



EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

DATE 15 June 2008
VENUE The Helen Holmes Boardroom, The Arts Centre,
 Christchurch.

The meeting opened at 8:35am. The President welcomed the Executive for the ensuing year and in particular welcomed Barbara Spurr, Quentin Duthie and Dennis Page wishing them well for their time on the Executive and looking forward to their contribution.

PRESENT

Rob Mitchell in the Chair, David Barnes, Rick Barber, Owen Cox, Quentin Duthie, Phil Glasson, Tony Haddon, Graeme Lythgoe, Robin McNeill, Barbara Morris, Dennis Page, David Round, Lex Smith, Brian Stephenson, Viv Milne

1 Apologies

Hannah McGregor, Richard Davies (Overseas), Barbara Spurr (lateness)

THAT the apologies be received *Rob Mitchell / David Round* CARRIED

2 Confirmation of the Agenda

After a brief discussion the Agenda was confirmed.

3.1 Confirmation of minutes and remits of Exec meeting held 15 March in Invercargill

THAT the minutes of the Executive meeting held 15 March be confirmed

Viv Milne / Barbara Morris CARRIED

3.2 Confirmation of minutes of Wellington Exec meeting held 5 May

THAT the minutes of the Wellington Executive meeting 5 May be confirmed

Phil Glasson / Graeme Lythgoe CARRIED

4 Matters arising from those minutes

4.1 Governance & Management of FMC

Brian Stephenson introduced the 9 papers explaining that Rob Mitchell, Graeme Lythgoe and himself had contributed individual papers on the issues. The papers were not intended to present explicit solutions to issues but to suggest ideas for further discussion.

Brian then introduced the paper of Membership models for the FMC. After discussion it was moved

THAT a subcommittee convened by Brian Stephenson be convened to develop further the idea of a hybrid membership model (ie clubs and individuals) for the FMC. The subcommittee should produce more specific proposals including the changes required and the process of implementing these changes. The sub committee should prepare recommendations by 30 September for circulation to the full Executive and then these proposals to be discussed further at the next Executive meeting

Owen Cox / David Round CARRIED

Sub committee is Brian Stephenson (Convenor), Graeme Lythgoe, Owen Cox, Lex Smith and Phil Glasson

Graeme Lythgoe then introduced the papers related to Finance. After discussion it was moved:

THAT the paper headed Budget and Financial Planning be accepted

David Barnes / Graeme Lythgoe CARRIED

THAT the Vice Presidents be a sub committee to review Honoraria and the procedures for arriving at Honoraria figures and report back to the next Executive meeting

David Barnes / Graeme Lythgoe CARRIED

The convenor of this sub committee to be Viv Milne

Brian Stephenson introduced the paper on Human Resources. After discussion it was moved

THAT the paper on Human Resources be adopted

Brian Stephenson / Phil Glasson CARRIED

As the time allocated to discussing these papers had elapsed the meeting proceeded to the next item

4.2 Website

There was a discussion on the paper circulated and then the following motion was moved:

THAT the report be received and that a further report on website development be presented to the next Executive meeting. To support the preparation of this report the Executive approves the expenditure of up to \$2000 for travel & consultation. A subcommittee convened by the Secretary with the power to co-opt be setup to prepare this report.

Phil Glasson / Rick Barber CARRIED

The committee to be Phil Glasson, Rob Mitchell, Quentin Duthie, Shaun Barnett, Robin McNeill

4.3 *University Workshop*

An interim report had been received from Hannah McGregor by wail of email to Brian Stephenson and a verbal report to the Wellington Executive which indicated the workshop had been very positive. In the absence of a formal report it was agreed that further discussion be held over to the next Executive meeting.

It was suggested that an article on this workshop could be published in the Bulletin

THAT Hannah McGregor be thanked for her work in preparing this workshop

Quentin Duthie / Tony Haddon CARRIED

4.4 *Email voting protocol*

There was discussion on the paper proposing an email voting protocol for the Executive. It was then moved:

THAT an email voting protocol which reflects the following key points be adopted

1. Motions that cannot be held until the next full Executive meeting may be voted on by email.
2. Such motions that do not have prior approval from a full Executive meeting require the approval of the President or of three Vice Presidents. They must be satisfied that the matter is urgent, and that at least six members of the Executive have discussed the matter.
3. The Secretary will email the motion to all members of the Executive who have email. Members of the Executive who don't have email will be advised by mail, fax or phone and can vote by those methods.
4. Voting will close 48 hours after it is sent. In calculating this period, all of any Saturday, Sunday or national public holiday will be excluded.
5. An absolute majority of the Executive in favour will be required to pass the motion.

The administrative details of the protocol will be as listed in the appendix to this motion

Phil Glasson / Rob Mitchell CARRIED

During this discussion the following motion was also moved

THAT any motion for Executive consideration relating to advocacy should be supported by a written paper.

