



EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

DATE 10 June 2012

VENUE Sudima Hotel, Christchurch

The meeting opened at 9am

PRESENT

Richard Davies in the Chair, Peter Wilson, Brian Stephenson, David Barnes, Barbara Morris, Dennis Page, Rob Brown, Graeme Lythgoe, Lesley Topping, Owen Cox and Nick Plimmer

1 FORMAL PROCEDURES

The President welcomed Nick Plimmer to his first exec meeting.

1.1 Apologies

Robin McNeill, Paddy Gresham, Peter Lusk, Rob Mitchell, Patrick Holland, Claire Sims

AGREED that the apologies be received

(NB. To maintain consistency with the Agenda, previous minutes and the paper numbering, the minutes will reflect the original agenda order rather than the actual order in which various items were considered)

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes for the 10/11th March 2012 Exec meeting – Somes/Matiu Island

AGREED that the minutes of the Executive meeting held 10/11 March 2012 be confirmed

Dennis Page / Barbara Morris CARRIED

Matters arising from those minutes:

1.3.1 The correction of Brian Stephenson's term expiry to the FMC Trust Board read ending in 2014 was NOTED.

1.3.2 The correction of membership numbers in the 10th March 2012 minutes of 'other members' from 6959 to 3794 was NOTED.

2 GOVERNANCE

2.1 Management Committee Report

The added discount providers to FMC members was NOTED.

THAT the appointment of Graeme Lythgoe to the position of Treasurer under the terms and conditions to be negotiated with the Management Committee be confirmed.

Richard Davies / Dennis Page CARRIED

2.2 FMC Trust Board Report

2.2.1 Appointments

2.2.2 FMC Trust Secretary / Treasurer

THAT Phil Glasson is to remain as FMC Trust Secretary

THAT Graeme Lythgoe is to remain as FMC Trust Treasurer

2.2.3 General

The Trust Report paper was received.

2.3 *Appointments to Other Bodies*

THAT the appointments as listed in Appendix 1 be confirmed

Richard Davies / Peter Wilson CARRIED

2.3.1 MSC Bushcraft Committee

THAT a new representative to this board will be found by Richard before the next Exec meeting

2.4 *Exec committees & Responsibilities*

The name in **bold** is the convenor.

North	Barbara Morris , Brian Stephenson, Lesley Topping, Dennis Page
Central	Owen Cox , Paddy Gresham, Dennis Page, Nick Plimmer
Top South	Rob Brown , Owen Cox, Dennis Page, Rob Brown, Peter Lusk, Patrick Holland
Bottom South	Peter Wilson , David Barnes, Rob Mitchell, Robin McNeill, Nick Plimmer, Claire Sims
Promotion & Membership	Barbara Morris , Phil Glasson, Dennis Page, Rob Mitchell, Claire Sims
Discount Card + Leaflet	Rob Mitchell
THAT this committee is to be disbanded and incorporated under Promotion and Membership	
Honoraria Review Committee	Brian Stephenson , Rob Mitchell, Owen Cox
Bulletin Editorial Committee	Not appointed, has not been required for past 4 years. Will be convened by President if needed
Campaigns	Not appointed
Management	President , Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Owen Cox, Paddy Gresham

2.4 *Confirmation of appointment of new Secretary*

THAT the appointment of Josie Broadbent to the position of Secretary under the terms and conditions negotiated with the Management Committee be confirmed.

Richard Davies / Lesley Topping CARRIED

2.5 *Confirmation of appointment to Special Vice President*

THAT the appointment of Brian Stephenson to the position of Special Vice President be confirmed.

Owen Cox / Richard Davies CARRIED

2.6 *Matters raised at the June 2012 AGM*

2.6.1 That this meeting ask the incoming Exec to give consideration to the overall governance of the FMC including but not exclusively:

- Structure of the Exec
- Role of the AGM
- Greater involvement with clubs

and to report back to the 2013 AGM.

2.6.2 That this meeting instruct the incoming executive to put in place robust, workable procedures to review honoraria and to report back to the 2013 AGM.

The discussion around these integrated points noted that it was very important for FMC to create a mode of communicating the ‘value for money’ members are receiving for the current honorarium.

- Employ a part-time advocacy officer - but FMC is currently at its maximum financial budget,
 - Reducing the Presidential and vice-presidential honorariums to pay for this– it would be unfair to increase the President’s responsibilities by over viewing the advocacy officer’s work while decreasing the honorarium.
 - Increase subs to fund this by increasing club visits; directly engaging with members of partial declaration clubs - to increase revenue to the amount needed to provide more honorarium, FMC needs to attract groups that aren’t already involved in the outdoors.
 - To attract more groups, FMC could take more interest in general conservation issues - but the voluntary Exec is not able to take on a large amount of extra work.
 - Other suggestions to increase revenue were to increase subs or for a proportion of the Trust to go towards this.
- Combining the President, secretary and treasurer roles – this was not encouraged as it would be difficult finding a candidate with enough time to cover all these areas
- Reducing the exec and providing an honorarium for each member – this was not encouraged as being an Exec member is seen as something club individual members can aspire to rather than increasing its exclusiveness
- Changing the structure of the Exec to a two-tier system of a small core group which receive an honorarium which instruct a larger outer volunteer group that is less time dedicated.

