



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

**DATE** 14 June 2014  
**VENUE** St Johns Hall, Wellington

### 1 *The meeting opened at 09:30*

The following clubs were present with delegates as listed. Allocated proxy votes are also recorded.

CLUB	DELEGATE	PROXY
Alpine Sports Club	Lesley Topping (2), Brian Stephenson, Jackie Ponting	
Auckland Catholic Tramping Club	Mike Sampson, Liz Sampson	
Auckland Tramping Club	Tony Walton (3)	
Breakaways Tramping Club	Lesley Topping	
Howick Tramping Club		Brian Stephenson
Hutt Valley Tramping Club	Dennis Page(3)	
Katikati Tramping Club		Barbara Morris
Kaumatua Tramping Club	Carol Lough, Hugh Middleton	
Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club		Brian Stephenson, Dennis Page (2)
Masterton Tramping Club		Owen Cox
Motueka Tramping Club		Pat Holland
Mt Somers Walkway Society		Robin McNeill
Nelson Tramping Club	Pat Holland	
New Zealand Alpine Club	Stu Gray(3), Lisa Rolleston Kerr (3), Robin McNeill (2) Peter Wilson (2), Nick Plimmer(2), Brian Stephenson,	Lesley Topping (2), Owen Cox
Nga Tapuwae O Taneatua Tramping Club		Barbara Morris
Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club	David Barnes (2)	
Otago University Tramping Club	Nick Plimmer (2)	
Palmerston North TMC	Warren Wheeler (2)	
Parawai Tramping Club	Owen Cox	
Rangiora Tramping Club		David Barnes (2)
South Wairarapa Tramping Club		Pat Holland
Southland Tramping Club	Robin McNeill	
Taupo Tramping Club	Barbara Morris	
Upper Clutha Tramping Club		Nick Plimmer
Waitaki Ski Club	Peter Wilson	
West Auckland District Tramping Club	Ralph Fox	
Womens Outdoor Pursuits		Peter Wilson

Total number of votes: 40 Delegate + 17 Proxy = 57 Votes

The following observers were present with affiliation shown where known:

Arnold Heine	FMC Patron
Lou Sanson	DOC
Kevin O'Connor	DOC
Ben Wilde	Trailfund
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Jamie Stewart	FMC Administrator
Mike McGavin	WTMC
Alex Aitken	
Ian Bade	Parawai TC
Phil Glasson	Parawai TC
Conway Powell	NZAC
Paddy Gresham	TTC
Arran McKenzie	

<b>2</b>	<b><i>Apologies</i></b>	Allan Evans	Patron
		John Simpson	Maerewhenua Trust
		Graham Lythgoe	Past Treasurer
		Rob Brown	Executive
		Rob Mitchell	Executive
		Sally Johannesson	Executive
		David Round	Executive
		Tim McCarthy	New Zealand Deer Stalkers Association
		Andrew Williams	NZ First

The FMC President Robin McNeil read a note to the AGM from the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association President Tim McCarthy

*"I would like to convey a short message to your members.*

*As we enter into the co-operation between our organisations and the Conservation Community Partnership Fund, the difference between our organisations seems to be minimal. We all sit parallel in our aims towards a healthier and more sustainable future for all outdoor users of our fantastic backcountry. The partnership agreement that we have entered into will see the infrastructure strengthened and the tracks, trails and huts that have long been neglected brought back to life."*

### **3      *Confirmation of Minutes of 82<sup>nd</sup> AGM held 8 June 2013 in Auckland***

AGREED      That the minutes, having been circulated be taken as read.

MOTION:      That the minutes of the 82<sup>nd</sup> AGM as circulated held 8/6/2013 be confirmed

Robin McNeill /Dennis Page      CARRIED

### **4      *Adoption of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report***

Robin McNeil spoke to the published Annual Report. Thanks was given to the departing Executive members: Brian Stephenson, Barbara Morris, Paddy Gresham and David Round. Major achievements for the year, including successful advocacy against the Dart – Hollyford Tunnel and Fiordland monorail were touched upon, as was the importance of supporting DOC as it rebuilds in a difficult political climate.

AGREED      That the Annual report having been circulated be taken as read

MOTION      That the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual report as circulated be adopted

Robin McNeill /Owen Cox      CARRIED

**5      *Adoption of the Annual Accounts for year ending 28/2/2014***

Owen Cox spoke to the previously circulated Annual Accounts.

AGREED      That the Annual Accounts having been circulated be taken as read.

