



## Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ

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**TO: All Clubs**

### **Special General Meeting Report and FMC Administrator Position.**

Thanks to those clubs that provided input into our recent Special General Meeting, we were pleased to have delegates and or voting instructions from 33 affiliated clubs.

The Rule changes were all passed. Clubs or any club member who would like a copy of our updated Rules may go to:

<http://www.fmc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/FMC-Constitution-2016.pdf> or email [administrator@fmc.org.nz](mailto:administrator@fmc.org.nz) and request a copy.

The FMC affiliation fee increase was approved and there was a useful discussion about how FMC structures its fees for clubs. The Executive thought the following points may be useful for all clubs to be aware of.

1. The membership structure, which established a different per member rate with thresholds based on club size, was introduced in 2012 and received strong support when adopted at the 2011 AGM. Until this year no clubs had questioned the concept of fees having thresholds depending on club size.
2. The new structure when introduced in 2012 was designed to not increase FMC's overall income and to not create a large change to what each club was already paying. It was also designed to improve the transparency to allow FMC to better understand the number and nature of its members.
3. There are only two clubs with more than 500 members. If we were to remove the thresholds, then our largest club which is currently paying around \$10,000 to FMC would see its sub increase to over \$30,000. As it is the two larger clubs will be paying FMC an increase in the order of thousands of dollars each. The increases for these clubs remain as

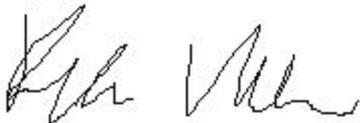
proposed, but FMC has also committed to negotiating with these clubs as to whether they are contributing the right amount to FMC

FMC continues in good spirits. The recent Special General Meeting was held on the same day as a very productive Executive meeting. A major piece of work completed, with special thanks to Phil Glasson and Nick Plimmer, was a review of our staff. Within the current budget, we are refocusing staff on areas where they can deliver more for FMC and our member clubs. All current staff were offered to interview for the new positions, but our current administration officer, Gail Abel, after a sterling nearly ten years of service took the opportunity to move on to retirement. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her work.

FMC is now advertising for an Administrator. We encourage you to pass this opportunity among your membership, as we hope to find someone with the suitable skills and a passion for the outdoors. The advertisement is available online at this web address:  
[www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=1211396392](http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=1211396392)

On behalf of everyone at FMC, thank you again for your ongoing support, and we wish you the best for your summer in the hills

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Wilson', written in a cursive style.

Peter Wilson

President