



## Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ (Inc)

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### Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

11 June 2011 at Te Papa, Wellington

The meeting opened at 7:30pm and the Chairman welcomed representatives from clubs and accorded a special welcome to:

Arnold Heine (Patron) and Jan Heine  
John Dobbs (FMC Travel Club organizer)

The following clubs were represent with delegates as listed (all 1 vote unless stated otherwise).

Alpine Sports Club	Brian Stephenson (2), Brian Duffy, Viv Milne, Lesley Topping
Auckland Baptist TC	Peter York (2)
Auckland Catholic TC	Anne Dudley (2)
North Shore TC	Ian Morris (2)
West Auckland DTC	Ralph Fox (2)
Waikato TC	John Wilson (2), Jean Wilson
Nga Tapuwae o Taneatua TC	Barbara Morris
Rotorua T & SC	Peter McKellar
Taupo TC	Barbara Morris
Heretaunga TC	Mary Gray
Napier TC	Julia Mackie
Manawatu T& SC	Tim Tyler (3)
Wanganui TC	Baz Hooper (2)
Hutt Valley TC	Graeme Lythgoe (2), Dennis Page
Masterton TC	Nigel Boniface
Parawai TC	Owen Cox
Palmerston North T & MC	Tony Gates
Tararua TC	Paddy Gresham (3)
Wellington T & MC	Mika Verheul (3) Bernard Smithyman
Canterbury U TC	David Round
Rangiora TC	Chris Martin
Otago T & MC	David Barnes, Rob Mitchell
Otago UTC	Peter Wilson, Jennifer Forret
Southland TC	Robin McNeill
NZ Alpine Club	Phil Doole (3), Stu Gray (3), Ollie Clifton (3)

56 Delegate votes

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

Toi Toi Trekkers TC	Ralph Fox
Hamilton TC	Barbara Morris

Taumaranui TC	Barbara Morris
Katikati TC	Brian Stephenson
Mt Egmont Alpine Club	Baz Hooper
Kaumatua Tramping Club	Owen Cox (2) Dennis Page
Victoria UTC	Quentin Duthie
Peninsula TC	Rob Brown (2)
Upper Clutha TC	David Barnes
Tararua TC	Bernard Smithyman (2), Mika Verheul (2)
Rangitikei TC	Graeme Lythgoe
Stratford TC	Baz Hooper

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

Auckland TC	Richard Davies (2 votes), Quentin Duthie, Brian Stephenson
Upper Valley TC	Dennis Page

23 proxy votes

79 votes in total

Present as an observer

Chris Bycroft	Rotorua T & SC
Phil Glasson	Secretary FMC & Parawai TC

### ***Apologies***

Apologies were received from

Allan Evans (Patron)  
 Tony Haddon (Executive)  
 John Simpson (Maerewhenua Trust)  
 Mike Floate (FMC Tenure Review)  
 Robert Hammerton, Noel & Eileen Newsome (Toi Toi Trekkers TC)  
 Hugh Wilde, Ken Mercer, Howard Nicholson (Manwatu T & SC)  
 Brian Dudley (Auckland Catholic TC)  
 Barbara Marshall (Tararua TC)

AGREED that the apologies be received.

### ***Minutes of 79<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting***

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

THAT the minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> AGM be confirmed subject to the minor changes to the attendance list being corrected.

Dennis Page / Lesley Topping

CARRIED

### **Matters Arising**

Nil

## ***Annual Report***

The Chairman presented the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and highlighted various matters which had occupied the FMC Executive during the year. Particular note was made of the 80<sup>th</sup> Conference being held currently.

There was no discussion from the floor on aspects of the report.

The President was congratulated on producing a new format and colourful Annual Report.

THAT the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Report be adopted

Richard Davies / Dennis Page CARRIED

## ***FMC Annual Accounts***

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts for FMC for the year ending 28/2/11.

There was no discussion from the floor on aspects of the Annual Accounts.

THAT the Annual Accounts for the FMC for the year ending 28/2/11 be approved

Graeme Lythgoe / Rob Mitchell CARRIED

## ***FMC Mountain & Forest Trust Annual Accounts***

The Treasurer presented the statement of accounts for the FMC Mountain & Forest Trust for the year ending 28/2/11.

There was no discussion from the floor on aspects of the Annual Accounts.

THAT the Annual Accounts for the FMC Mountain & Forest Trust for year ending 28/2/11 be approved.

Graeme Lythgoe / Viv Milne CARRIED

## ***Election of Officers***

The following were nominated by 14 April deadline and as the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies they were all declared elected.

President	Richard Davies
Vice President	Quentin Duthie
Secretary	Phil Glasson
Treasurer	Graeme Lythgoe

The following 15 people were nominated by 14 April deadline for the Executive and as the number of nominations exceed the 13 positions available an election was required

Executive	David Barnes	Rob Brown	Owen Cox
	Paddy Gresham	Tony Haddon	Basil Hooper
	Barbara Morris	Robin McNeill	Rob Mitchell
	Dennis Page	David Round	Bernard Smithyman
	Brian Stephenson	Lesley Topping	Peter Wilson

It was AGREED that Jan Heine, John Dobbs and Chris Bycroft be appointed Scrutineers.

Following the conduct of the election the President announced that the Executive for the following twelve months was:

Executive	David Barnes	Rob Brown	Owen Cox
	Paddy Gresham	Tony Haddon	Basil Hooper
	Barbara Morris	Robin McNeill	Rob Mitchell
	Dennis Page	Brian Stephenson	Lesley Topping
	Peter Wilson		

The President congratulated the new Executive on their election and thanked David Round and Bernard Smithyman for being prepared to work on the Executive.

