



# AUSTRALIAN DAIRY CONFERENCE LTD

Australia's premier dairy conference

## Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of Australian Dairy Conference Limited

Thursday 16th February 2017,  
National Wine Centre, Adelaide, South Australia

### PRESENT:

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

Australian Dairy Conference Limited Members

MEETING OPEN 8.05 am. (Minutes recorded by Shareena Pearce )

- 1. APOLOGIES** Adam Jenkins, Terry & Pauline Hehir and Simon Bennett had submitted apologies.  
Moved: Liza Fahey  
Seconded: Carlene Dowie  
PASSED
- 2. MINUTES** IT WAS MOVED that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting on 16th February 2016, held at Eastbank Shepparton, VIC be accepted as a true record  
Moved: Ron Paynter  
Seconded: Tom Acocks  
PASSED
- BUSINESS ARISING** There was no Business Arising
- 3. FINANCE REPORT** Harper Kilpatrick introduced himself as the finance director 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 a medium sized company obligated by legislation to report to members and provide reports that have been reviewed or audited.

Harper reported that the financial reports for the twelve months ending the 30th September 2016 had been audited by Goulburn Murray Audit Services in Shepparton and has been posted to the website. The audited reports show a profit of \$29,878.

Harper explained that the Australian Dairy Conference is a not for profit organisation, the company does not focus its intent on generating profit from each conference. However, the directors do budget a small buffer to mitigate risk and when profits arise it is listed within the company objects that surpluses will be directed back into scholarships and awards for dairy farmers for the good of the dairy industry. For the last financial year the

Australian Dairy Conference were pleased to be able to provide sponsorship to a Nuffield Dairy Scholarship recipient Matthew Gunnigham.

Harper noted that the comparative figures in the reports for the 2015 year should be read as a nine-month period. In 2015 the directors of ADC resolved to change the financial year end from the 31st December to the 30th September to better align with the conference activities and give a better reflection of the actual result for each conference.

The Statement of Financial Position or what some might refer to as the Balance Sheet at the 30 September 2016 shows a Total Equity of \$243,121 which demonstrates the Company to be in a healthy financial position.

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: Matt Reid

PASSED

4. AUDITOR Harper moved that Goulburn Murray Audit Services be appointed as auditors for the 2017 financial year  
Seconded: Michael Perich  
PASSED

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Ben Geard summarised the President's report from outgoing president Matt Reid. He reported that ADC had returned to Shepparton where it all began and had 300 delegates with positive feedback. In April the board released findings from the Leadership in Action report. In June, Tom Acocks represented ADC at EDF in France. In September, ADC partnered with Nuffield to award a dairy scholarship to Matthew Gunningham from Tasmania. Ben then thanked the 2017 sponsors for their generous support. Ben also thanked Countrywide Conference and Event management, Rebecca Middleton for her amazing job as chair, DairySA for their support, Shareena Pearce as board and programming support and all the directors. Ben acknowledged Matt Reid who was resigning from the board for his exceptional service over 10 years and Michael Perich for his 10 years of service also. Ben Geard MOVED that the 2016 president's report be accepted as read  
Seconded: Paul Bethune  
PASSED

6. ELECTIONS Matt Reid and Harper Kilpatrick were retiring directors with the effluxion of their director terms..

Matt Reid had decided not to be re-elected and Ben thanked him for his efforts to ADC since 2007.

Rebecca Middleton finishes her one-year guest term as 2017 programming chair and has made herself available to be elected to the board. Former programming chair from 2014 Paul Roderick has also nominated to join the board.

Ben asked that someone please move a motion that Harper Kilpatrick, Rebecca Middleton and Paul Roderick all be duly elected as directors.

Moved: Ron Paynter

Seconded: Tom Acocks

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: Andrew Tyler

Seconded: Liza Fahey

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 8.23am.