

*Minutes of the Executive Committee of
The New Zealand Federation of
Motoring Clubs (Inc.)
Held at VCC Clubrooms at Taupo
on 2 May 2009 at 1.00pm*



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

Attending: Jack Hindess, Ross Hopkins, Malcolm Lumsden, Mark Stockdale, Paul Billing, Andrew McClintock, Jeff Tobin, Ivan McCutcheon, Terry Pidduck, Norman Pointon, Ron Tuck, Roy Hughes and Stan Richardson.

Also in attendance were guests Leonie Hopkins, Bev Pidduck and Ron McLean.

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 Stan; seconded by Ron – carried.

Matters arising from the minutes:

FOMC Vehicle Identity Card. Norm summarised the outcome of the meeting between the FOMC and the NZTA on 9 March, and the subsequent letter from Anne Logan seeking clarification which Norm analysed in detail. We need to clarify why we want a VIC. Malcolm said the concept started off with issues for WoF inspections for older cars; a VIC could be presented to demonstrate that the car wasn't built to modern standards and had tolerances outside the WoF specifications. Malcolm noted Anne's letter implied the VIC may permit 'substandard' inspections – in fact the reverse is true, owners of older cars are getting substandard inspections now. Jeff noted the FOMC previously had encouragement from Harry Duynhoven, it was also seen as a solution for late-model LHDs although that is no longer the case with the SIV permit. Jeff said we need to take a step back and regroup and implement it when it is needed such as with future Rule changes. Roy was unsure if the VIC would address the problem; why would an inspector treat the vehicle any differently unless instructed? Ron McLean said if the VIC was structured right we could be providing inspectors with more information for them to do a better inspection.

Terry moved that the sub-committee meet again and work around these points and consider other endorsements that might be desirable such as wheel bearing clearances and kingpins etc., and that the committee reply to Anne's letter. Seconded by Ross – carried. Norm suggested any draft documents should be circulated to the executive.

Re-registration issues. Mark circulated his letter to NZTA and their reply, and discussed the joint meeting with VCC, LVVTA and the NZTA. He noted that compliance agents appear to be rejecting some vehicles because of the lack of ownership history/prior registration and it was suggested that an exemption process to NZTA circumventing agents may be a way forward. The NZTA are approving such vehicles on a case by case basis but this is not formalised. It was noted that the 3 organisations have agreed to develop a proposed exemption process, perhaps for vehicles aged 30 years or older and with a certificate of authenticity issued by the VCC. Andrew asked why it was necessary that a vehicle had to be previously registered, some vehicles may not have ever been registered – and what about vehicles assembled from parts?

FOMC membership brochure. Roy circulated his draft text for a proposed brochure. The committee provided their comments and suggestions. Jeff asked if the brochure will be completed by the August meeting. Roy asked for the committees approval for him and Mark to finalise text and seek quotes for design and printing.

Correspondence:

Mark noted he had written to the 30 non-financial clubs who were on the mailing list and asked them to renew their subscription. So far 6 had sent in cheques. Mark will also use the same letter to follow up clubs who had not yet paid the 2008 subscription.

He had also provided a short update for *NZ Classic Car* (March 2009) and wrote a letter on SIVs to *NZ Autocar* (April 2009). Several emails had also been received on the subject of SIVs, suggesting the FOMC were now perceived as an authority on this subject.

Other correspondence included website domain name renewal. Terry moved the FOMC renew the domain name for a period of 5 years, at a cost of \$176.34. Seconded by Roy – carried.

Mark moved that inwards be received and outwards approved: seconded by Ron – carried.

Financial report:

Paul tabled the Treasurers report to May 2009, the Annual Report for the year ended 28 February 2009, and a draft Budget to February 2010. The budget had a deficit of about \$3000, including the cost of a laptop which has been budgeted for some time but not drawn. Terry moved that the committee recommend to the AGM that the Budget be approved and the subscriptions remain the same, seconded by Stan – carried.

Paul moved the financial report be received, seconded by Ivan – carried.

Leonie Hopkins queried whether it was necessary to pay tax on the honorarium, Paul answered that it was unless it is a reimbursement for expenses incurred.

Report from Submissions Secretary:

Andrew summarised his submissions on Tyres & Wheels and Dangerous Goods Rules. We supported the proposals in the former but raised concerns about fuel container capacity and signage in the latter. It was noted Andrew had sent the submissions directly to NZTA believing Mark was away although Mark confirmed he also submitted them on time. Moved/Seconded: Andrew/Roy – carried.

AGM:

Mark read out the names of committee nominations which will be confirmed at the AGM.

Jeff proposed the committee appoint Frank Willet from Vehicle Inspection NZ under clause 7b of the Constitution, as he could assist us with compliance-related issues. The committee discussed the merits. Malcolm moved that Frank be invited to the next meeting, seconded Stan – carried.

General business:

Mark noted the Ministry of Transport CEO is a car enthusiast (owns an vintage Austin 7) and suggested Jack write to him introducing the FOMC.

Ross noted the ACC component on commercial vehicle re-licence fee should be lower for historic vehicles not in commercial service. He also asked why motorhomes have to pay extra CoF fees when they don't have to be tied down. Malcolm said we need to pursue de-rating historic heavy vehicles. Norm said the joint heavy vehicle committee with VCC needs to convene. Malcolm suggested we need a new approach to our lobbying including a greater public profile such as events seeking support. We should investigate other countries' exemptions for classic vehicles.

Meeting closed at 5:00pm.

- Next meeting to be held in Cambridge on 1 August 2009. Frank Willet to be invited as guest.