



# EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

**DATE** 21 June 2009  
**VENUE** Brentwood Motel - Wellington

The meeting opened at 9.00am. The President welcomed Basil Hooper to his first meeting and thanked the continuing Executive members for their work over the previous twelve months

## PRESENT

Rob Mitchell in the Chair, David Barnes, Rick Barber, Owen Cox, Richard Davies, Jane Dudley, Quentin Duthie, Phil Glasson, Basil Hooper, Graeme Lythgoe, Barbara Morris, Robin McNeill, Viv Milne, Dennis Page, David Round, Lex Smith, Brian Stephenson,

Gail Abel (Administration officer) – all day, Shaun Barnett (Bulletin Editor 12:30 – 2:30)

## 1 FORMAL

### 1.1 *Confirmation of the Agenda*

After a brief discussion the Agenda was confirmed. It was agreed to consider Advocacy after Morning Tea and defer Promotion & Publicity until 1:00pm

### 1.3 *Confirmation of minutes of Exec meeting held 21 March 2009 in Napier*

THAT the minutes of the Executive meeting held 21 March 2009 be confirmed

AGREED

### 1.4 *Report from FMC Mountain & Forest Trust*

1.4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 21/3/09 were received

1.4.2 The President gave a verbal report on what had been discussed at the meeting held prior to this meeting:

- ☞ The financial affairs of the Trust are sound
- ☞ The bequest brochure had been printed and Gail was awaiting instructions about its distribution
- ☞ Noted that the Annual Report should include a section on the Trust
- ☞ The Gilbert McCaul Bequest has been finalized with funds going to towards the upgrade of the Shamrock Hut in the Orongorongo Valley
- ☞ A request had been received to support a translation from German to English of the notes of Louper who guided Whitcomb in his surveying in the Southern Alps
- ☞ There was a concern at the drop in bequests

## 2 ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

### 2.1 *Correspondence*

THAT the correspondence as previously circulated be approved

Phil Glasson / Dennis Page

CARRIED

AGREED that a letter (to be drafted by David Round & Brian Stephenson and sent by the President) be sent to the Minister of Conservation thanking him for his attendance and speech to the AGM and noting the interesting points he had raised.

AGREED that the President liaise with DoC regarding the possibility of Joint Press Release as this speech was the first significant Conservation Speech the Minister had made.

## **2.2 Finance**

**2.2.1** The financial position as at 31 May 2009 had previously been circulated to members

THAT the payments for the period 1 March 2009 to 31 May 2009 totaling \$49,938.81 be approved for payment retrospectively.

Graeme Lythgoe / Phil Glasson CARRIED

### **2.2.2 Audit Fees**

The Treasurer spoke to the previously circulated paper on Audit Fees

THAT FMC appoint Accountants Plus as auditors for both FMC and the Mountain & Forest Trust accounts and accept the agreed level of fees for next year of \$2200 for FMC and \$800 for the Trust.

Graeme Lythgoe / Phil Glasson CARRIED

### **2.2.3 Campaign Funding**

This item was deferred until later in the meeting

## **2.3 Meeting Venues for 2009/2010**

After discussion the following motion was put

THAT the full Executive meet on 4 occasions between June 2009 and the next AGM.

Brian Stephenson / Phil Glasson CARRIED

(Against: Quentin Duthie)

After further discussion the following schedule was agreed

- 5/9/09 A one day meeting to be held at Wgtn Airport
- 21/11/09 A one day meeting to be held at Wgtn Airport
- 6/7 3/10 A one day meeting followed by a one day walk in Dunedin area
- 12/6/10 AGM in Auckland
- 13/6/10 Executive meeting in Auckland

It was AGREED that whenever possible the AGM should be on the second weekend in June

There was general consensus that the venue and organisation of the 2009 AGM had gone very well and that in 2010 we should repeat the arrangement of having accommodation, meeting and meals at the one venue.

