



AUSTRALIAN DAIRY CONFERENCE

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

Thursday 21st February 2019
Hotel Realm, Canberra, ACT

1. PRESENT:

Ben Geard, President	Andrew Tyler
Paul Roderick	Harper Kilpatrick
Hank Bruger	Rebecca Middleton
Tom Acocks	Joanne Bills
Richard Rawnsley	

Australian Dairy Conference Limited Members

President Ben Geard opened the meeting at 8.00am (Minutes recorded by Shareena Pearce)

2. APOLOGIES

Liza Fahey submitted an apology.
Apologies were also noted from Terry and Pauline Hehir.
Moved: Paul Roderick
Seconded: Andrew Tyler
PASSED

3. MINUTES

It was moved that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting on 15th February 2018, held at the Pullman Hotel in Melbourne be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.
Moved: Rebecca Middleton
Seconded: Tom Acocks
PASSED

BUSINESS ARISING There was no Business Arising

4. FINANCE REPORT

Harper Kilpatrick introduced himself as the finance director and explained that the Australian 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.

Director Kilpatrick reported that the financial reports for the twelve months ending the 30th September 2018 had been audited by Goulburn Murray Audit Services in Shepparton and have been posted to the website. The audited reports show a profit of \$24,840.

Director Kilpatrick explained that the Australian Dairy Conference is a not for profit organisation, and whilst the company does not focus its intent on generating profit from each conference it does budget a small surplus to mitigate financial risk.

The Statement of Financial Position at the 30 September 2018 shows Total Equity of \$333,579.

IT WAS MOVED that the financial report relating to the twelve month period from 1/10/2017 to 30/09/2018 be accepted
Moved: Harper Kilpatrick
Seconded: Simon Bennett
PASSED

5. AUDITOR Director Kilpatrick moved that Goulburn Murray Audit Services be appointed as auditors for the 2019 financial year
Seconded: Ken Kimber
PASSED

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Ben Geard summarised his president's report.

The Board of the Australian Dairy Conference presents to its members the annual report for the calendar year ending 31 December 2018.

In February 2018 ADC took to the city for the biggest conference in its history being hosted at the brilliant Pullman Albert Park Hotel in Melbourne. Over 500 delegates converged on the venue with the overwhelming and widespread response being that this was definitely the best ADC yet. Every aspect of our industry was discussed from what the future of food may look like, young farmer sessions, talks by some of the biggest names in dairy, through to some enlightening on-farm innovations in the inaugural and side-splitting, The Pitch session. The Board thanked and acknowledged Victorian dairy farmer Scott Fitzgerald on his dedication to the role of Programming Chair for 2018 and the results achieved.

The ADC Board has been investing heavily in ensuring ADC's sustainability long into the future with the completion and implementation of a recent strategic review. Results from this review have seen a targeted approach to increasing our general awareness within the dairy community and has been the catalyst for the launch of our new ADC branding and website this year.

The brief was to create a fresh, vibrant and dynamic look and feel, to move away from the mould of the typical feel and colours of the dairy sector and to have a website that can be the primary host for ADC event news, insights and information. I think all of this has been achieved in the new ADC brand and I hope you have appreciated some of the changes we have made.

ADC continued its relationship with Nuffield in 2018 with Matthew Gunningham of Tasmania presenting his final report at the Nuffield annual conference, whilst ADC sponsored Nuffield Dr. Sarah Bolton has been busy completing her Nuffield travels throughout the world studying alternative options for the bobby calf industry.

We also continued our partnership with the European Dairy Farmers (EDF) with ex programming chair Scott Fitzgerald representing ADC at the EDF Congress in Spain in June last year. It is great to see Annette and Ad Van Velde from EDF at our conference this year and hope to continue this valuable partnership into the future.

In 2018 we continued working with professional contractors Bradley and Kerryn Hayden of Country Wide Conference and Event Management, Esther Jones Programming Producer, Shareena Pearce the Company Secretary and Natalie Geard overseeing communications and marketing. We appreciate the impact these people have on the success of ADC and look forward to partnering with them into the future.

Our sponsorship partners continue to support us with Platinum Partner Dairy Australia, Dinner sponsor Rabobank, and Welcome sponsor Fonterra, along with all our other industry supporters assisting to make ADC the great event it is, thank you.

Of course, with every ADC there is a group of people whom volunteer hundreds of hours of work to put together a new conference program from scratch. Susan Wearden has headed the programming committee this year, and together with her committee they have been working since May last year to put together what you have witnessed here at conference. We sincerely thank Susan, and her committee for all their work in putting together another stellar program.

Thanks also to Dairy NSW for their assistance this year, particularly in organising the pre-conference tour along with the Moxey and Thompson families for opening up their farms to over 70 pre-conference tour participants. It was a massive effort from all involved.

Finally, to my fellow directors, thank-you for your time and your commitment to give back to the dairy industry. Their involvement on the ADC board is of a voluntary basis and your contribution to this event is greatly appreciated.

In 2018 we welcomed Rose Phillipzen onto the ADC Board whilst long standing service industry director Hank Bruger announced he would be retiring at conference. Hank has been a huge contributor to ADC and his presence around the board table will be sorely missed. Joanne Bills will replace Hank as service industry director and we welcome Jo to the ADC board and look forward to working with her.

I trust you have enjoyed your trip to Canberra, and look forward to gathering again next year to be challenged, enlightened and inspired at yet another memorable ADC 2020.

Ben Geard MOVED that the 2018 president's report be accepted as read
Seconded: Paul Roderick
PASSED

7. ELECTIONS

Rebecca Middleton, Harper Kilpatrick and Paul Roderick had all come to the end of their two-year director terms. All have offered themselves for re-election.

There have been no further nominations received.

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

Moved: Simon Bennett
Seconded: Carlene Dowie
PASSED

Hank Bruger as Service Industry Representative has decided to step down. Joanne Bills from Fresh Agenda was appointed to the Service Industry Director role.

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

The Service Industry Director and Scientific Director appointments are all for one-year terms.

IT WAS MOVED that the Service Industry and Scientific Director reappointments be accepted:

Moved: Tom Acocks

Seconded: Paul Roderick

PASSED

8. OTHER BUSINESS Ben asked for any other business.

There was no new business.

MEETING CLOSED

Ben thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.12am.