



AUSTRALIAN DAIRY CONFERENCE LTD

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Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of Australian Dairy Conference Limited

Thursday 18th February 2016,
Eastbank Centre, Shepparton, VIC

PRESENT:

Ben Geard, President	Michael Perich
Liza Fahey	Harper Kilpatrick
Andrew Tyler	Hank Bruger
Tom Acocks	Chris Murphy
Richard Rawnsley	

Australian Dairy Conference Limited Members

MEETING OPEN 10.25 am. (Minutes recorded by Shareena Pearce)

1. APOLOGIES Matt Reid, Paul Bethune had submitted apologies.
Moved: Simon Bennett
Seconded: Hank Bruger
PASSED

2. MINUTES IT WAS MOVED that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting on 18th February 2015, held at Country Club Tasmania, Launceston, TAS be accepted as a true record
Moved: Liza Fahey
Seconded: Andrew Tyler
PASSED

BUSINESS ARISING There was no Business Arising

3. FINANCE REPORT Harper Kilpatrick introduced himself as the finance director for the last 12 months and explained that the Australia Dairy Conference is a company limited by guarantee and governed by the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission and as such obligated by legislation to report to members. He further reported on the Financial Report for 2015. He explained that this report only covered a nine-month period as the directors had applied to change the financial year end to September 30th. The request to change the year end would eliminate the fluctuations in profit figures as a mixture of the financial transactions of the smaller forum style and the larger style conference in one financial year.
Harper reported that the financial accounts for the year ending 30th September showed a loss of \$47,354. However, he explained that Launceston was in actual fact profitable, but the majority of sponsorship had been received in the year prior. The true result from Launceston was \$45,989.

A question from members was asked about the impact of changing the year end to September and if the company still met the requirements to report to members in a timely fashion? Shareena responded that there is a

requirement to report to the ACNC within 6 months after financial year end and to provide information to members at an annual general meeting.

IT WAS MOVED that the financial report relating to the nine months period from 1/1/2015 to 30/09/2015 be accepted

Moved: Harper Kilpatrick

Seconded: Simon Bennett

PASSED

4. AUDITOR

Harper explained that the current auditors MMK had given written notice that they would resign as auditors from March 2016. The directors had sought tenders and have determined Goulburn Murray Audit Services of Shepparton can provide independent company auditor services.

Harper moved that Goulburn Murray Audit Services be appointed as auditors for the 2016 financial year

Seconded: Hank Bruger

PASSED

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ben Geard summarised the President's report from outgoing president Matt Reid. He reported that Launceston 2015 had been very successful under the guidance of Hank Bruger who had done a wonderful job as chair.

2016 would see ADC return to Shepparton where it all began 14 years ago. He thanked the 2016 sponsors for their generous support. Matt had also thanked all the directors for their work, especially current program chair Tom for his exceptional effort.

Ben Geard MOVED that the 2015 president's report be accepted as read

Seconded: Richard Rawnsley

PASSED

6. ELECTIONS

Michael Perich, Andrew Tyler, Ben Geard, Liza Fahey and Simon Bennett were all retiring directors with the effluxion of their director terms..

Simon Bennett had decided not to be re-elected and Ben thanked him for his efforts to ADC since 2004.

Tom Acocks finishes his one-year term as 2016 programming chair and made himself available to be elected to the board.

Ben asked that someone please move a motion that Michael Perich, Andrew Tyler, Ben Geard, Liza Fahey and Tom Acocks all be duly elected as directors.

Moved: Simon Bennett

Seconded: Ron Paynter

PASSED

Hank Bruger was re-appointed as service industry representative.

Chris Murphy was re-appointed to the Board as a representative of Dairy Australia.

Richard Rawnsley from the University of Tasmania was re-appointed as Scientific Director.

The Service Industry Director, Dairy Australia Director and Scientific Director appointments are all for one year terms.

IT WAS MOVED that these reappointments be accepted:
Moved: Ron Paynter
Seconded: Tom Acocks
PASSED

OTHER BUSINESS

Ben asked for any other business. There was no other business raised, but Ben encouraged members to approach him for any matters that members may have.

MEETING CLOSED

Ben thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.40am.