

MINUTES OF 90th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 30th March 2023
2.00pm at Hamilton Workingman's Club, Hamilton



Present:

Darren Main, Trevor Fowlie, Andy Geissmann, Craig Burrows, Gary Reilly, Paul Dixon, Ross Muggeridge, Kevin Warner, Trevor Foley, Maria Scott, Les Sinclair, Nigel McClymont, Marty Bloy, Brian Nicholson, Shane Stocker, Callum Hoy, Dan Arthur, Mel Eden, Tony McLaren, Murray Pedley, Nick Bell, Aaron Cave.

Apologies:

Lars de Kruijf, Tom Laurent, Trevor Hill, Peter Gallacher, Steve Bromley, Kirsty Appleton, Sharon & Bob Bradley, Simon Foley, Brett MacDougall, Murray Brooks, Innes Richardson, Daniel Peake.

Acknowledgement of passing of Brian Ebert, Council Member and Life Member.

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 31/03/22 were read. Paul Dixon moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded: Nigel McClymont - Carried.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/22 were presented. The accounts show an increase in Members Equity to \$406,462 – up \$83,915 on previous year. Murray Pedley moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted. Seconded: Les Sinclair - Carried

Presidents Report: Gary Reilly presented his President's Report and moved that it be adopted. Seconded: Marty Bloy - 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 Ltd, Trevor Fowlie, 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: Gary Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre Ltd. Les Sinclair, Spring Meadow Services. Paul Dixon, Fonterra Co-op Group Ltd

As only 10 nominations were received to fill the 10 Council positions available no ballot vote was undertaken. Tony McLaren moved that these 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council. Seconded: Craig Burrows – Carried

In order to meet the Council representation make-up as stipulated in the MPTA Rules, it was moved by Trevor Foley that Nick Bell of Pump & Electrical Services be instated as an additional Member of Council to represent Dealer Members in the Pumping / Water sector. Seconded Gary Reilly.

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: Andy Geissmann. Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: Moved by Tony McLaren 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: Craig Burrows - Carried.

Training Report: Executive Officer tabled and read the Training Report detailing activity for 2021. Kevin Warner moved by that the report be accepted. Seconded: Shane Stocker – Carried

General Business:

Training / Apprenticeship Update: 2022 was a very successful year for training activity as we progressed many of the apprentices through their training while the Government free funding was still available. With almost 100 apprentices going through our training this has definitely boosted numbers. The Government has since announced further funding for eligible apprentices and we hope that Employers will take advantage of this by signing up new apprentices.

Throughout the year we have been developing a digital Milking Machine Testing Standards Manual which will shortly be available to Members.

Plumbers Act: Disappointingly, no action has come about from our various discussions and follow-up with MBIE & DIA in regards to the need to create a clear demarcation between restricted sanitary plumbing and other water reticulation activities that share the same water source.

Trade Qualification for Water / Pumping Sector: We need to populate our industry with qualified people, especially to support our drive with MBIE to establish a demarcation for sanitary plumbing. There are a lot of skilled tradespeople who have years of valuable experience but no formal qualification. We had proposed a pathway to get these people recognised as qualified tradespeople in our industry and be awarded a Pumping Systems Technician Certification. However, we have had to re-work our initial thoughts to make it more robust by aligning it with two NZQA unit standards as a minimum requirement. This is currently with NZQA for approval and the application and assessment process is to be reviewed.

Small Rural Drinking Water Supplies: MPTA have acquired the course resources for this course from the previous provider who has now retired. This course material will undergo a re-write in the coming months to ensure it aligns with the latest regulations.

ISO Machine Testing: The new ISO Milking Machine Testing methodology has been in place for 13 months now and we have a record 208 fully Registered Milking Machine Testers using the new methodology.

Protentional investments: 1. Many of the existing MPTA courses will be converted in NZQA Micro-credentials which are blocks of training that can be stacked to build specified learning towards an award. QCONZ are currently working on the development of these Micro-credentials. 2. We are investigating the process of a possible Electrical pathway for Members who have completed the EST training and exam. This is currently being scoped. 3. With the lease of our training facility in Palmerston North ending in 2025, we are considering options of relocating to new premises in another region of the country – most likely Waikato.

Guest Speaker: Chris Aitchison from Fonterra spoke on Fonterra's new Flexible Shareholding Capital Structure.

Life Membership: Awarded to Gary Reilly from On Farm Agri Centre in Nelson, in recognition of his contribution to MPTA via his tenure on MPTA Council and span as Council President over past 12 years.

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

Meeting concluded at 5.00pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Signed:

Gary Reilly (President)

Date 30/03/23