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
Liza Fahey
Andrew Tyler
Tom Acocks
Richard Rawnsley
Michael Perich
Harper Kilpatrick
Hank Bruger
Chris Murphy
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.