Brian Stephenson / Phil Glasson CARRIED

It was AGREED that when the Agenda is prepared matters which are supported by papers circulated in advance would be placed ahead of items for which no written papers had been provided.

4.5.1 *Mokihinui Submission*

Rick Barber reported that the submission opposing the Meridian Energy plan to dam the Mokihinui River had been submitted. The first hearing is expected to be sometime in August.

The FMC submission will be an oral submission made by Rick Barber, supported by Quentin Duthie (who was going to be present at the hearing already) and David Round. Rick Barber would check with local clubs as to which ones had made their own submissions. The final submission was to be emailed to the Secretary (by Rick Barber) for distribution to the whole Executive and for placement on the FMC website. There was discussion around the procedures for arriving at the final draft of the submission.

It was noted that the August FMC Bulletin would have a feature article on the Mokihinui River.

4.5.2 *Mokihinui Declaration*

David Round introduced this proposal which had been foreshadowed in an email discussion and the March meeting of the Executive

Discussion followed related to such points as:

- whether the FMC was the appropriate organization to lead a campaign such as this
- what were the costs of the campaign
- had the FMC discussed this campaign with other like minded organizations
- were other rivers on the West Coast likely to be affected

After more discussion it was moved:

THAT mindful of our sympathy for the Mokihinui Declaration the President liaise with the NZ Forest & Bird Society at the highest level with a view to forming a joint campaign, preferably one involving a wider perspective, to protect New Zealand's wild rivers from Hydro electricity development rather than a response to the Meridian proposal to dam the Mokihinui river.

David Round / Quentin Duthie CARRIED

There was further discussion about the web graphic prepared at Rick Barber's request which had not been authorized and it was moved

THAT the FMC reimburse Rick Barber the sum of \$500 for the costs incurred in having a web graphic prepared related to the Mokihinui Declaration

Rick Barber / Tony Haddon LOST

4.6 *MacKay Downs Hut*

Tony Haddon reported that further research was being undertaken and no decision was likely in the immediate future

5 **Correspondence**

THAT the correspondence as listed be approved *Phil Glasson / David Barnes* CARRIED

6 Financial Report

The Treasurer introduced the Summary of financial position and accounts paid.

THAT the payments for the period 1 March 2008 to 31 May 2008 totalling \$65634 as circulated be approved for payment retrospectively

Graeme Lythgoe / Phil Glasson CARRIED

7 Dates / Timing and venues of Executive meetings July 2008 – June 2009

There was discussion covering:

- The pros / cons of the Executive moving around regions and visiting clubs (cost / efficiency / relationships with clubs)
- Should meetings be one day meetings centralized in Wellington held at/near the airport.
- The number of Executive meetings
- Whether instead of sending the whole executive to a club around NZ should we consider sending one or two speakers to a club to speak about FMC matters.

After discussion it was moved:

THAT the Executive move from 3 full day meetings a year to 4 full day meetings a year

Brian Stephenson / David Barnes LOST

After further discussion the following dates & venues were AGREED:

Next full meeting to be 8 November 2008 in Wellington from 9:30am to 7:30pm. A day walk would be organized on Sunday for those Executive members who wanted to participate.

The March meeting would be held on weekend of 14/15 March 2009 based around Napier / Hastings. This meeting to follow the pattern of a full meeting on Saturday followed by a walk on Sunday with a local club . All Executive members would be expected to be available for both days

The 2009 AGM to be held in Wellington on Saturday 6 June followed by a full day Executive meeting on Sunday 7 June.

8 Confirmation of appointments to Outside Agencies

The following appointments were confirmed

Auckland Associated Mountain Clubs	Viv Milne
ECO	Rick Barber / Quentin Duthie
Landcare Trust	Owen Cox
Maraewhenua Trust	David Round
Mountain Safety Council	to be confirmed
NZ Transantarctic Committee	Arnold Heine
NZ Conservation Authority	Brian Stephenson
NZ Geographic Board	David Barnes
NZ Land SAR	to be confirmed

NZ Outdoor Instructors Association To be dealt with by email

Brian Stephenson to liaise with MSC about our change in representative

The question was also raised about the FMC relationship with Land SAR and what was the status of our representative.