It was NOTED that the 5/9/09 meeting should have an emphasis on Advocacy issues

It was NOTED that it could be considered inviting representatives from other NGO's to attend and engage in discussion with the Executive for a defined period of time during an Executive meeting.

#### **2.4 *Executive Committee Structure***

The Secretary introduced a paper proposing a rationalising of the Committee Structure of the Executive. There would be 3 major committees Finance & Management / Promotion & Publicity / Advocacy and where ever possible all the other areas the Executive deals with would be channelled through one of these sub committees. In the discussion on the paper it was noted:

Any structure must be flexible.

Some people might miss out on areas they were interested in so they should be able to choose areas of interest.

While the sub committees can make decisions the final decision making body must always be the full Executive.

Campaigns would inevitably straddle the interest of all 3 committees

After further discussion the following motions were put:

THAT the report be received Phil Glasson / Rob Mitchell CARRIED

THAT the concept of the 3 sub committees as outlined be adopted, implemented forthwith and the details be reviewed in November 2009

Phil Glasson / Rob Mitchell CARRIED

It was agreed to leave the allocation of people to the committee until later in the meeting. In the meantime the committees were listed on the whiteboard and members asked to place themselves in the areas that interested them before the end of afternoon tea.

It was noted that the Honoraria sub committee of the 4 VPs would be reporting to the November Meeting with recommendations for the Honoraria from March 2010 until February 2011. Anyone with comments on Honoraria to send them directly to Viv Milne no later than 18 September.

Noted that this subcommittee would need to make a recommendation regarding its composition after the 2010 AGM when there would only be 1 Vice President.

This item is continued as the last item in these minutes.

#### **2.5 *Appointment to Other Bodies***

The Secretary presented a list of other bodies FMC is involved with, some of which required appointments to be confirmed at this meeting. The list is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

THAT the appointments as listed be confirmed Rob Mitchell / Phil Glasson CARRIED

The meeting then moved to Item 4 Advocacy & Consultation

## 4 **ADVOCACY & CONSULTATION (1<sup>st</sup> session)**

### 4.1.1 *National*

- (a) The appointments to the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Recreation Council had been circulated to the Executive and a letter had been sent to Stu Allan, the new Chair, expressing our congratulations on their appointment and a willingness to work with them.
- (b) Owen & Richard reported verbally on their meeting with the Director General of DoC in April.
- (c) The matter of Treaty Settlements was discussed.

There was discussion about the co management of the Ureweras between DoC and Iwi  
The question was asked whether we should ask for a meeting with the Minister of Treaty Settlements.

It was suggested we aim for a positive liaison directly with the Office of Treaty Settlements.  
FMC should be constructive, positive and outcomes focussed on these issues.

AGREED that the President and Brian Stephenson will initiate FMC involvement in these areas.

- (d) Owen & Richard reported on the Doc/NGO meeting held at the end of April
- (e) Noted that the submission on the RMA Amendment Bill had gone in and that some changes to parts that FMC had submitted on were likely.
- (f) Richard Davies will prepare a submission on the Regulatory Improvement Bill commenting on the particular area of the regulations affecting DoC's concession management policy

### 4.1.2 *Northern*

Viv spoke to his report which had been circulated.

Club comments on the Northern Recreational Opportunities Review were still coming in.

AGREED that a workshop be convened in the Auckland area to facilitate club input into the Northern R.O.R. AGREED that costs to be charged against the Campaigns budget.

### 4.1.3 *Central*

There was no written report but Owen covered some points verbally:

There were a number of CMS coming up in the Central area for review.

The Molesworth Management Plan is still being prepared.

There is an issue with the Te Araroa Walkway going through what has been always regarded as a remote / wilderness area of the Tararuas instead of using a front country route more in keeping with the rest of Te Araroa

There is concern that no development, as indicated by the earlier R O R , had occurred in the Waitotara area.

### 4.1.4 *Southern*

David Barnes introduced his report

The High Country Coalition is meeting in the next two weeks. Mike Floate and the President will attend to represent FMC

The meeting adjourned for lunch and after lunch was joined by Shaun Barnett.

