

MINUTES OF 92nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 27th March 2024
2.00pm at Hamilton Workingman's Club, Hamilton



Present:

Craig Russell, Marty Bloy, Darren Main, Gary Reilly, Les Sinclair, Callum Hoy, Dan Arthur, Nigel McClymont, Shane Stocker, Paul Dixon, Trevor Foley, Trevor Fowlie, Nick Bell, Brian Nicholson, Gary Feeney, Shaun Nicholls, Sam Anderson.

Apologies:

Life Members Craig Burrows & Hugh Gallagher. Kerryn & Daniel Simpson, Ross Muggeridge, Steve King, Brendan Paul, Brendan Russell, Paul Dixon, Kevin Warner, Lars de Kruijf & Aaron Cave.

Acknowledgement of passing of Life Members Dave Milne and Tom Laurent.

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 30/03/2023 were read. Les Sinclair moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded: Shane Stocker - Carried.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/23 were presented. The accounts show an decrease in Members Equity from \$406,462 to \$370,870 – this is mainly as a result from decreased revenue from training, and decreased assets. Nigel McClymont moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted. Seconded: Craig Russell - Carried

Presidents Report: Gary Reilly presented his President's Report and moved that it be adopted. Seconded: Darren Main - Carried.

Installation of Office Bearers: The following 10 nominations were received and meet the requirements for Management set out in the NZMPTA rules:

OEM Members - Milking: Craig Burrows, Dairymaster Milking Systems NZ. Trevor Fowlie, GEA Milfos International. Darren Main, DeLaval.

OEM Members - Water: Shaun Nicholls, Davey Water Products. Marty Bloy, 43 South. Craig Russell, White International

Dealer Members – Milking: Les Sinclair, Spring Meadow Services (Member of the Register). Sam Andersen, Automation Services.

Dealer Members – Water: Nick Bell, Pump & Electrical Services. Gary Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre

As only 10 nominations were received to fill the 10 Council positions available no ballot vote was undertaken. Brian Nicholson moved that these 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council. Seconded: Callum Hoy – Carried

Election of Auditor: Moved by Les Sinclair to continue using TaxLink Hamilton, or a suitable alternative, as Accountants for the Association and Stuart Duff & Associates as our Auditor. A full Audit shall be undertaken every three years with an Independent Review undertaken in the in-between years. Seconded: Shane Stocker. Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: Moved by Nigel McClymont 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: Callum Hoy - Carried.

Additional Annual Subscriptions: Have been introduced in 2024 for AutoRep Plus App and Smart Standards App users. AutoRep Plus user companies will be charged an annual fee based on their number of users - \$250 for a single user, \$350 for 2-4 users and \$500 for 5+ users. Smart Standards users will be charged \$120 per annum per company. Moved by Les Sinclair that these annual charges shall be instated and remain in place for the 2024 and 2025 year before reviewing. Seconded: Gary Feeney – Carried.

Training Report: Executive Officer tabled and read the Training Report detailing activity for 2023. Brian Nicholson moved by that the report be accepted. Seconded: Shane Stocker – Carried

General Business:

Matters arising from previous AGM:

The possible Electrical pathway that we had been investigating last year for those who had completed the EST training and exam but needed supervision has not eventuated as regulations remain preventive.

Re-registration of MPTA as an Incorporated Society: NZMPTA is required to re-register under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 by April 2026. Executive Officer to look into what's required & action.

Training / Apprenticeship Update: As anticipated revenue from training courses was down in 2023 as less apprentices needed training. There are currently approx. 75 learners doing the apprenticeship.

Substantial investment has gone into updating our Small Drinking Water Supplies course material to bring it in line with current legislation. We appreciated the support of Members, White International, in providing Deborah Prus-Loughlin to complete the major upgrades and take over the facilitation of this course.

Other upgrades to course material have taken place throughout the past year.

We have been working on the development of micro-credential qualifications which are blocks of training that can be stacked to build specified learning towards an award. Pump Selection has already been completed and is being delivered as the micro-credential. Further courses will be converted throughout the coming year.

Opportunities to take our training into Australia are being investigated.

QCONZ - End of Services Provision: With the pending retirement of Murray Pedley, after more than 40 years of benefiting from a respected and valued relationship with QCONZ, QCONZ have given notice that they will be discontinuing their provision of services to MPTA effective 21st April 2024. Much of the course management will still be managed and delivered by QCONZ PTE that has been taken over by Training Centric Ltd and we have already entered an Agreement for the Provision of Training Services with them. Alternative providers will need to be secured for the hosting of the AutoRep and Smart Standards Apps.

Water Industry Certificate of Recognition: We seek to populate our industry with qualified tradespeople by recognising the skills and knowledge of those people who have more than eight years of valuable experience but no formal qualification. We have reconsidered our initial proposed pathway and will be offering a skills self-assessment questionnaire that includes details of the applicant's industry experience and training and asks them to rate their ability in a number of areas. The concept was presented by Craig Russell. This will be available to receive applications by June.

Potential Relocation of Training Premises: With the lease of our current training facility in Palmerston North ending in May 2025, we are considering options of relocating to new premises in another region of the country – most likely Waikato. Council will commence search for suitable premises which should include capacity for water specific practical training.

Gary Reilly closed the meeting and thanked delegates for their attendance, input and support throughout the year.

Meeting concluded at 4.25pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Signed:



Gary Reilly (President)

Date 27/03/24