

## MINUTES OF 90<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**  
**2.00pm at Hamilton Workingman's Club, Hamilton**



### Present:

Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Brian Ebert, Paul Dixon, Trevor Foley, Ross Muggeridge, Andy Geissmann, Claudio Urzua, Trevor Fowlie, Nigel McClymont, Lars de Kruijf, Marty Bloy, Shane Stocker, Noel Read, Henning Visser, Brian Nicholson, Daniel Peake, Tony McLaren, Ross Simpson & Maria Scott

### Apologies:

Darren Main, Jim Clark, Matt Hawthorn, Steve Busch, Brett MacDougall, Steve Bromley, Allison Currie, Mark England, Hugh Gallagher, Lom Laurent, Phil Read, Andrew & Marina Miller, Dan Gorton, Murray Pedley, Warick Buchanan, Steve King, Dave McMillan, Mel Eden, Murray Brooks, Marc Ireland, Steve Bruce, Les Sinclair.

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 30/03/21 were read. Paul Dixon moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded: Gary Reilly - Carried.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/21 were presented. The accounts show an increase in Members Equity to \$322,634 – up \$46,992 on previous year. Andy Geissmann moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted. Seconded: Lars de Kruijf - Carried

Presidents Report: Gary Reilly presented his President's Report and moved that it be adopted. Seconded: Trevor Foley - 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:** 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:** Craig Burrows, Dairymaster Milking Systems NZ Ltd, Brian Ebert, Farm Supplies Central Ltd. Paul Dixon, Fonterra Co-op Group Ltd. Gary Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre Ltd.

As only 10 nominations were received to fill the 10 Council positions available no ballot vote was undertaken. Nigel McClymont moved that these 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council. Seconded: Shane Stocker – Carried

Election of Auditor: Moved by Paul Dixon 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: Lars de Kruijf . Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: Moved by Trevor Foley 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: Gary Reilly - Carried.

Training Report: Executive Officer tabled and read the Training Report detailing activity for 2021. Tony McLaren moved by that the report be accepted. Seconded: Craig Burrows – Carried

### General Business:

Training / Apprenticeship Update: Training is essential for the industry, both for those who are new to it and those with years of experience. Our training material is taking on a much more modern and professional format as we move to digital media. The new ISO AutoRep Plus electronic reporting

system which will be released to ISO Testers next week, and the new digital Milking Machine Testing Standards Manual are a great examples of this.

The industry Apprenticeship Programme is now in it's sixth year and there are currently approx. 100 apprentices signed into the qualification throughout the country. The Government fees 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.

Plumbers Act: Changes to the PGDB Act were finalised in April 2021 and although we were unsuccessful in getting the definition of 'Sanitary Plumbing' changed in the Act to allow our Members to bring water from a source to a point of treatment before entering a dwelling or being utilised for sanitary purposes elsewhere on a property, it was recognised that there is the need for further work on creating a clear demarcation between restricted sanitary plumbing and other water reticulation activities that share the same water source. MPTA has had several meetings and discussions with MBIE & DIA in regards to this and we are hopeful that some real progress can be made on this in the coming months.

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 with years of valuable experience but no formal qualification and we need to get these people recognised as qualified tradespeople in our industry. We have already developed a pathway for tradespeople with more than eight years industry experience to have their skills and experience assessed and, if satisfactory, be awarded a Pumping Systems Technician Certification, recognising their skills and ability in the industry. However, this should now be re-worked to allow suitable participants to be nominated by industry OEMs to be awarded the Certification.

Small Rural Drinking Water Supplies: We have made a further submission on the Taumata Arowai (Safe Drinking Water) consultation on the Acceptable Solutions for Rural Agricultural Water Supplies, Roof Water Supplies & Spring & Bore Supplies which highlighted many concerns about the functionality of requirements for small supplies and suppliers.

ISO Machine Testing: The conversion of our Milking Machine Testing methods to the ISO methodology has been completed and has come into effect from 01/03/2022. The MPTA ISO Testing methodology, or specific OEM testing methods that have been approved by MPTA, are now the **only** accepted method of milking machine testing in NZ. The conversion has been an extensive and costly project for the Council to embark on, costing approx. \$165,000. However, we are confident that the efforts will bring about a better quality test aligned with International Testing Standards. The new and improved AutoRep Plus App development has been completed and will be released in the first week of April 2022.

Life Membership: Awarded to Noel Read from Read Industrial, Rangiora, in recognition of his contribution towards the milking industry throughout New Zealand over the past 60 years.

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

Meeting concluded at 4.15pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Signed:

Gary Reilly (President)

Date 30/03/21