

## MINUTES OF 87<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ 2:00pm  
Hamilton Airport, Hamilton**



Present: Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Travis McIntosh, Paul Dixon, Trevor Foley, Ross Muggeridge, Andy Geissmann, Les Sinclair, Lars de Kruijf, Nigel McClymont, Don Vermeulen, Don Gollan, Adam Bradstreet, Maria Scott and Life Members Peter Gallagher & Mel Eden

Apologies: Life Members Tom Laurent & Brian Ebert. Eric Kemsley, Chris & Trevor Savage, Cheryl Douglas, Murray Brooks, Shane Simpson, Brian Deller, George Whiting, Simon Foley, Steve King, Warick Buchanan, Kevin Warner, Brett MacDougall, Nicholas Bell, Jim Clark, Harmen Heesen, Dave Goddard, Tony McLaren, Cheryl Douglas, Maurice Coates, Mark Boyde, Wayne Barker, Geoff Shaw, Marty Bloy, Sam de Vries, Hamish Keith, Alan van den Huevel, Nigel Robinson, Steve Bromley.

Welcome & Minutes Silence: Gary Reilly, MPTA Council President welcome delegates to meeting and led a minutes silence in remembrance of the victims and their families of the Christchurch mosque shootings last week in Christchurch.

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 27/03/2018 were read. A Geissmann moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded: L Sinclair - Carried.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/18 were presented. The accounts show an increase in Members Equity to \$214,067 – up \$22,379 on previous year due as the increased uptake of training courses. Don Vermeulen moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted, Seconded: Trevor Foley - Carried.

Presidents Report: Gary Reilly presented his President's Report and moved that it be adopted, Seconded: L de Kruijf - Carried.

Installation of Office Bearers: The following 12 nominations were received and meet the requirements for Management set out in the NZMPTA rules:

**OEM Members - Milking:** Craig Burrows, DairyMaster NZ Ltd. Warren Carlsen, GEA NZ. Kevin Warner, Waikato Milking Systems, Hamilton.

**OEM Members - Water:** Travis McIntosh, Grundfos Pumps. Trevor Foley, Reid & Harrison. Ross Muggeridge, Davey Water Products.

**Dealer Members:** Brian Ebert, Farm Supplies Central Ltd. Paul Dixon, Fonterra Co-op Group Ltd. Gary Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre, Les Sinclair, Spring Meadow Services. Adam Bradstreet, Waikato Pump Services, Don Vermeulen, Southland Farm Services.

A ballot vote was undertaken by eligible Members with 72/168 responses received. Les Sinclair and Adam Bradstreet did not receive sufficient votes to be elected on to Council. D Gollan moved that the remaining 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council, Seconded: P Gallagher - Carried.

Election of Auditor: Moved by N McClymont to continue using TaxLink Hamilton, or a suitable alternative, as Accountants for the Association. A full Audit shall be undertaken every three years with an Independent Review undertaken in the in-between years. Seconded: R Muggeridge. Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: Moved by G Reilly 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: C Burrows - Carried.

Discussion raised as to if we should offer smaller Member companies a discounted membership fee. To be discussed at next MPTA Council meeting.

Technology Training Centre (TTC) Report: Executive Officer tabled and read TTC report. Don Vermeulen moved by that the report be accepted, Seconded: L de Kruijf - Carried.

**General Business:**

Training / Apprenticeship Update: The industry Apprenticeship Programme is now in it's third year and the first apprentices will be competing their qualification shortly. We are thrilled to have almost 50 apprentices now signed into this qualification throughout the country. The new Government two years free funding is a great incentive for new learners and employers and Members are encouraged to consider taking on apprentices and utilise this funding. The apprenticeship is currently under review and a number of unit standards in the engineering sector have been updated. Due to the difficulty in gaining supervision and EST registration the Electrical Appliance Serviceperson (EAS) and Electrical Service Tradespeople (EST) components will be withdrawn as a compulsory requirement from the apprenticeship training and placed in the elective options should learners wish to complete these.

Electrical Compliance Options: Discussed an avenue that Council is currently pursuing around a pathway and requirements for supervision for Electrical Service Tradespeople. We are working with an electrical industry consultant who is approaching EWRB on our behalf. More information will be shared if the proposal is viable.

Plumbers Act: The Review of the Plumbers Act has been stalled as Government agencies place their priorities elsewhere. We shall again reiterate our concerns and expectations to MBIE, who are undertaking the Review, as to what would be a satisfactory resolve to the restrictions of the current Plumbers Act.

Change to ISO Machine Testing Methods: G Reilly gave update on our plans to move ahead with project to convert existing machine testing methods to align with ISO methodology. It is expected that work will commence this year. All existing machine testers will require re-training once new course is developed.

H & S: Les Sinclair raised concern that some Members are going on site to dairy farms without signing in and following farm access instructions. MPTA will remind Members to adhere to farmers health & safety requirements and ensure that they advise farm management that they are / are going on site. This is particularly important in light of the Mycoplasma Bovis risks etc

Other Business: NIL

Meeting concluded at 4.17pm pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Signed: Gary Reilly (President)

Date 20/03/19