### **3 MEMBERSHIP & PROMOTION**

#### **3.1 *Promotion & Publicity Committee***

Barbara Morris presented the paper from the Promotion & Publicity Committee.

It was noted that advertisements promoting Individual Membership of FMC had been placed in the Walking Magazine and the Wilderness. The Administration Officer was preparing a list of Walking Groups which would be approached later in the year to join as either clubs or encourage their individual members to join.

After discussion the following motions were put:

THAT the Promotion & Publicity Committee investigate the feasibility of FMC placing paid advertisements on other appropriate websites and report back to the next meeting.

Barbara Morris / Jane Dudley CARRIED

THAT a letter and promotion pack be sent to unaffiliated clubs to encourage them to join the FMC.

Barbara Morris / Jane Dudley CARRIED

Noted that the best approach would be for Exec members to visit such clubs. Exec members were asked to advise the Administration Officer of the names and contact addresses of any known unaffiliated clubs.

THAT the Promotion & Publicity Committee prepare a proposal to attract Polytechnics and the students studying Outdoor Recreation at a tertiary level into membership of FMC in 2010.

Barbara Morris / Phil Glasson CARRIED

#### **3.2 *Bulletin***

Barbara Morris reported to the Executive on the AGM workshop that considered the Bulletin.

Shaun Barnett gave the Executive the printing figures for various size options available. After considerable discussion over whether to change the size of the Bulletin the following motion was put:

THAT the Bulletin move to a B5 size Phil Glasson / Barbara Morris LOST

The President expressed his disappointment at this result

A significant issue was whether the clubs would accept a larger size Bulletin with a better design and layout but costing the clubs more for postage on each one. The following motion was then put

THAT our member clubs be consulted on the pros / cons of changing the size of the Bulletin

Quentin Duthie / Graeme Lythgoe CARRIED

#### **3.4 *Photo Competition***

Phil Glasson introduced the paper prepared with Shaun Barnett recommending the establishment of an FMC Annual Photo Competition. After discussion the following motion was put:

THAT the Executive support the holding of an FMC Photo Competition to be run by Shaun Barnett under the general guidelines outlined in the paper.

Phil Glasson / Quentin Duthie CARRIED

THAT the Executive allocate up to \$250 as a prize to be awarded to the Club of the overall winner of the Photo Competition.

Phil Glasson / Lex Smith CARRIED

Shaun indicated that the likely timing was to call for entries through the November Bulletin and have judging early in 2010. The prizes could be awarded at the 2010 AGM.

### **3.5 Youth Promotion**

Jane Dudley reported on the discussion at the Youth workshop at the AGM and Dennis Page introduced the Youth Scholarship proposal. (Due to a misunderstanding this paper had not been circulated)

After discussion on the ideas in this paper and youth promotion in general the following motions were put:

THAT FMC begins to scope a youth Scholarship Scheme. Such scholarships to involve outdoors training and / or support for “expeditions”

Jane Dudley / Quentin Duthie CARRIED

Paper to be prepared by Jane Dudley & Dennis Page for the November 2009 meeting

THAT there be a Youth Workshop funded from the Youth Encouragement Budget before the end of 2009.

Jane Dudley / Dennis Page CARRIED

Jane Dudley & Dennis Page to organise

### **3.6 Website**

Phil Glasson introduced the Website paper which just reported progress and had no specific recommendations. There was general discussion on the development of the website and associated with that Jane Dudley’s creation of an unofficial Facebook site supporting FMC.

AGREED that Jane Dudley, Quentin Duthie and Richard Davies take responsibility for developing and maintaining an FMC presence on Facebook.

The President expressed his disagreement with this course of action at this time.

There was further discussion on just what exactly FMC wanted / needed from its website. This issue has been talked about for some time but no clear direction has emerged.

Richard Davies offered to prepare a paper to focus the discussion on this point.

