

*Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of the
New Zealand Federation
of Motoring Clubs (Inc.)*

*Held at VCC Clubrooms, Penrose, Auckland
on 22 May 2011 at 10.30am*



The President Ross Hopkins welcomed all members present and guests to the annual conference and AGM which began with formal presentations from the invited speakers:

Leo Mortimer Ministry of Transport Safety Manager Road and Rail Group

Outlined the Safer Journeys strategy and other initiatives to reduce the road toll such as the Give Way Rule changes, KiwiRap and road classification system. Potential penalties for infringements have changed from fines to demerit points to curb illegal street racing. Blood-alcohol changes will come in from August with a zero limit for young drivers and repeat offenders. Motor registry information no longer available as being misused by warring spouses and burglars to target victims. Silver on black plates are still usable.

Davey Uprichard NZ Transport Agency Senior Engineer (light vehicles)

Detailed the results so far of his ongoing review of the WoF regime. Objective is to reduce compliance costs without impacting on safety. The cost to the community of time and travel to obtain WoFs totals \$300-500 Million. Any replacement test regime is likely to be more stringent and accompanied by increased on road enforcement of vehicle safety standards. But older vehicles will not be required to match modern standards. The proposed changes to the regime are likely to encourage the public to take greater responsibility for the roadworthiness of their vehicles between tests. The WoF regime was originally introduced in 1937 with the aim of "sweeping the old crocks off the road. But if it has not done that by now it is not working." So he suspected six monthly tests may even be increasing the age of the vehicle fleet as owners were prompted to keep largely wornout vehicles in service for longer to recover the costs of the new tyre or balljoint or other part they were required to fit to pass the last WoF check.

In some states of Australia and in the United States where there are no vehicle inspections but owners are held accountable for the condition of their cars. The experience has been that vehicles are generally in better shape than here in New Zealand. Checks on vehicle condition in the United Kingdom are annual and every other year in Ireland and Germany. Again the vehicle fleets are considered to be in better condition than in our country.

A new annual WoF inspection regime is likely to require a more invasive inspection such as removing wheels and drums to check brake linings. So there may be a higher rejection rate and an increase in fees..

Wes Davies, new publisher of "NZ Classic Driver"

Described how he intends to use the magazine and his Simply Classics website to assist clubs and the Federation. Paid tribute to the successful efforts of Allan Dick to build up NZ Classic Driver and introduced deputy editor Tony Haycock who provided an entertaining account of his lifetime involvement with classic motoring.

Apologies:

Following the luncheon adjournment the President opened the formal proceedings of the AGM and called for apologies: MG Car Club Wellington Centre; Hawkes Bay Vintage Machinery Club; Rolls Royce and Bentley Car Club; Daimler and Lanchester Owners Club; Jaguar Enthusiasts BOP; NZ Vintage Machinery Club Canterbury; Fred Fellows, and John Foot,

Stan Richardson/Tom Ireland – carried.

Minutes:

As the minutes of the last AGM had been circulated, they were taken as read and confirmed.
Andrew McClintock/Stan Richardson – carried.

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence: Nil

Presidents report:

Ross Hopkins read his written report and then moved that it be received.
Seconded Mark Stockdale – carried.

Secretary's report:

Roy Hughes reported that the FOMC now has nearly 130 clubs listed as current members and the 2011/12 subscription returns had been prompt, with nearly 90 clubs financial to date. The number of clubs which had not paid their subscriptions for the previous year had been more than exceeded by the number of additional clubs joining. In the year ahead it is proposed to encourage clubs to promote their involvement with the FOMC by advising their members of our activities, how to logon to our website, and including our logo on their publications. Roy Hughes moved that the Secretary's report be received.
Seconded Malcolm Lumsden – carried.

Treasurers report:

Paul Billing presented his report and moved that the financial reports be approved.
Seconded by Stan Richardson – carried.
Moved THAT the subscription schedule remain the same for the next financial year.
Paul Billing/Mark Stockdale – carried.

Submissions Secretary report:

Andrew McClintock presented a written report and moved that it be adopted,
Seconded by Doug Wheeler – carried.

Election of officers:

The nominations for the executive and committee for the coming year.

President:	Ross Hopkins	Committee (5):	Mark Stockdale
Vice-President:	Malcolm Lumsden		Tom Ireland
Treasurer:	Paul Billing		Stan Richardson
Secretary:	Roy Hughes		John Foot
Submissions Secretary:	Andrew McClintock		Fred Fellows
Advisors:	Norm Pinton, Frank Willett		

Malcolm Lumsden moved that the Treasurer be appointed for another year, seconded by Don Howarth – carried.

General business: Nil

Meeting closed at 2:20pm.

Date of next AGM tentatively set for May 2012, in Wellington.