

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held at Sofitel, Gold Coast, Qld  
Saturday 20th August, 2022**

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The meeting commenced at 9:17am.

**In Attendance:**

Mr. C. Murray	Mr. G. Stephens	Mr. A. Wilson	Mr. P. Mealor
Mr. K. Pearson	Mr. I. Bailey	Mr. M. Shelley	Mr. C. Reeve
Mr. M. McCann	Mr. J. Heintze	Mr. B. Cavanagh	Mr. M. Patel
Mr. K. Wilson	Mr. P. Golland	Mr. W. Peffer	Mr. T. Paing
Mr. N. Cuda	Mr. F. Grida	Mr. M. Pizzata	Mr. H. Ho
Mr. C. Mann	Mr. J. Hardwick	Mr. M. Rosenberg	

**Observers:**

Mr. D. Shelley	Mr. I. Turner	Ms. T. Reeve	Ms. J. Heintze
Mr. G. Wilson	Ms. L. Golland	Ms. F. Peffer	Ms. L. Paing
Ms. H. Patel			

**In Attendance by Invitation:**

Mr. P. Gadsden	Mr. D. Martin	Mr. W. Douglas	Mr. N. Chowdhury
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**Apologies:**

Mr. M. Lack	Mr. L. Etherington	Mr. T. Cho	Mr. D. Grant
Mr. J. Leeder	Mr. J. Holmes	Ms. C. Towns	Mr. C. Popovski
Mr. S. Rice	Mr. M. Horsford	Mr. T. Brown	Mr. R. Sercombe
Mr. S. Conti	Mr. D. Bucca	Mr. W. Burgess	Mr. P. Lavin
Mr. M. Perkins	Mr. A. Wilkes	Mr. S. Bartlett	Mr. I. Urquhart
Mr. B. Chaston			

The Chairman, Mr. Chris Murray, welcomed all members and observers, especially new members and those members attending for the first time.

**It Was Resolved That:** The Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting, held via Zoom on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Mr. M. Shelley

Seconded: Mr. I. Bailey

Carried

**It Was Resolved That:** The Chairman's Report, as read, be accepted.  
Moved: Mr. M. Rosenberg  
Seconded: Mr. I. Bailey                      Carried

**It Was Resolved That:** The Auditor's Report for 2021/22 be accepted.  
Moved: Mr. A. Wilson  
Seconded: Mr. M. Rosenberg                      Carried

**It Was Resolved That:** Peter Gillis be appointed as Auditor for the 2022/23 financial year.  
Moved: Mr. I. Turner  
Seconded: Mr. B. Cavanagh                      Carried

**It Was Resolved That:** The Budget for 2022/23, as presented, be accepted.  
Moved: Mr. W. Douglas  
Seconded: Mr. M. Shelley                      Carried

## **Management Team**

The General Manager gave an overview of supply of sugar including the main price drivers, and advised, in his opinion, that longer term commitments were the most appropriate for the group's forward requirements.

The General Manager provided the most up to date conference attendee numbers. The MT advised that various illnesses had caused some withdrawals. The GM provided an overview of the basic requirements of the contractual requirements when holding such conferences.

The General Manager provided an overview of the members' usage of PET bottles and preforms showing that bottle volumes were steady and preform offtake by members had increased. The combined rebates for bottles, preforms and cartons provided pleasing growth.

The General Manager took the chair and advised members that Messrs. Murray, Douglas and Bailey had retired by rotation and offered themselves for re-election. No nominations from other members had been received and the above Directors were, therefore, re-elected.

**General Business**

Utilisation of Co-op Funds

The proposition that the group might utilise some of the funds (in the interest-bearing account and term deposits) to provide loans to members generated significant discussion but without any firm or positive outcome.

The one conclusion to these discussions was that the outcome should be a Board decision and, as such, the Board will continue to explore further options.

ABCL Membership Subscription

The General Manager advised that ABCL had offered the group a new membership proposal. This included a substantial increase in annual fee but provided limited membership to ABECS’ members who are not already ABCL members in their own right. He advised that the Board did not consider the proposal to be beneficial and had rejected it. Further, individual membership of ABCL was strongly recommended and that members should avail themselves of the one-off funding the group was offering to assist members become ABCL members. Broadly, the members concurred.

Member Capabilities and Knowledge Sharing

The General Manager reiterated that details of Member Capabilities and Knowledge Sharing are on the website and available for members seeking assistance from other members.

Forecasts and Complaints

In these challenging times, the General Manager emphasised to members the importance of providing forecasts to suppliers.

The General Manager also advised that, if members had quality and/or service concerns and were unable to gain a satisfactory response from their suppliers, they should contact the Management Team for assistance.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11:21am.

(Chairman) .....

(Date) .....