



Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ (Inc)

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Minutes of the 79th Annual General Meeting

12 June 2010 at Silver Oaks Motel, Manukau

In the absence of the President (on leave) the meeting was chaired by Brian Stephenson.

The meeting opened at 9:30am and the Chairman welcomed representatives from clubs and NGOs and accorded a special welcome to:

Arnold Heine (Patron)
Barbara Marshall, (Secretary 1986 to 2008)
Kevin Hague (Green Party)
Leonce Jones (MSC)

After lunch the President welcomed Phil Twyford (Labour Party).

The following were present as delegates representing clubs (all 1 vote unless stated otherwise).

Alpine Sports Club	Brian Duffy (3 votes), Clive Bolt (2 votes)
Auckland Baptist TC	Philip Norton, Eileen Newsome
Auckland TC	Doug Astley
Howick TC	Max Rawnsley
Parawai TC	Phil Glasson
Otago T & MC	David Barnes (2 votes)
Taupo TC	Barbara Morris
Toi Toi Trekkers TC	Noel Newsome
Waikato TC	Jim McArthur (3 votes)
Wellington Catholic TC	Liz Sampson (2 votes)
Whangarei TC	Judy Bishop
	21 Delegate votes

The following clubs submitted proxy votes which were held by the person named (all 1 vote unless stated otherwise).

Katikati TC	Brian Stephenson
Kaumatua Tramping Club	Dennis Page, Chris Munn, Barbara Morris
Rangiora Tramping Club	Rob Brown (2 proxy votes)
Taumaranui TC	Barbara Morris
Womens Outdoor PC	Brian Stephenson

The following clubs assigned their proxy votes to "Executive". These votes were allocated as follows:

Hawkes Bay Climbing Club	Lex Smith
Masterton TC	Graeme Lythgoe
Massey University TC	Richard Davies

Palmerston North T & MC Dennis Page
Rotorua TC Viv Milne
Wellington T & MC Richard Davies, Quentin Duthie (2x), Graeme Lythgoe

17 proxy votes

38 votes in total

Waimea TC and Canterbury University TC assigned proxy votes to Tony Haddon and David Round respectively. Neither were present at the meeting.

The following were present as observers.

Gail Abel	FMC Administration Officer
Gordon Bishop	Whangarei TC
Baz Hooper	Wanganui TC
Ben Clendon	NZ Alpine Club
Lesley Topping	Alpine Sports Club
Peter Wilson	Otago University TC
Robin McNeill	NZ Alpine Club
Anne Smith	

Apologies

Apologies were received from

Allan Evans	Patron
Alec McIver	NZ Deerstalkers Assn
Mike Britten	Royal NZ Forest & Bird
Darryl Carpenter	Mountain Safety Council
Peter McSkimmin	SPARC
David Parker	Labour Party
Te Ururoa Flavell	Maori Party
Peter Dunne	United Party
Owen Cox	FMC Executive
Rob Mitchell	FMC Executive
Rick Barber	FMC Executive
David Round	FMC Executive
Tony Haddon	

AGREED that the apologies be received.

Minutes of 78th Annual General Meeting

These had been circulated to clubs before hand and were taken as read.

THAT the minutes of the 78th AGM be confirmed.

Viv Milne / Graeme Lythgoe

CARRIED

Matters Arising

The Secretary reported that the Executive had considered the matter of proxy votes, as requested by the 2009 AGM and had decided that no further action was required.

It was noted that the request from last year's AGM to include the Budget for the current year in the Annual Accounts had been actioned

Annual Report

The Chairman presented the 79th Annual Report on behalf of Rob Mitchell (President – on leave) which had been circulated to clubs beforehand and asked for discussion and questions on the Annual Report

The President was congratulated on producing a very comprehensive Annual Report.

Quentin Duthie spoke to the general area of Campaigns

THAT this meeting congratulate the Editor of the Bulletin (Shaun Barnett) for the quality of the June 2010 Bulletin being the first full colour Bulletin the FMC has produced.

Carried by acclamation

THAT the 79th Annual Report be adopted

Brian Stephenson / Dennis Page CARRIED

FMC Annual Accounts

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts for FMC for the year ending 28/2/10.

In response to a question about a comment in the Auditor's report the Treasurer noted that this related to Map Sales which was a one off activity and for which it had not been practical to have a comprehensive invoicing system.

