAqua has perused the material we acquired from Geoff Mills and has suggested an extensive re-write and upgrade of the information provided as much of it is out of date. Planned course in Auckland in April has been cancelled as time is required to develop the new material and train the new facilitators. A meeting will be set-up to confirm what material needs to be in the course to meet NZQA unit standard requirements – Ross & Maria will partake, plus recruit a water Dealer Member.

Digital Milking Machine Standards Manual: Further feedback has been received and upgrades are being made to the formatting and some functions.

Executive Officer Leave: Maria advised that she intends to take 6 weeks leave in August & September. She will manage the role remotely over this time which should be achievable as there are no courses scheduled over these months.

Meeting concluded: 1.00pm

Signed



Gary Reilly, President.