In response to specific points raised by the Secretary the following time frame for the publication of material on the website was agreed to:

Executive Minutes	Published in Draft form after they have been circulated to the Executive for initial comment following an Exec meeting. Probably about 3 weeks after the meeting.
Executive Papers	Not to be published
Submissions	All submissions to be published as soon as they are submitted with the exceptions of those to Parliamentary Select Committees which need to be held until they have been heard by the Committee
Bulletin	3 -4 weeks after it has been released to clubs
Newsletter	Immediately and in both html (web page) and pdf form.

### **3.7 Use of FMC Logo**

The Secretary raised by way of a paper the question of who determines and under what criteria our Logo can be used by other organisations – particularly on their website. After brief discussion the criteria outlined in the paper

viz Permission may be granted to organisations to use logo on their website which meet one of these criteria

FMC sends representatives to its meetings  
FMC is a member of the organisation

Clubs can use the logo on the website provided it is in the context of “ The XYZ Club is a member of FMC”

In cases of doubt or dispute the question of permission would be referred to the Promotion / Publicity Committee

THAT the criteria outlined for the use of the FMC Logo by other groups be approved

Phil Glasson / Quentin Duthie                      CARRIED

The meeting then returned to Advocacy & Consultation Issues

## **4 ADVOCACY & CONSULTATION (2<sup>nd</sup> session)**

### **4.2 Wild Rivers**

Quentin Duthie introduced his paper on the Wild Rivers Campaign Workshop held in April.

The recommendations in the paper were:

THAT the Executive adopt the report

THAT FMC agree to sign up to the Vision Statement and to take part in the Campaign

THAT at the next Executive meeting the Exec refine what commitment it can make to this campaign

Quentin Duthie will prepare the paper on this topic

THAT Quentin Duthie & Tony Haddon to be the points of contact for this campaign

All the motions were moved: Quentin Duthie / Owen Cox CARRIED

### **4.3 *Wind Power***

David Barnes introduced the proposed policy on Wind Power.

THAT subject to the insertion of the word “farms” after “wind” in point 3 the policy be adopted

David Barnes / Lex Smith  
(Quentin Duthie abstained) CARRIED

### **4.4 *Reports from Other Bodies***

#### **4.4.1 *Mountain Safety Council***

Rob Mitchell reported that there were concerns over the funding base of MSC. He also reported that the MSC is going to try and have a greater involvement with the regions.

#### **4.4.2 *Mountain Biking***

Barbara Morris presented her report.

it was AGREED that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister expressing our interest in the proposed national cycleway and how we could be involved in areas that affect us.

#### **4.4.3 *ECO***

Quentin Duthie gave a brief report on ECO

#### **4.4.4 *NZGB***

This report had been printed in the June Bulletin and was taken as read.

#### **4.4.5 *Walking Access Commission***

Brian Stephenson reported that the Commission had recently appointed Mark Neeson as its Chief Executive and would shortly be appointing office staff and moving into offices

#### **4.4.6 *NZ Conservation Authority***

Brian Stephenson reported that the following matters of interest to us were currently under discussion:

- The Bay of Plenty CMS will probably go back to the Conservancy to be redrafted once the new boundaries are settled
- The SPARC Recreational survey which was last done several years ago had just been released.
- The question had arisen about limited Concessions being granted in wilderness areas.

#### 4.4 *Conservation Advocacy*

Quentin Duthie reported on the Conservation Workshop held at the AGM. Following a general discussion it was agreed that for the next meeting to focus effectively on Conservation & Advocacy then people needed to prepare papers to assist focussing the discussion.

The following papers are to be prepared:

Quentin Duthie	Law Reform
Owen Cox	Treaty Settlement Issues
Rob Mitchell	Concessions
Richard Davies & Rob Mitchell	A paper developing the idea of holding in 2010 a themed Conference or Seminar on Outdoor Recreation

#### 4.5 *Land & Water Forum*

There was discussion on the increased profile being given to the Sustainable Land Use Forum which had morphed into the Land & Water Forum. Tony Haddon had supplied papers on the two meetings held in May and June. It was noted that this would cover all aspects of water management and that the forum included a wide range of NGO and Industry representatives.

