

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
31 March 2022 @ 9:00am
The Pavilion, Hamilton Workingmen's Club, Hamilton**

Present: Andy Geissmann, Brian Ebert, Kevin Warner, Paul Dixon, Claudio Urzua, Gary Reilly, Ross Mugeridge, Craig Burrows, Trevor Foley, Trevor Fowlie & Maria Scott

Apologies: Darren Main

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Research into industry charge out rates yet to be actioned. Membership of Pump Industry Australia has been approved. Complaint against Member case has been closed as no further information was supplied when requested. Executive Officer Wage Review was undertaken and salary increase approved effective 1/3/22.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$208,743

Accounts for Payment: Accounts previously paid and to be paid were tabled and approved. Outstanding invoice to MacDougalls p\$8,303 has been queried, but no response as yet.

New Members: NIL

Resignation of Council Member: Claudio Urzua from GEA has resigned from Council. Nomination for Trevor Fowlie as his replacement has been accepted.

Withdrawn Members: Dairy Essentials, Fox Eden & Assoc, Udder Dairy Test & Northland Milking Machine Testing – all retired from Machine Testing and did not re-train in ISO.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Alan Van den Heuvel & Craig Samuel, ABC Milking Solutions. Leigh Henderson, Advance Dairy & Pump. Thomas Stocker, Ahoy Engineering. Malcolm Terrill, Better Dairy Solutions. Francois Paulus, Canterbury Farm Services. Aaron Cross, Ross Hunt & Neels Biermann, CCMP. Grant Childs, Central Milking & Pumping. Ethan Cooper, Cooper Farm Services. Steve Busch, Cotter & Stevens. Cam McKenzie & Les Payne, Dairy & Pumps. Alan Williams, Dairy Solutions. Jason Bolger, Max Preston & Scott Robinson, DairyMaster Milking Systems. Alan Payne, Josh Storey & Tony Macdonald, Dairytech South. Sean Borlase, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies. Peter Anderson, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies. Nick Lewis, DeLaval. Phillip Oliver, Duncan Engineering. Leonard Opena, Field Engineering. Lance Felton, Fire n Ice. Geoff Shaw, GS Dairy Services. Sean Hayes, Hayes Farm Services. Dave Thame, Independent Machine Testing. Kyl Salter, Jeff Evans. Garry Wilson, Kawakawa Engineering. Mike Stainthorpe, King Farm Services. Will Averill, Lely Canterbury. Doug Benton, MacDougalls. Mike Guthrie & Glen Fraser, Mainland Engineering. Mike Hampshire & Emille van Wyk, McGregor's Farm Services. Lars de Kruijf, Milk R Us. Shayne Perriam, Milk Tech South. Peter Taylor, Milk'n'Water Services. Innes Richardson, Milking & Water Systems. Mike Trump, Corrie Schutte & Ben McLaren, Morrison Agri. Marc Lesch, Ngatea Milking Machines. Travis McPherson, Tony Chapman & Max Baird, Nind Dairy Services. Jonno Ross, On Farm Agri Centre. Aaron Carston, Ordish & Stevens. Gerard Slattery & Ahren Lomas, Paeroa Farm Services. Owen Spice, Piako Rural Services. Aaron Murphy, Pratt Milking. Daniel Shuttleworth & Henry Squires, Progressive Engineering. Craig Cookson, PW Dairy Services. Kris Burch, Quality Water Services. Jason Yeeles & Nigel Hannay, Qubik. Grant Houston & James Burnside, Read Industrial. Greg Lister, Registered Tester. Alastair Hodgkinson, Rural Taranaki. Holger Olbrich, Rob Wilson & Ian Compton, Southland Farm Services. Les Sinclair, Spring Meadow Services. Rob Foote & Donald Ross, Stocker Solutions. Daniel Simpson & Lachie Anderson, Thames Farm & Industrial. Iain Watson, Thinkwater Bay of Plenty. Ryan Wood,

Thinkwater Taupo. Mitch Dormer, Vickers Farm & Dairy. Neil Linklater & Shashi Maliga, Westland Dairy Sheds – Approved.

Acknowledgement to QCONZ: President, Gary Reilly acknowledged the massive effort QCONZ put in to marking the hundreds of machine tests that have been sent in for ISO testing registration.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: February & April Testing courses are full & only two spots left on May course. Some Water & Milking Block course are coming up in next month. A new TV & whiteboard has been installed at training centre and the premises have been spring cleaned.

Apprenticeship Update: We now have approx. 100 active apprentices and 5 more who are considering it. E.O to send promo to Members and let them know 100 apprentices now on board.

Plumbers Act Review: E.O and Craig Burrows had a video meeting with MBIE on 15/3/22 to further discuss the establishment of a clear demarcation between sanitary plumbing and other water reticulation activities that share the same water source. They have a very clear understanding of our concerns and will move this forward with a case for change. They are in discussions with PGDB and we suggested they also contact Irrigation NZ & Well Drillers Assn. We need to ensure we have sufficient suitably qualified tradespeople to meet the requirements of any rulings.

Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies: Our submission has been made on the Taumata Arowai (Safe Drinking Water) consultation on the Acceptable Solutions for Rural Agricultural Water Supplies, Roof Water Supplies & Spring & Bore Supplies.

Three Waters Reform Technical Advisory Working Group: We were contacted about joining this group and advised it is more around procedures at the operational structural level rather than our service sector.

Milking Machine Standards Manual: Quoted price of \$27,500.00 + gst has been accepted and QCONZ have been instructed to progress with this project and they are engaging the same developers in India that had developed the new AutoRep Plus App.

New AutoRep App for ISO: Work is complete on new electronic reporting app for ISO machine testing and it will be released next week. The new app will only be released to Testers that have already completed six correct handwritten ISO tests and had their MPTA Registered ISO Milking Machine Tester status awarded.

Running Training Courses under Covid: A formal Covid Protection Framework Policy was circulated to all Members on 11/02/22. However, since then the Government has announced that QR Code scanning & Vaccine Passes will no longer be required from 5/4/22 so we will adopt this for participants on our training courses.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: We need to populate our industry with qualified people, especially to support our drive with MBIE to establish a demarcation for sanitary plumbing. There are a lot of skilled tradespeople with years of valuable experience but no formal qualification and we need to get these people recognised as qualified tradespeople in our industry. We have already developed a pathway for tradespeople with more than eight years industry experience to have their skills and experience assessed and, if satisfactory, be awarded a Pumping Systems Technician Certification, recognising their skills and

ability in the industry. However, this should now be re-worked to allow suitable participants to be nominated by industry OEMs to be awarded the Certification. E.O & Ross Muggeridge will work on new proposal and OEM to be approached for support.

ISO Testing: Of the 180 existing testers that registered for the ISO re-training, 113 are now fully MPTA ISO registered and another 25 have sent their ISO tests in for marking. There are 24 existing Testers who have registered for the ISO re-training and have either never completed the training, or have completed the training but have never sent any tests in for marking. The bulk of the remaining testers have either since left their employment or will not be continuing with machine testing. E.O. to make contact with the testers that have not become certified and advise they are no longer authorised to undertake machine testing and ask them to make contact with us to discuss options for re-training.

Co-opting expertise to Technical Committee: E.O. to invite Les Sinclair to be part of Technical Committee as he has many years experience and is a regular contributor of Machine Testing queries.

Meeting concluded: 1.50pm

Next meeting date: tba in Hamilton

Signed

President.