

*Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
New Zealand Federation  
of Motoring Clubs (Inc.)*

*Held at VCC Clubrooms at Taupo  
on 2 May 2010 at 10.30am*



The President Ross Hopkins welcomed all the members present and guest speakers. The meeting began with formal presentations from invited speakers:

*Glenn Leonhart, Goodyear – tyre technology and future availability of specialist/vintage tyres*

Glenn explained the core functions of tyres, which include:

- load carrying capacity; 97% of load is carried by air, 3% by the actual casing
- cushioning ability
- transmitting driving and braking torque
- low noise level
- provide flotation (off-road tyres, tractors etc.)
- resisting abrasion
- providing steering response
- producing cornering force
- low rolling resistance to improve fuel economy
- being durable and safe

Glenn cautioned about tyre age, with Jap-import tyres perishing shortly upon arrival in NZ. He urged delegates to check modern tyres over 6 years of age, although older-design tyres will last longer subject to damage from the sun, moisture etc.

On legal requirements, tyres must be of the same construction for cars registered after 2002 but this doesn't apply to vehicles over 30 years old. Glenn explained the new WoF rules re. snow tyres; if fitted they must be on all 4 wheels and have a minimum tread depth of 4mm to pass a WoF (normal summer tyres = 1.5mm). Snow tyres are identified by the symbol of a mountain and snow flake.

Goodyear are still able to source tyres for classic and specialist vehicles, and Glenn suggested using the website [www.vintagetyres.com](http://www.vintagetyres.com)

*John Barley, Barley Insurances – Federation liability insurance scheme*

John gave an update on the Federation's liability insurance scheme and noted there had been pressure to raise levies, but these had been limited to a \$20 increase to \$350. He urged clubs to encourage others to take up the scheme to help reduce levies. He noted the public liability policy only covers static risk and not club shows or gymkhanas where vehicles will be travelling under their own power although this can be arranged.

John also discussed queries from clubs about other liabilities like property damage at club show venues or rally accommodation, and specialist insurance such as fire cover which is included in the Federation's club liability policy. New types of cover are being developed for Federation member clubs for consideration by the executive committee.

**Apologies:**

The President then opened the formal part of the AGM and asked delegates to observe a minutes silence for the recent passing of immediate past Jack Hindess, and Federation co-founder Phil Andrews in the past year. He then called for apologies:

Tom Ireland, Capital Corvettes; Diane Humphrey's, Daimler SP250 Club; C M Nicie, Jaguar Enthusiasts Club; Ross Armstrong, MG Car Club Wellington centre; Margaret Logie, Morris Register of NZ Auckland branch; Richard Mill, Manawatu Mustang Owners Club; Joan Parker, Stag Owners Club; John Pinfold, Sunbeam Car Club; John Jones, Volvo Enthusiasts Club; Hamilton Vintage & Classic Club.

Moved/seconded: Stan Richardson/Rob Webster – carried.

**Minutes:**

As the minutes of the last AGM had been circulated, they were taken as read and subsequently confirmed. Moved/seconded: Mark Stockdale/Andrew McClintock – carried.

**Presidents report:**

Ross Hopkins presented his verbal report and then moved that the Presidents report be received. Seconded by Stan Richardson – carried.

**Secretary's report:**

Mark noted the 2010/11 subscription returns had been prompt, with 88 clubs financial to date, out of a total membership which has grown to 127 clubs. So far this year there have been two resignations. The recent joining of the Motor Caravan Association meant the Federation now represented 43,000 enthusiasts with over 56,000 vehicles.

As editor and website co-ordinator, Mark reported that the website is serving its purpose well, and there had been some prospective member queries and applications via the website and also as a result of committee members distributing the new Federation membership brochure at events. The committee will be doing a bulk mailout to non-member clubs shortly. However, the main correspondence via the website relates to queries regarding the SIV permit process, from individuals who may not be affiliated to member clubs, which shows that the FOMC website is an expert source of information on the SIV process.

The *Wheel Torque* newsletter continues to be well received, and he encouraged clubs to distribute copies or articles to their members via club newsletters or otherwise email copies from the FOMC website to individual club members.

Mark Stockdale moved that the Secretary's report be received. Seconded by Fred Fellows – carried.

**Treasurers report:**

Paul Billing presented his report and moved that the financial reports be approved. Seconded by Terry Pidduck – carried.

Paul moved that the 2011-12 subscription levies for clubs with 500 or fewer members remain unchanged, but proposed introducing a new fee structure for larger clubs to take effect from March 2011 as follows:

- 501-999 members – \$325
- 1,000-2,499 members – \$500
- 2,500-4,999 members – \$750
- 5,000+ members – \$1000

A general discussion followed. It was noted that subscription levies had not been raised for about 10 years, but Federation expenses have risen as the committee has become more active in lobbying and as a result annual expenses now exceed income. The motion was seconded by Norm Pointon – carried.

**Submissions Secretary report:**

Andrew presented his report and moved that it be adopted, seconded by Ivan McCutcheon – carried.

**Election of officers:**

Mark Stockdale read out the nominations for the executive and committee for the coming year.

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| President:             | Ross Hopkins      | Committee (4): | Mark Stockdale  |
| Vice-President:        | Jeff Tobin        |                | Tom Ireland     |
| Treasurer:             | Paul Billing      |                | Stan Richardson |
| Secretary:             | Roy Hughes        |                | Malcolm Lumsden |
| Submissions Secretary: | Andrew McClintock |                |                 |

Norm Pointon moved that the Treasurer be appointed for another year, seconded by Stan Richardson – carried by acclamation. Mark moved that the nominations for the executive for the coming year be accepted, seconded by Stan Richardson – carried by acclamation.

**General business:**

There was a full discussion about proposals to raise the driving age to 16 with delegates generally opposed to this, and in favour of raising the level of training for novice drivers. Alan Curry moved that the FOMC pursue this issue with some vigour, seconded by Malcolm Lumsden – carried.

Leonie Hopkins asked if *Wheel Torque* could be distributed to area representatives of member clubs. She also asked about investigating about using permit stamps instead of postage.

Leonie Hopkins moved that name tags be produced for the executive committee, seconded by Stan Richardson – carried.

Mark Stockdale noted that, in an effort to boost attendance at AGMs and representation from other clubs, the committee had agreed to rotate the AGM around other main centres, beginning with Auckland in 2011.

Meeting closed at 2:50pm.

Next AGM tentatively set for the first Sunday in May 2011, in Auckland, on a date to be advised.