The question was raised as to what the possible impact on the budget of the potential loss of SPARC funding would be. This matter was to be discussed by the Executive at its next meeting. The advice of this possible loss of funding had been received too late to be included in material prepared for the AGM

THAT the Annual Accounts for the year ending 28/2/10 be approved

Graeme Lythgoe / Dennis Page CARRIED

Mountain & Forest Trust Annual Accounts

The Treasurer presented the statement of accounts for the Mountain & Forest Trust for the year ending 28/2/10.

In response to a question from the floor there was a brief discussion about the purpose of the Trust, the source of funding and the final desired corpus amount the Trust was aiming for.

It was noted that over the next few years the FMC needs to address the question of whether it can sustain the level of advocacy work as a volunteer body or whether consideration needed to be given to the employment of an Advocacy staff member.

It was noted that the Trust was funding the Youth Scholarships set up by the FMC. This funding was for at least three years.

THAT the Annual Accounts for the FMC Mountain & Forest Trust for year ending 28/2/10 be approved

Graeme Lythgoe / Doug Astell CARRIED

Election of Officers

The following were nominated by 15 April deadline and as the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies they were all declared elected.

President	Richard Davies	
North Island VP	Quentin Duthie	
Secretary	Phil Glasson	
Treasurer	Graeme Lythgoe	
Immediate Past President	Rob Mitchell	
Executive	David Barnes	Rob Brown
	Ben Clendon	Owen Cox
	Tony Haddon	Basil Hooper
	Barbara Morris	Chris Munn
	Robin McNeill	Dennis Page
	Brian Stephenson	Lesley Topping
	Peter Wilson	

The Chair paid particular tribute to the work done by Rob Mitchell in his two years term as President. Rob had put a special emphasis on communication with our member clubs and developing the relationships with other NGOs and NROs.

Tribute and thanks were also acknowledged to the work of

David Round Executive member since 1996 and President from 1999 to 2002

David's contribution to Tenure Review, South Island matters and his stimulating presence at meetings and on tramps were noted

Rick Barber Executive member since 1996 and South Island Vice President 2002 to 2005 and 2009 to 2010.

Rick's strong advocacy for all matters related to the West Coast was noted

Lex Smith Executive member since 2001, North Island Vice President 2005 to 2008

Lex was thanked particularly for his efforts at promoting the Discount Card scheme and his work as FMC Mountain & Forest Trust Secretary.

Viv Milne Executive member since 2003, North Island Vice President 2007 to 2010

Viv was thanked for the work he had done on all matters related to the Northern areas of NZ with particular reference to recent work in the Kaimanawas and the promotion of a new

National Park in the North. Viv had also put a lot of work into establishing a sound policy base for the the Executive to consider and review Honoraria.

Jane Dudley Executive member since March 2009

Jane was thanked for her efforts in promoting Youth interests in FMC affairs.

At this point the new President Richard Davies took the chair

Minister of Conservation

The meeting suspended normal business to welcome the Minister of Conservation, Hon Kate Wilkinson and invited her to address to the meeting.

After taking questions from the floor a vote of thanks to the Minister was proposed by Richard Davies and carried by acclamation.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch at 12:30

Constitutional Amendments

It was explained to the meeting that the IRD required some changes to our Constitution in order for FMC to be eligible for exemption from Income Tax

1 Add the following as clause (c) to Rule 10 "Funds"

No member of the Federation or any person associated with a member shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the Federation in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever. Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being the open market value).

2 Add the following paragraph to Rule 12 "Alteration of Rules"

No addition or alteration or recession of the rules shall be approved if it affects the charitable objects, Rule 10 Funds or Rule 14 Winding up.

THAT the Constitutional Amendments as circulated be approved

Graeme Lythgoe / Phil Glasson CARRIED

Workshops

In the afternoon the meeting split into 3 workshops which met for 40 minutes to discuss

A theme and broad outline for a National Conference in 2011 at the same time as the AGM.
Relationship between FMC and its member clubs.

The opportunities for a National Park in the Northern part of NZ.

Photo Competition

The meeting saw a short slide-show of the winning photos in the inaugural FMC Photo Competition and then Phil Twyford presented a cheque to the Hutt Valley Tramping Club – being the club that the overall winner belonged to

General Business

Kevin Hague (Green party) spoke informally to the meeting about recreation and conservation issues

Kevin Klee (Aviation Safety) spoke to the meeting about the use of 405MHz PLBs

A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation for the work done by the Secretary, Treasurer and Administration Officer in keeping the FMC well organised and functioning smoothly.

There being no further general business the President thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Meeting closed at 4:45pm

Confirmed: _____

Date _____