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4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MINUTES

9:00am Friday 29 November 2019 – AgForce Queensland Office, 110 Mary Street, Brisbane

Welcome

Georgie Somerset, General President:

The Chair welcomed all AgForce members and observers to the 4th Annual General Meeting of AgForce Queensland Farmers Limited.

Agenda Item 1 – Attendance and Apologies

Attendance for the Meeting is recorded in accordance with the attendance register signed by attendees on entry.

Attendance:

26 Members in person and by telephone and 6 observers

A full list of attendees is attached.

Apologies from members to be noted:

- Kylie Stretton
- Neville Galloway
- Lyn Kelman
- Greg Bryant
- Ian Burnett

17 proxies were received and were directed as follows:

3 Proxies	Directed to the Chair
6 Proxies	Directed to John Baker
5 Proxies	Directed to Mark Davie
1 Proxy	Directed to Ivan Naggs
1 Proxy	Directed to Alan Rae
1 Proxy	Directed to Jacqui Cannon

There being a quorum, in accordance with the Constitution the Meeting proceeded.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting held on 20 November 2018 were presented to the members. The Minutes were made available to members on arrival.

RESOLUTION: That the Minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting of AgForce Queensland Farmers Limited held on 20 November 2018 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

MOVED: Tracy Finnegan SECONDED: John Baker

Agenda Item 3 – General President Report

Georgie Somerset:

The General President acknowledged the AgForce Board Members, Commodity Board Members, Regional Councillors and Policy Committee Members for their ongoing commitment and support throughout the year.

The inaugural Life Membership award was presented to Larry Acton at the AgForce 20-year anniversary event on Thursday, 28 November 2019 in recognition for his service to the organisation as its founding President.

The General President expressed her condolences to members of the AgForce family who passed away during the previous year, including John Stewart, Lyndon Pfeffer and Bill Loughnan, who had contributed significantly to the organisation and industry.

Other matters noted in the General Presidents Report:

- Membership continues to rise and is currently around 5,500 – a significant proportion of Queensland’s broadacre producers.
- A challenging year for members, with record bushfires in October 2018, followed by record monsoonal flooding through North and North West Queensland a few months later and drought conditions continuing for much of the state, with many producers entering their eighth year.
- AgForce have dealt with some tough issues throughout the year on behalf of members with some difficult decisions and advocacy on behalf of members, including BMP, reef regulations and ag college closures.
- There have been positive outcomes for members including the national biodiversity fund, the drought future fund, a digital hub for regional telecommunications and current senate inquiry into reef regulations

The General President reflected that it is a privilege to represent members, working with a strong staff team lead by the CEO, Michael Guerin and that she looks forward to continuing to serve existing and new members in the year ahead.

RESOLUTION: That the General President’s report of activities for the year be adopted.

MOVED: John Baker SECONDED: Brendan Taylor

Agenda Item 4 – Report from the Chief Executive Officer

Michael Guerin:

The CEO provided an update of the progress to achieving the objectives set out in the Strategic Plan and an overview of operational highlights during the prior 12 months.

The CEO discussed the strategic plan goals as laid out in the 2018 – 2021 Strategic Plan launched in early 2018 and developed with the strong and active input of over 600 members.

He spoke of the strong engagement and support received by members on a wide range of issues and looked forward to continuing to serve members in the year ahead.

Agenda Item 5 – Consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2019

Michael Guerin:

The financial results for the period ending 30 June 2019 were made available as members entered the Meeting with a summary of key financial items discussed.

The CEO also expressed thanks to members, Committees and the AgForce Queensland Farmers’ Limited Board of Directors for their ongoing support to him personally and to the AgForce team during the year. An expression of thanks was also provided to the BDO Audit Partner who was unable to attend the Meeting today.

The Meeting was then opened for questions relating to the financial report. There were no questions asked.

RESOLUTION: That the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 be adopted.

MOVED: William Wilson SECONDED: John Baker

Agenda Item 6 – Appointment of Auditors and Approval of Auditor’s Remuneration

RESOLUTION: That BDO be appointed as Auditor for the 2019-2020 financial year.

MOVED: Ivan Naggs SECONDED: Chris Evans

RESOLUTION: That the Auditor’s remuneration for the 2019-2020 financial year be confirmed as \$38,500.

MOVED: Ivan Naggs SECONDED: Tracy Finnegan

Agenda Item 7 – General Business

The Chair opened the Meeting for any other business to be raised by members.

Rodney Bell expressed thoughts around continuing to add more value for members and continuing to challenge ourselves on how to serve members better. Rodney Bell noted the need to find ways of using existing resources to improve the organisation’s value contribution.

There being no further general business the Chair declared the 4th Annual General Meeting of AgForce Queensland Farmers Limited closed at 9.50am and invited all to join in a morning tea and general discussion with Directors, staff and other members.

Meeting Closed

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chair – Georgie Somerset