MOTION      That the Annual Accounts for year ending 28/2/2014 be confirmed.

Owen Cox/Brian Stephenson      CARRIED

**6      *Motion of thanks to departing Treasurer Graham Lythgoe***

Robin McNeill described the outstanding service of Graham Lythgoe. Treasurer for the last 21 years. The following motion was put to the AGM. Brian Stephenson spoke in support of the motion.

MOTION      That FMC warmly acknowledge and appreciate Graeme' Lythgoe's 21 years of excellent service as Treasurer.

Robin McNeill/Dennis Page      CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

**7      *Discussion of the Annual Accounts of the FMC Mountain & Forest Trust for year ended 28/2/2014 (led by Phil Glasson)***

Phil Glasson outlined the FMC Mountain & Forest Trust focus for the past year had been on developing an appropriate investment strategy and executing those investments. The focus for the forthcoming year would be on how best to spend or reinvest the proceeds of the Trust.

**8      *Announcement of the Executive for 2014 /2015 Year***

The President and Vice President were declared elected unopposed

President	Robin McNeil
Vice President	Peter Wilson

The President announced that at the closing date of nominations the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies and so the following were declared elected to the Executive for 2014/15

Owen Cox	David Barnes	Rob Brown	Pat Holland
Sally Johannesson	Rob Mitchell	Dennis Page	Nick Plimmer

The President then moved from the chair:

THAT the nominations by the Executive under rule 6(f) of Phil Glasson & Conway Powell for the executive for the 2014/2015 year be confirmed.

CARRIED

The President indicated that while the number on the Executive was below the usual number he was satisfied with present situation and may use the cooption powers in the rules to bring representation to the Executive from the Canterbury area or other areas where there was a need. No nominations were called for from the floor of the meeting.

**9      *Amendment to the Constitution***

Phil Glasson spoke to the proposed constitutional changes which had been circulated to Clubs. These are attached as Appendix 1 to this document.

MOTION THAT the constitutional changes as circulated be approved

David Barnes/Dennis Page CARRIED

### ***10 Adoption of new Trust Deed***

All clubs were sent a circular describing the purpose behind the updating of the Forest and Mountain Trust Deed.

MOTION: THAT the FMC Mountain & Forest Trust Deed dated 14/4/1985 and the amendments dated 5/4/1990 and 18/12/1997 be replaced by the new Deed as approved by the FMC Executive on 2 May 2014.

Stu Gray/Brian Stephenson CARRIED

### ***11 General Business***

No motions from clubs had been received.

A delegate registered concern on behalf of North Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club over the reduced presence of outdoor recreationalists, including FMC, on Conservation Boards. Robin McNeill recognized this concern and described actions that FMC had taken to mitigate this. It was accepted however that the concern was valid.

The meeting closed at 10:10am

## Appendix 1

## Changes to FMC Constitution

The Executive is proposing 2 technical amendments to FMC's constitution.

### 1. Voting at General Meetings

The current constitution, while specifying how club votes are allocated at Annual General Meetings, is silent on vote allocation at Special General Meetings. Because of the timing of the annual declaration, it cannot be assumed that the number of votes at the last AGM is still valid. The current constitution also gives no guidance for allocating votes to clubs that have recently joined.

The proposal (with changes in **bold**) is:

THAT Rule 8(f) be deleted and replaced by:

- 8(f)(i) **For any Special General Meeting held between 1 March and the date of the Annual General Meeting and** for the Annual General Meeting 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 as declared by the club as at 1 March of year of the **meeting or, in the case of a club that has joined the Federation since that date, as declared upon joining.**
- 8(f)(ii) **For any Special General Meeting held between the Annual General Meeting and last day of February of the following year** 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 as declared by the club **in the current year.**
- 8(f)(iii) **At any General Meeting** 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 (2) proxy votes.

### 2. Termination of membership

Clause 4(e), which allows us to terminate the membership of clubs, is silent on the matter of associates and individual supporters. It is proposed that the provision which applies to clubs be extended to other classes of FMC Membership.

The proposal (with changes in **bold**) is:

THAT Rule 4(e) be deleted and replaced by:

- 4(e) The Federation shall have the right to terminate membership of any Club, **Associate or Individual Supporter** for default in payment of subscriptions or any other reason deemed to justify removal from the Federation by the Executive. Any such Club, **Associate or Individual Supporter**, having given due notice, shall have the right of appeal before a General Meeting of the Federation.