It was hoped that Brian Stephenson and the President would be able to represent the FMC viewpoint on this forum but Exec members were asked to advise the President of the names of any people they thought might have the time and ability to represent us effectively on this forum.

#### 4.6 *Campaign Budget*

Quentin outlined a possible breakdown of spending in Campaigns and Advocacy

<i>Advocacy</i>	\$7500			
Includes	Law Reform	Access	Treaty Settlement	Planning & Governance
	Freshwater	O/seas Investment	DoC Compatibility	Tourism / Concessions
	plus Tenure Review (\$1000)			
<i>Campaigns</i>	\$8000			
	Wild Rivers	North Island Recreation Opportunities		
<i>Promotion</i>	\$8000			
	Youth Promotion	\$2500	FMC Promotion	\$5500

There was general discussion on this but no formal resolution was put. The amounts listed are all taken from the already approved budget as guides. (Budget was approved at March 2009 meeting)

#### *The meeting returned to item 2.4 Executive Committee Structure*

THAT the following be confirmed      Phil Glasson / Rob Mitchell      CARRIED

Management /Finance Committee to be President, Secretary, Treasurer + Owen Cox

Convenor of Management / Finance to be President

Convenor of National Advocacy to be President

Convenor of Publicity & Promotion to be Barbara Morris

The remaining composition of the committees was not finalised but the following had expressed interest in the areas listed:

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| Northern Advocacy | Viv Milne, Jane Dudley, Barbara Morris, Richard Davies  |
| Central Advocacy  | Owen Cox, Dennis Page, Phil Glasson   |
| Southern Advocacy | Quentin Duthie, Richard Davies, Rick Barber, David Barnes, Robin McNeill<br>David Round (emphasis on Tenure Review) |
| Website           | Phil Glasson, Robin McNeill, Brian Stephenson   |
| Editorial Review  | David Round   |
| Newsletter        | Dennis Page   |
| Discount Card     | Lex Smith   |
| Publications      | Barbara Morris, Phil Glasson  |
| Promotion         | Barbara Morris, Phil Glasson  |

This structure needs further consideration.

MEETING CLOSED at 5:00pm

Confirmed as a True and Correct Record

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Date

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## APPENDIX TO MINUTES

### APPOINTMENTS Exec Meeting June 2009

ORGANISATION	CURRENT	ACTION JUNE 2009
AUCKLAND ASSOCIATED MOUNTAIN CLUBS	Viv Milne	Confirmed
DOC / NGO FORUM	Wellington Members	None required
ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSERVATION ORGANISATION (ECO)	Quentin Duthie	Confirmed
FMC MOUNTAIN & FOREST TRUST	President (ex off) Lex Smith (exp 2010) Owen Cox (exp 2010) David Barnes (exp 2010) David Round (exp 2011) Arnold Heine. (exp 2010)	None required
LAND & WATER FORUM (Previously Sustainable Land Use Forum)	Tony Haddon volunteered to attend last 2 meetings	Brian Stephenson Rob Mitchell
MAEREWHENUA TRUST	David Round	Confirmed
NZ CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	Brian Stephenson	None required
NZ GEOGRAPHIC BOARD	David Barnes	None required
NZ LAND SAR COMMITTEE	Richard Davies	Confirmed
NZ LANDCARE TRUST	Owen Cox	Confirmed
NZ MOUNTAIN SAFETY COUNCIL	Rob Mitchell	Confirmed
NZ TRANSANTARCTIC ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Arnold Heine	Confirmed
SPORT AND RECREATION COMMISSION (SPARC)	Owen Cox (liaison)	None required
WALKING ACCESS COMMISSION	Brian Stephenson	None