

MINUTES OF 84th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 14th March 2017 @ 2:00pm
Ambassador Hotel, Hamilton

Present: Nic Smith, Nigel McClymont, Gary Reilly, Simon Fletcher, Michael Meyer, Brett MacDougall, Craig Burrows, Barry Miller, Paul Dixon, Kevin Warner, Les Sinclair, Eric Kemsley, Lars de Kruijf, Mike Oliver, Maria Scott

Apologies: Life Members Brian Ebert, Paul Worsley, Hugh Gallagher. Steve Bromley, Chris & Trevor Savage, Andy Geissmann, Maurice Coates, Sam Anderson, Geoff Shaw, Jim Clark, Mark Boyde, Neil Hall, Craig Hawes, Nigel Robinson, Dave Goddard, Wayne Cooper, Chris Hughes, John Goddard, Shane Simpson, Warwick Buchanan, Steve King, Martin Bloy, Nick Bell, Ian Mackay, Graham Pask, Wayne Climo, Peter McGregor

Acknowledgement of the recent passing of Wayne Morris, formally of Pump & Electrical Services in Hamilton, and his years in the industry.

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 15/03/2016 were read. G Reilly moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded B Miller - Carried.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/16 were presented. The accounts show Members Equity of \$171,473 – a decline of \$28,308 on previous year due to lack of income from training courses. N McClymont moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted, Seconded M Meyer - Carried.

Presidents Report: Simon Fletcher presented President's Report and moved that it be adopted, Seconded C Burrows - 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. Sam Anderson, Lely NZ. Barry Miller, Skellerup Industries Ltd. Andy Geissmann, GEA NZ. Kevin Warner, Waikato Milking Systems, Hamilton.

OEM Members - Water: Simon Fletcher, Grundfos Pumps.

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. Michael Meyer, McQuinn Pumps (2008) Ltd, Brett MacDougall, MacDougalls.

A ballot vote was undertaken by eligible Members with 63/155 responses. Les Sinclair and Sam Anderson not receive sufficient votes to be elected on to Council. B MacDougall moved that the remaining 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council, Seconded K Warner - Carried.

Election of Auditor: Moved by S Fletcher 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 M Meyer. Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: Moved by C Burrows 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 S Fletcher - Carried.

Technology Training Centre (TTC) Report: Executive Officer tabled and read TTC report. K Warner moved by that the report be accepted, Seconded B Miller - Carried.

General Business:

Training / Apprenticeship Update: The industry Apprenticeship Programme has now been in place for 12 months and we are thrilled to have 26 new apprentices signed into this qualification - 13 in each of the milking and pumping strands. A process is being developed by Competenz for Assessment of Prior Learning (APL) to recognise skills of those who have been in the industry for a long period. Members will be advised of process once this is finalised.

Discussion around Milking Machine Testing course. Should MPTA consider a scaled down version of the testing to introduce interested parties to the workings of a milking machine. Can the existing Introduction to Milking Machines course be expanded to accommodate? Could also be opened to Dairy Shed Assessors, Vets, Farm Source staff etc. Council will consider prospect at next Council meeting.

Change to Rules: A recent Member vote (of 58/155 eligible voters) approved (by a 72% majority) an amendment to the MPTA Rules extending Members of the Register the same privileges as OEM or Dealer Members in regards to being entitled to voting rights and being eligible to hold office on MPTA Council. New wording for the Rules shall read:

Membership Categories:

5. c) Members of the Register: Individuals who have attended an Association run or approved Course and have obtained a Practising Certificate. Members of the Register are entitled to voting rights, eligible to hold office, to attend all meetings and to attend all courses held by the Association.

Guest Speakers:

Paul Dixon of Fonterra gave update on water treatment and heat exchange requirements. An industry technical update will be available from Fonterra shortly and shall be distributed to Members.

Other Business:

Les Sinclair raised some questions around variable speed which will be discussed at Council meeting level.

Meeting concluded at 4.30pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Signed

President.

Date 14/03/17