

*Minutes of the Executive Committee of
The New Zealand Federation
of Motoring Clubs (Inc.)*

*Held at VCC Clubrooms in Taupo
on 1 May 2010 at 1.00pm*



The President Ross Hopkins chaired the meeting. He welcomed all the members present and asked for apologies.

Attending: Ross Hopkins, Mark Stockdale, Paul Billing, Andrew McClintock, Jeff Tobin, Norman Pointon, Ivan McCutcheon, Stan Richardson, Terry Pidduck, Roy Hughes and Frank Willett.

Also in attendance: Keith Robertson, Neil Murdoch, Bev Pidduck.

Apologies: Tom Ireland. Moved/seconded: Jeff/Paul.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as an accurate record by Jeff, seconded by Frank.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Advertising policy: Roy presented the draft advertising guidelines for *Wheel Torque* and the website. He noted *Wheel Torque* is low circulation and so would present limited opportunities for advertisers to reach target markets so we need to consider how we can increase distribution, but the website presents more opportunities in the meantime. Jeff asked if the advertising sub-committee will be responsible for approving advertisers. Andrew wanted to know if web traffic stats show how many people have downloaded *Wheel Torque*. Mark suggested that Roy circulate the draft guidelines for the committee to review and approve at the next meeting. Norm suggested the FOMC issue guidelines to clubs to email PDF copies of the newsletter to their email distribution list.

- *Action: Roy to circulate draft policy to the committee.*

Meeting with NZTA: Ross summarised his meeting with David Pearks and Gary Brown in Hamilton on WoF issues. They appeared to be favourable to the concept of the VIC card. Jeff noted that he had received an email from Leon Cast from NZTA head office to offer a meeting to address VIRM issues that could make the WoF process for classic vehicles go more smoothly. He wanted specific examples of WoF rejections and issues for circulation to inspectors (WoF News, tech bulletins). Norm said we should meet with Leon and his manager (John Oldroyd?) and raise the issues previously documented. Frank suggested we could try to compile advice on how to check vehicles with these 'non-compliant' features and assess their safety condition for exemption via the VIRM. Norm said we should collate WoF rejections from member clubs.

Roy moved that a sub-committee meet with NZTA in Wellington, seconded by Frank – carried.

- *Action: Jeff to arrange a meeting with Leon in May, including Ross Hopkins and Norm Pointon.*

Calendar of events for FOMC representation: Mark suggested that Stan could co-ordinate a list of national events committee members could attend to promote the FOMC and distribute brochures.

Correspondence:

Mark tabled the annual club insurance levy from Barley's, the release of the Safer Journey's strategy from MoT, and a response from ACC to our submission on annual levies.

Stan moved the inward correspondence be accepted, seconded by Norm – carried.

Financial report:

The financial report was tabled by Paul, and he noted that the current accounts are in deficit and that travel costs may increase this year. Some consideration may need to be given to increasing sub fees or reducing the number of committee meetings. Paul moved that the Treasurers report be accepted, seconded by Stan.

Report from Submissions Secretary:

Andrew noted there had been no submissions in the last quarter and suggested we do not comment on the Traffic Control Devices Rule amendment. Andrew moved his report be adopted, seconded by Ivan – carried.

Membership:

Mark advised that a number of new clubs had joined in the last quarter, including the Motor Caravan Association with some 21,500 individual members, and he suggested that given their membership size the FOMC should consider introducing new fees for clubs over 501 members.

Some discussion ensued and Jeff moved that we introduce a new levy structure for 2011-12 for clubs with over 500 members, comprising: \$400 fee for clubs with 501-999 members; \$650 for 1000-2499 members; and \$800 for 2500+ members.

Norm proposed an amended motion with suggested fees being:

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

This amended motion was seconded by Frank. The substantive motion was read again and carried unanimously. Norm suggested the FOMC write to the VCC setting out the new fee structure for 2011-12 and reason for the review, and the need to fund and expansion in FOMC representation.

- *Action: Jeff to arrange a meeting with the MCA general manager to introduce the FOMC.*

AGM:

Malcolm Lumsden will be asked to introduce and thank Glenn Leonhart from Goodyear, and Jeff will introduce and thank John Barley. There was some discussion about what John will be discussing and Jeff will contact him prior to discuss. The committee agreed that if John wants to offer new insurance products to FOMC member clubs, that it should be presented to the committee first for their endorsement.

It was noted Terry and Ivan were resigning from the committee.

Mark noted the lower registrations for the AGM and the difficulty in finding speakers who can travel to Taupo. He suggested we should consider rotating the AGM around other venues such as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, as well as Taupo, to get better attendance from local clubs with more observers, and also to make it easier to obtain guest speakers who wouldn't have to travel to Taupo from those other locations.

Mark moved that the 2011 AGM be held in Auckland on the first Sunday in May at a venue to be advised, seconded by Roy – carried.

- *Action: Jeff to identify a venue for the Auckland AGM.*

General business:

Left-hand drive update: Jeff advised on progress with LHD legislation, with the long-awaited implementation of the new Steering Systems Rule in May, which provides an SIV exemption for LHD vehicles aged under 20 years.

NZTA Vehicle Standards Advisory Group: Jeff noted that the FOMC was invited, via an approach to him as Vice President, to take part in the new industry group in which we are represented by Tom Ireland. The first quarterly meeting was held in March, and Tom raised several questions on behalf of Federation members. Via their employers, Frank and Mark are also on VSAG.

Definition of moped and ACC levies: Andrew tabled a paper from the Otago Classic Motoring Club re. ACC levies for mopeds and definitions thereto. Andrew will advise the club that any moped over 40 years pays a lower ACC levy anyway. It was noted a WoF for pedal-powered mopeds would be difficult and the FOMC does not support this and will lobby against any such proposal for mopeds aged over 40 years.

Federation Rules: Mark circulated an amendment to the Federation constitution incorporating the rule change approved at the 2009 AGM, along with some corrections to typographical errors for discussion. He suggested these changes be approved at the next meeting.

- *Action: Roy to check the original set of rules filed with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.*

Meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

Post-AGM meeting 2 May 2009

Attending: Ross Hopkins, Mark Stockdale, Roy Hughes, Paul Billing, Andrew McClintock, Stan Richardson, Jeff Tobin, Malcolm Lumsden, Roy Hughes and Norm Pointon.

The next meeting was confirmed for 14 August in Cambridge starting at 10:00am.

- *Action: Roy to contact Waikato VCC to book the clubrooms.*

The meeting authorised the change of bank signatories from the outgoing secretary to the incoming secretary.

Malcolm moved that the 2011 AGM be held on the third weekend in May, seconded by Roy.

Malcolm moved that Norm and Frank be co-opted to the committee, seconded by Mark.

Norm moved that letters of thanks be sent to Terry and Ivan for their contribution to the committee, seconded by Paul.

- *Action: Roy to prepare letters of thanks from the President.*

Meeting closed at 3:05pm.