9 Confirmation of Individual areas of responsibility 2008/2009

Mountain Biking	Barbara Morris
Workshops / Training Courses	vacant
Sales	Graeme Lythgoe
Travel Club	John Dobbs
Website	Phil Glasson

The Workshops / Training Courses was to be discussed with Laurie Gallagher and Richard Davies

It was noted that the question of whether we should continue with the sale of Maps & Books should be discussed at a future meeting. Graeme Lythgoe to discuss this with Arnold Heine and report back to the Executive

10 Confirmation of Sub Committees for 2008/2009

(Names listed 1st in bold is the convenor)

National Advocacy	Rob Mitchell , Viv Milne, Owen Cox / Dennis Page, David Barnes
Northern Advocacy	Viv Milne , Barbara Morris, Brian Stephenson
Central Advocacy	Owen Cox / Dennis Page , Tony Haddon, Lex Smith, Hannah McGregor, Richard Davies, Quentin Duthie
Southern Advocacy	David Barnes , Rick Barber, Robin McNeill, Rob Mitchell, David Round Barbara Spurr

High Country Issues	David Round , Rob Mitchell, Owen Cox
Membership	Lex Smith , Rob Mitchell, Barbara Spurr, Rick Barber
Publications	David Round , Rob Mitchell, Brian Stephenson
Youth Promotion	Hannah McGregor , Richard Davies, Rick Barber, Quentin Duthie

It was noted that

High Country Issues and Membership should be moved from an individual responsibility to a subcommittee for monitoring and making recommendations to the Executive

11 Confirmation on FMC Trust Board

Rob Mitchell	David Barnes (2008 - 2011 / Owen Cox / Lex Smith (Trust Secretary) (2006 – 2009 / Arnold Heine.
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Graeme Lythgoe to remain as Treasurer of the Trust while not being a member of the Trust Board

It was noted that David Barnes term expired in 2008 and it was AGREED that he be reappointed for a further three years.

It was AGREED to appoint David Round to replace Allan Evans

It was noted that Lex Smiths term expires in June 2009

The Secretary was to liaise with Brian Stephenson (Immediate Past President) and Lex Smith (Trust Secretary) to confirm the dates of the terms of appointment for the other members.

12 Allocation of FMC Exec Members to Member Clubs

It was noted that the contact between Executive members and their local clubs was very uneven around NZ. In some areas Executive members maintained close contact and consultation with clubs but in other areas there was minimal consultation. The Secretary advised that he would not be arbitrarily allocating clubs to Executive members but would expect Executive members to sort this out for themselves within each region.

Given the late time of the meeting it was AGREED to finalise these responsibilities by email over the next few weeks

13. FMC Manifesto

Robin McNeill presented a verbal report. The Manifesto will be reworked from being a statement of FMC policies / beliefs to a series of questions which members could put to candidates at the forthcoming General Election.

These questions would be published in the August Bulletin and additional copies of just the questions would be printed at the same time. The budget for this activity would be reduced to \$1000.

14.1 Budget

THAT Hannah McGregor replace Barbara Marshall as a cheque signatory

Graeme Lythgoe / Phil Glasson CARRIED

The Treasurer reminded Executive members that claims must be submitted on the correct form, accompanied by receipts and posted to the FMC Box Number. Any item to be refunded that was not covered by an approved Budget line would not be refunded until such time as it had been approved by a motion of the full Executive.

THAT the FMC request that the FMC Trust consider providing funding of \$16000 to the FMC.

Graeme Lythgoe / Dennis Page CARRIED

Those Executive members who were also FMC Trust members abstained from voting.

The Treasurer noted that Financial Reports and Cheques to be approved would be circulated to members before each meeting and members should direct questions about specific items to the Treasurer before each Executive meeting.

See item 16

14.2 SPARC

Owen Cox presented a verbal report on our application to SPARC for funding. It was noted that it was now only a one year funding cycle. He reminded the meeting that one of our targets with SPARC was an increase of 250 in our affiliated membership. Given the present trend this target may not be met.

Procedures related to sub renewals to try and get a more accurate membership figure would be discussed at a future meeting.

15 Bulletin

Shaun Barnett then spoke to the meeting about the Bulletin.

The question was asked as to whether the Bulletin could be emailed to individual members. It was thought that this could be done. A comment was raised about the possible implications of this.

Shaun asked about guidance from the Executive over content related to Advocacy & Campaigns to ensure that the views expressed were those of the FMC. It was AGREED that all such matters should be referred to the Publications committee for advice.

General concern was raised over what constitutes a Campaign . To be discussed at the next Executive meeting.

16 Budget

The meeting was advised that the FMC Trust had agreed to meet the request of the FMC Executive to fund \$16000 towards its deficit. Accordingly the following motion was put

THAT the Budget as amended with a deficit of \$1800 be approved.

Graeme Lythgoe / Phil Glasson CARRIED

17 Reports from Regional Advocacy Standing Committees

National

Owen Cox & Brian Stephenson have met with DoC regarding Back Country Hut standards. FMC is in general agreement with what DoC wants to achieve and will be making a submission along these lines.

The President to raise with DoC the matter of establishing a consistent nationwide policy about what DoC should do with Intention sheets / books.

Northern Report from Viv Milne already circulated

The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is being investigated and we have been consulted

The North Island Central Forests will be transferred to Iwi as part of a Treaty settlement. FMC has made a submission seeking that access rights be retained in any transfer.