

MINUTES OF 89th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 30th March 2021
Cophthorne Hotel, Palmerston North



Present:

Les Sinclair, Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Brian Ebert, Paul Dixon, Trevor Foley, Darren Main, Andy Geissmann, Kevin Warner, Murray Pedley, Steve Bruce, Brett MacDougall, Steve Bromley, Jim Clark, Jason Waugh & Maria Scott

Apologies:

Don Vermeulen, Ross Muggeridge, Eric Kemsley, Tony McLaren, Dave Goddard, Hugh Gallagher, Alan Williams, Jason Hare, Geoff Shaw, Sam Anderson, Chris Savage, Gareth Cowan, Neil Hall, Wayne Barker, Alastair Hodgkinson, Simon Foley, Jonathan White, Warwick Buchanan, Mark Boyde, Steve Darrah, Peter Hargest, Shane Stocker, Ryan Wood, Maria King, Nigel Robinson, Claudio Urzua, Nigel McClymont, Lars de Kruijf

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 26/03/20 were read.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/20 were presented. The accounts show an increase in Members Equity to \$280,544 – up \$26,601 on previous year. L Sinclair moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted. Seconded: K Warner - Carried

Presidents Report: Gary Reilly presented his President's Report and moved that it be adopted. Seconded: B Ebert - 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: Claudio Urzua, GEA NZ. Darren Main, DeLaval. Andy Geissmann, Waikato Milking Systems, Kevin Warner, Milktech NZ.

OEM Members - Water: Trevor Foley, Reid & Harrison. Ross Muggeridge, Davey Water Products.

Dealer Members – Water and Milking: Craig Burrows, DairyMaster NZ Ltd, Brian Ebert, Farm Supplies Central Ltd. Paul Dixon, Fonterra Co-op Group Ltd. Gary Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre. Les Sinclair, Spring Meadow Services.

A ballot vote was undertaken by eligible Members with 58/155 responses received. Les Sinclair did not receive sufficient votes to be elected on to Council. S Bromley moved that the remaining 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council. Seconded: S Bruce – Carried

Election of Auditor: Moved by G Reilly 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: K Warner . Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: Moved by P Dixon 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: A Geissmann - Carried.

Technology Training Centre (TTC) Report: Executive Officer tabled and read TTC report. J Clark moved by that the report be accepted. Seconded: S Bromley – Carried

General Business:

Training / Apprenticeship Update: The industry Apprenticeship Programme is now in it's fifth year and the first apprentices have completed the qualification. There are currently approx. 66 apprentices signed into the qualification throughout the country. The Government Covid relief free funding is a great incentive for new learners and employers, and Members are encouraged to consider taking on

an apprentice and utilise this funding. A review of the qualification has been completed by Competenz with the main change being the move of the electrical units from compulsory to elective.

Plumbers Act: We have continued our campaign to have changes accepted into the Plumbers Act around the restrictions around what is perceived as sanitary plumbing. MPI have reported that MBIE have acknowledged they need to undertake further work to create a clear demarcation between sanitary plumbing work and other water services that share the same water source while still protecting public health and safety. This work will help to remove a barrier for farm technicians to undertake on-farm reticulation work they are already capable of doing and avoid having to bring on a plumber.

Small Rural Drinking Water Supplies: We have submitted on proposed Acceptable Solution for Rural Agricultural Drinking Water Supplies which highlighted many concerns about the functionality of requirements and that it was only citing UV treatment as the only treatment option.

ISO Machine Testing: G Reilly gave update on conversion of machine testing training to ISO methodology which has now been completed. All existing machine testers are required to complete online ISO re-training and submit six correct ISO tests to become a certified MPTA Registered ISO Milking Machine Tester. Discussed concerns from a Member about the lack of communication & the new ISO AutoRep not yet being available, however, work is in progress for this to be completed by the end of May 2021.

Query re vacuum: L Sinclair raised question about vacuum sensor readings at VSDs. Technical Committee to discuss at next MPTA Council meeting.

Life Membership: Awarded to Murray Pedley in recognition of his contribution towards the milking industry throughout New Zealand. In particular, his commitment and loyalty to MPTA and our Members through the development and delivery of training, and championing the causes of MPTA.

Meeting concluded at 4.18pm pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Signed:

Gary Reilly (President)

Date 30/03/21