THAT the ballot papers be destroyed Richard Davies / David Barnes CARRIED

### ***Constitutional Amendments***

#### **I Changes to the method of appointment of Secretary & Treasurer**

- 1 THAT the words Secretary & Treasurer be deleted from rule 6(c) & 6(d)
- 2 THAT the following clauses be added to Rule 7 and that present rule 7(h) be renumbered 7(j) and the present rule 7(i) be renumbered 7(k)
  - 7(h) The Executive may employ or contract a person as Secretary on such terms and conditions as the Executive deems appropriate. A person employed or contracted as Secretary cannot also be a member of the Executive but shall be entitled to attend Executive meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.
  - 7(i) The Executive may employ or contract a person as Treasurer on such terms and conditions as the Executive deems appropriate. A person employed or contracted as Treasurer cannot also be a member of the Executive but shall be entitled to attend Executive meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

Moved Richard Davies / Tim Tyler

The Secretary spoke about the reasons for this change. There were no comments or questions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **II Change to enable the Executive to set the Subscriptions and other details.**

THAT the wording of rule 9 “Annual Subscriptions” be deleted and replaced by the following:

- 9.1 Club Subscriptions
  - (a) Every club shall pay an annual subscription to be determined by the Executive.
    - (i) Different classes of clubs may have varied subscription rates set.
  - (b) The classes of club membership may include but not be limited to:
    - (i) Full declaration Clubs
    - (ii) Partial declaration Clubs

- (c) The Annual Subscription will be based on the number of members in the club as at the 1<sup>st</sup> of April each year.
  - (i) Full declaration clubs shall pay an annual subscription based on the total number of members of any category within that club at the rate set by the Executive.
  - (ii) Partial declaration clubs shall pay an annual subscription based on the number of members that the club chooses to declare at the rate set by the Executive
- (d) The minimum subscription for all classes of club membership will be ten members.
- (e) The Annual Subscription shall be due for payment by 31<sup>st</sup> of May each year.
- (f) Only those clubs which have paid their Annual Subscription for the current year will be eligible to exercise their votes at any General meeting held between 1 June and 28 February of following year.
- (g) When setting a subscription rate per member the Executive cannot increase the subscription rate per member for that class of club by more than 20% of the GST inclusive subscription of the previous year. An increase of greater than 20% of the GST inclusive subscription must first be approved by clubs at a General meeting held in accordance with Rule 8.

## 9.2 Individual Supporter Subscriptions

- (a) Every Individual Supporter shall pay an annual subscription to be determined by the Executive.
- (b) The annual subscription for an Individual Supporter will become due one year after the date of their previous renewal or the date they joined.
- (c) The annual subscription for an Individual Supporter shall be paid within 3 months of the due date.

## 9.3 Associate Membership Subscriptions

- (a) Every Associate organisation shall pay an annual subscription to be determined by the Executive regardless of the number of members in the organisation.
- (b) Different groups of Associate organisations may have varied subscription rates set.
- (c) The Annual Subscription shall be due for payment by 31<sup>st</sup> of May each year.

## Consequential Change

THAT rule 8(f) be deleted and replaced by

- 8(f) The number of votes which a Member Club may exercise shall be determined on the basis of one (1) vote per hundred (100) or part of a hundred members declared by the club as at 1 March of the current year. No delegate shall be permitted to exercise more than three (3) votes of the club he or she represents. Proxy votes are also permitted, and a delegate may in addition also exercise up to two proxy votes.

Moved Richard Davies / Rob Mitchell

The Manawatu Tramping & Ski Club then moved the amendment:

THAT in Clause 9.1 (a) the sentence "Every club shall pay an annual subscription to be determined by the Executive." be deleted and replaced by "Every club shall pay an annual subscription to be set by a General meeting, held in accordance with Rule 8, based on the advice of the Executive"

and

delete Clause 9.1 (g) (Consequential Change)

Moved Tim Tyler / Ralph Fox

There was considerable discussion on the pros / cons of this amendment. At the conclusion of the discussion a poll of clubs with votes or proxies was requested. The poll results were:

FOR the amendment 10 votes, AGAINST the amendment 65 votes, ABSTENTIONS 4 votes.

The President then declared the amendment LOST.

There was no further discussion on the original motion which was then put to the meeting.

The original motion was then put to the meeting and CARRIED

In response to a request from the floor the President assured the meeting that the list of clubs published in the Annual Accounts would show each clubs status and declared number of members.

### ***Photo Competition***

The President then announced that West Coast Alpine Club was the winning club with the Supreme Winner in the 2011 FMC Photo Competition and had won a prize of \$250.

A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Shaun Barnett and John Rhodes for their work in promoting and judging this competition.

### ***General Business***

Auckland Catholic Tramping Club then moved the following motion of which notice had been given:

THAT FMC actively support Auckland Catholic Tramping Club in its attempts to have the DOC Annual Hut Pass accepted at Crosbies, Pinnacles and Northland Huts.

Moved Anne Dudley / Ian Morris

There was discussion on this motion. It was noted that FMC was attempting to engage DoC in discussions on this issue for the whole country but was having no success at present. FMC Exec would continue to push the issue.

The motion was then put to the vote and CARRIED (Phil Doole opposed)

There being no other General Business the President thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 9:20 pm

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_