



MINUTES OF 84th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 27th March 2018 @ 2:00pm
Devon Hotel, New Plymouth**

Present: Andy Geissmann, Barry Miller, Gary Reilly, Brain Ebert, Craig Burrows, Brett MacDougall, Nigel McClymont, Les Sinclair, Lars de Kruijf, Trevor Foley, Simon Foley, Don Gollan, Luke Vickers, Steve Bruce, Eric Kemsley, Don Gollan, Maria Scott

Apologies: Life Members Paul Worsley, Hugh Gallagher, Tim Scott & Peter Gallacher. Michael Meyer, Ross Muggeridge, Simon Fletcher, Aaron Cave, Tony McLaren, Mark Galbraith, Neil Hall, Murray Brooks, Michael Oliver, Glen Stevens, Chris Hughes, Allan Williams, Brendan Paul, Cathryn Reid, Dean Moore, Dave Goddard, Shane Simpson, Jason Hare, Marty Bloy, Dick Thomas, Bevan Thomas, Brian Dellar, Peter Hargest, Murray Pedley, Chris Yates, Mark Boyde, Warwick Buchanan, Wayne Barker, Steve Miller, Ian Mackay, Geoff Shaw, Steve Darrah, Steve Bevan, Kevin Warner, Paul Dixon, Travis McIntosh.

Acknowledgement of the recent passing of past Council Member Kevin Foley and his years in the industry. Kevin was formally of Coastal Agri Services in Opunake.

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 14/03/2017 were read. B Miller moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded: N McClymont - Carried.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/17 were presented. The accounts show an increase in Members Equity to \$191,688 – up \$20,000 on previous year due as the uptake of training courses improved. L Sinclair moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted, Seconded: B MacDougall - Carried.

Presidents Report: Simon Fletcher's President's Report was read on his behalf by Gary Reilly who 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. Aaron Cave, Skellerup Industries Ltd. Andy Geissmann, GEA NZ. Kevin Warner, Waikato Milking Systems, Hamilton.

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

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. Brett MacDougall, MacDougalls.

A ballot vote was undertaken by eligible Members with 82/166 responses. Les Sinclair and Aaron Cave did not receive sufficient votes to be elected on to Council. S Bruce moved that the remaining 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council, Seconded: D Gollan - 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: C Burrows. 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: D Gollan - Carried.

Technology Training Centre (TTC) Report: Executive Officer tabled and read TTC report. A Geissmann moved by that the report be accepted, Seconded: E Kemsley - Carried.

General Business:

Training / Apprenticeship Update: The industry Apprenticeship Programme has now been in place for 2 years and we are thrilled to have 40 apprentices now signed into this qualification throughout the country. The new Government two years free funding is a great carrot for new learners and employers. The number of apprentices correspondingly boost numbers on our training courses. A process is still 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.

Milking Machine Function course. This topic was raised at the previous AGM:- if MPTA should consider a potential new training course that gives participants a reasonable knowledge of the function and workings of a milking machine and all its components. It would offer more in-depth knowledge than what is already offered in our basic Introduction to Milking Machines online training, however, less information than what is required to be a milking machine tester. Content could include: Components, Layout, Airflow, Vacuum, Pulsation, Liner Function, Cooling, Milk Pumping, Cleaning etc but not how to test a machine for function. A recent survey of Members showed that 65% of respondents were in favour of such a course. Research to be undertaken to establish: what is cost to develop, cost to deliver and what is the likely return? What is possible uptake? What is expected outcome?

Electrical Compliance Options: Discussed how the Employer's Licence works and who would benefit from it. We are awaiting confirmation from EWRB as to if working under an Employer's Licence satisfies the requirement for 18 months supervised experience. If so, this would be a resolve for Members.

Plumbers Act: Will be meeting with Federated Farmers Dairy Policy Advisor in April to discuss process for lobbying Government to change the restrictions of the Plumbers Act in regards to what our Members can do on farm.

Changes to milking machine testing procedures for VSDs: C Burrows discussed the changes made to testing procedures for VSDs which will be released to Members shortly.

Change to ISO Machine Testing Methods: C Burrows gave some insight into the reasoning around changing testing methods to align with ISO methodology.

Guest Speaker:

Gavin Forrest, General Manager Policy, Federated Farmers gave an informative update on activities within their business areas and the work they are doing to trace and irradiate with mycoplasma bovis.

Retirement of Council Member: C Burrows acknowledged the 11 years of service Barry Miller of Skellerup had given to the MPTA and his 36 years in the industry.

Other Business: NIL

Meeting concluded at 5.50pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Signed:
MPTA AG

Craig Burrows (Vice-President)
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