

## MINUTES OF 83<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 @ 2:00pm**  
**Hamilton Workingmen's Club, Hamilton**

Present: Nigel McClymont, Simon Fletcher, Michael Meyer, Craig Burrows, Gary Reilly, Paul Dixon, Kevin Warner, Barry Miller, Graeme McDougal, Lars de Kruijf, Les Sinclair, Murray Brooks, Graeme Middlebrook, Brendan Paul, Andy Geissmann, Steve Bruce, Brian Nicholson, Peter McGregor, Philip Grey, Maria Scott and Life Members Hugh Gallagher, Mel Eden, Tom Laurent, Brian Ebert & Peter Gallagher

Apologies: Steve Bromley, Brett MacDougall, Dave Goddard, Neil McIntyre, Trev & Chris Savage, Dean Moore & Gail, Ian & Maree Mackay, Jason Yeeles, Paul Worsley, Peter Hargest, Steve Miller, Chris Hughes, Warick Buchanan, Steve Bevan, Brett Duncan, Peter Goodwin, Julie Freer, Cathryn Reid, Sam Anderson, Maurice Coates, Gordon Jackett, Wayne Barker, Dave Goddard, Tim Scott, Tony McLaren, Eric Kemsley, Glen Fisher, Gordon Mouldey, Alison Curie, Brian Deller, Martin Bloy, Steve King

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 17/03/2015 were read. B Miller Moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded B Ebert - Carried.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/15 were presented by President, S Fletcher. The accounts show Members Equity of \$199,781. Gary Reilly moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted, Seconded G McDougal - Carried.

Presidents Report: Simon Fletcher presented President's Report and moved that it be adopted, Seconded C Burrows - Carried.

Installation of Office Bearers: The following 11 nominations were received and meet the requirements for Management set out in the NZMPTA rules:

**OEM Members - Milking:** Craig Burrows, DairyMaster NZ Ltd. Barry Miller, Skellerup Industries Ltd. Andy Geissmann, GEA NZ. Kevin Warner, Waikato Milking Systems, Hamilton.

**OEM Members - Water:** Simon Fletcher, Grundfos Pumps.

**Dealer Members:** Brian Ebert, Farm Supplies Central Ltd. Paul Dixon, Fonterra Co-op Group Ltd. Gary Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre, Jason Yeeles, Qubik Te Awamutu. Michael Meyer, McQuinn Pumps (2008) Ltd, Brett MacDougall, MacDougalls.

A ballot vote was undertaken by eligible Members which saw Jason Yeeles not receive sufficient votes to be elected on to Council. M Meyer moved that the remaining 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council, Seconded B Nicholson - Carried.

Election of Auditor: A change in Accountants for the 2015 annual accounts has been exercised with TaxLink Hamilton being appointed as Accountants. The change was in an endeavour to reduce accounting costs which has resulted in a \$4000 saving. It was moved by B Paul to continue using TaxLink Hamilton, or a suitable alternative, as Accountants for the Association and that, as a safeguard for Council Members and Technology Training Centre Directors, a full Audit be undertaken every three years with an Independent Review undertaken in the in-between years. Seconded K Warner. Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: Moved by B Ebert that annual Membership fees remain at the current pricing of \$500.00 + gst for OEM Members and \$350.00 + gst for all other Membership categories, plus an additional \$100.00 + gst per annum for subsidiary branches owned by exactly the same Directors, Seconded M Meyer - Carried.

Technology Training Centre (TTC) Report: Executive Officer tabled and read TTC report. H Gallagher moved by that the report be accepted, Seconded M Brooks - Carried.

### **General Business:**

Training Update: The long awaited industry Apprenticeship Programme finally been approved and as of March 2016 is open for enrolment. M Raju & P Ferguson of Competenz presented on how the qualification is made up and how it will work.

Change to Rules: A recent Member vote (of 58/137 eligible voters) approved an amendment to the MPTA Rules in regards to an increase in representation on Council as detailed below:

#### **Management:**

11. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a structure comprising:-

- a) A Management Council represented by:
  - i) a ten Member Association Council comprising of at least four OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) Members representing companies engaged in design, manufacture and / or wholesale distribution of equipment, and at least four Dealer Members engaged in installing, reselling and / or servicing of equipment.. Of the four OEM Members at least one should represent water applications and one should represent milk harvesting. Of the four Dealer Council Members at least one should represent water applications and one should represent milk harvesting. The remaining two Council Members can be from any of the four identified categories.
  - ii) In addition to the 10 elected Members as detailed in 11. a) i) above, two non-Member representatives may be appointed to Council from sectors that support the industry of the Association and it's Members. The non-Member representatives shall be appointed on the consensus that they would bring a broader spectrum of experience and knowledge to the Management of Council and the activities of the Association and may be from, but not limited to, entities such as Federated Farmers, DairyNZ, Local Government etc. The said non-Member representatives shall be appointed by the elected Council Members detailed in 11. a) i) above and shall not hold voting rights, nor may they hold a position of office such as President or Vice-President on the Association Management Council.

Members of the Register: Current MPTA Rules do not allow Members of the Register to have voting rights or to hold a position on MPTA Council. Rule was challenged by Les Sinclair. Agreed that Council will put to Members for the vote a proposed amendment to the Rules that will afford the same privileges to Members of the Register as Full OEM or Dealer Members are granted. Executive Officer to send out to Members for voting.

ISO Testing: G Reilly presented on potential ISO testing project

Guest Speakers: Wayne McNee of LIC presented on LIC Automation. Paul Dixon of Fonterra gave update on water metering and milk cooling and other Fonterra activity.

Life Membership: Awarded to Craig Burrows of Dairymaster Milking Systems NZ Ltd, Stratford

Other Business: NIL

Meeting concluded at 5.15pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.