

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
31st October 2023 @ 10.30am
GEA Hamilton**

Present: Ross Muggerridge, Darren Main, Trevor Fowlie, Les Sinclair, Gary Reilly, Andy Geissmann, Kevin Warner & Executive Officer, Maria Scott. Paul Dixon joined via TEAMS video link

Apologies: Nick Bell, Craig Burrows, Trevor Foley

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Apprentice survey still to be done.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$173,186.33

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

New Members: Luther Siemelink, Independent Tester. Precision Dairy Services Ltd. HOOF Enterprises Limited – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: PE Engineering, Mosgiel – no longer working in dairy sector.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Michael Turnbull, Dairytech South. Mike Griffin, Qubik. Orlando Sildo, Canterbury Farm Services. Mark Rosacker, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies. Daniel Penney, Milking Machine Testing Services. Scott Vincent, Waikato Water Boyz. Te Ringa O'Brien, MacDougalls. Steve Bevan, Thinkwater Taranaki. Bryce Godinagh, Advance Dairy & Pump. Ben Callahan & Josh Gray, Progressive Engineering. Nate Croy, Jeff Evans. Josh Buist, Lely Dairy NZ. Warwick Jones, McLaren's Rural - Approved.

Council Structure: Andy Geissmann has resigned from Council as he will be leaving Waikato Milking Systems. Trevor Foley has left Ried & Harrison so cannot represent them on Council any longer, however, Council have agreed to retain Trevor on Council under section Management 11.a) ii) of the NZMPTA Rules. This will leave our representation in the pumping / water sector short. Gary Reilly has put forward, and it was agreed, that we invite Craig Russell from White International to join Council to represent the water / pumping sector and to enlist Marty Bloy to come onboard under the same clause 11.a) ii).

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: October Machine Testing course ran with 10 participants. November Testing course cancelled as only had 4 confirmed. Oct Pump course in PMR ran with 9. Milking Block course running with 6, Hamilton Small Drinking Water Supplies full with 10 participants. Farm Water Reticulation & Farm Dairy Effluent courses in South Island & Farm Dairy Effluent in Hamilton all cancelled due to lack of registrations.

Apprenticeship update: Survey to apprentice employers is to be undertaken to gauge the success and challenges of the apprenticeship – what is working & what is not.

Apprenticeship Marketing Campaign: The marketing campaign to promote awareness on the Apprenticeship has been running for 2 months now. To date our \$1,750.98 spend has received 545k impression and 1.7k website visits with 9 leads to be followed up by Maria.

Training Centric Contract: Contract for Services from Tyree Connor of Training Centric Ltd was tabled and approved. They have taken over the QCONZ PTE entity and will be managing our training in regards to NZQA requirements, reporting, moderation etc.

Calibration of Equipment: Darren Main questioned if air flow meters need to be calibrated. DeLaval have a new AFM that goes up to 13,000+ that the manufacturers have advised do not need calibrating. ISO 6690 2007 states that 'instruments shall be calibrated regularly to ensure the given specifications'. We will amend our Milking Machine Testing Standards to align with this and recommend calibration is done "every two years or as per manufacturers requirement". Updated Tech Note to be distributed to Testers.

Electrical Pathway: Council have reconsidered the proposal from John Horan as per Meeting Minutes of 30/3/23 where he was offering a training pathway, including tag & testing training and remote supervision. Although the concept is of interest, Council do not consider John Horan to be the appropriate person to engage with for this and will need to consider other options. Maria to advise John Horan that we will not be continuing with him.

Small Drinking Water Supplies update: Progress is steady on the upgrade of the SDWS course material and the first course will be delivered on 7-9 November in Hamilton

Pumping Systems Technician Certification: Further consideration has gone into the structure of what is required to achieve this Certification and Sandy Cobussen has undertaken some target market research and the feedback was that the process of completing the requirements for the Pump Selection Micro-Credential, particularly the Evidence Workbook is too onerous and it would put people off from applying. So, it was agreed to remove the entire M-C component and we will forge ahead with out it. Costs were approved as \$250.00 for MPTA Members and \$800.00 for non-MPTA Members – this would include one year of free MPTA Membership. In addition, we would offer the first 50 applicants from MPTA Members as free of charge. Some minor changes to the process were approved and can be incorporated into the Campaign.

Course Updates: Most of the work is completed on the upgrades to our course material for Milk Delivery, Milk Quality, Mastitis, Milking Efficiency, Milking Time Testing, Liner Selection & Stray Voltage courses. \$8280 has been charged for 69 hours work on this. The Cleaning Evaluation material is yet to be completed.

Smart Standards App: Recent OEM updates have been made and the App is ready to launch. Cost for the App was \$31,625. There will be an annual user fee of \$120 per annum per Company for the upkeep of the digital standards.

Meeting concluded: 3.30pm

Signed



Gary Reilly, President.