This is an ongoing discussion and will be revisited and refined in subsequent exec meetings.

3 ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Correspondence

Geoff Keey (Wellington T & MC) – Letter re FMC’s position on DOC’s removal of intentions system

THAT Richard Davies is to write a reply to Geoff Keey’s letter

Philip Dover – Letter re changes to the Caples Greenstone track

THAT the Secretary is to write a reply to Phillip Dover’s letter

3.2 Admin Tasks

A reminder of tasks delegated at the March 2012 meeting was NOTED.

3.3 Finance

3.3.1 The draft annual accounts showing a summary of payments / transfers up to 31 May 2012

MOTION THAT the payments and transfers for the following periods:

DATES		CHEQUES		TOTAL
START	FINISH	START	FINISH	
1/03/2012	31/03/2012	5551	5567	\$19,449.86
1/04/2012	30/04/2012	5568	5583	\$25,970.05
1/05/2012	31/05/2012	5584	5600	\$12,892.21
TOTAL				\$58,312.12

as circulated, be approved for payment retrospectively.

Graeme Lythgoe / Dennis Page CARRIED

3.4 Audit of Financial Accounts

The auditor's report was received. It was noted that 18 CD's were not included in the final stock numbers and AGREED that greater care in stocktaking will be administered in future. It was AGREED that options for future auditors may be sought. The Treasurer is to write a reply to Markhams and Miller Dean Auditor's for their report.

THAT Peter Wilson and Nick Plimmer be authorized to approach Beverly Holder with a set of accounts to see if she is interested in taking on an audit role.

Rob Brown / David Barnes CARRIED

3.5 Club Visits and other visits

(a) Report on Club visits between 10/03/2012 and 9/06/2012

(b) Clubs still to be visited by the allocated exec members as follows:

Rob M Peninsula TC

Richard Masterton TC

3.6 Membership

The report received from Phil Glasson on updated membership statistics was received

THAT Nick Plimmer is to approach Massey UTC to try to encourage the club to rejoin FMC and to register a number of members more in line with the other University TC's.

THAT Lesley Topping and Barbara Morris are to approach Waikato UTC to try to encourage the club to rejoin FMC

THAT Peter Wilson is to follow up on the progress of Canterbury Ski Associations membership

THAT correspondence and emails relating to club membership, new clubs or clubs withdrawing is to be copied to Phil Glasson while he has the responsibility of reporting to the executive on membership.

THAT Communication to clubs indicated minimum numbers for full (20) and partial (5) declaration but this is not consistent with the constitution (states all declaration types minimum of 10). Until it is correctly passed at an AGM clubs may declare a partial declaration club with 5 members.

THAT rule 9.1(d) be deleted and replaced with 'the minimum number of members for each class of club or associate membership shall be determined by the Executive' at the 2013 AGM

THAT the membership of FMC of the outdoor Activities Club (Auckland) be confirmed.

Owen Cox / Richard Davies CARRIED

3.7 Exec meetings 2012/2013

The following dates and location are confirmed:

25/26 August 2012 Graeme confirmed Hutt Valley TC Rooms for exec meeting on the 25th and an overnight tramp for those interested to Haurangi Hut on the 26th - booked

Graeme Lythgoe / Secretary will coordinate travel and catering

3/4 November 2012 Matiu/Somes Island, Wellington

Secretary to confirm venue and catering.

9/10 March 2013 A venue to be confirmed in the Hamilton area by Lesley Topping

8/9 June 2013 AGM and Exec meeting

3.8 Discussion on minimum number for Partial declaration clubs

As discussed in 3.6; communication to clubs indicated the minimum number for partial declaration clubs to be 5 but this is not consistent with the constitution (states all declaration types minimum of 10). Until it is correctly passed at an AGM clubs may declare a partial declaration club with 5 members.

4 MEMBERSHIP & PROMOTION

4.1 Publicity & Promotion

A report regarding publicity updates was received

THAT the Secretary is to delegate the following update on these clubs' membership

Aorangi Ski Club

Tongariro Tramping Club

Canterbury Snowsports Association

Outdoors Activities Club Auckland

Canterbury Mountaineering Club

4.2 Bulletin

4.3 Youth Scholarship

FMC, with the support of the FMC Mountain and Forest and Maerewhenua Trusts, awarded 3 Youth and Young Adults Scholarships for the third round of awards (closing date, 20th April 2012). The winners were:

- Expedition Award (\$1,000); Wouter van Beershoten (Canterbury University TC) – A traverse of the Princess Range and a climb of Caroline Peak in the vicinity of Lake Hauroko, Fiordland.

- Skills Award (\$ 600); Chris Owen (NZAC, Canterbury) - To attend a High Alpine Skills Course at Mt Cook.

- Skills Award (\$ 500); Nicola Whelan-Henderson (St. Hilda's Collegiate, Dunedin) – To attend a Mountain Skills for Youth Course at Arthur's Pass National Park.

For the fourth and subsequent rounds of Scholarships, it was AGREED to change the Youth Skills Scholarship from 5 x \$300 to 3 x \$500 awards.

A paper from Phil Glasson outlining some further ideas for scholarship development was presented by Dennis Page. After some discussion, the executive felt that rather than offer book prizes or grants for tertiary study (outdoor education courses for high-school leavers) any expansion of the scheme would be better served by trying to attract non-traditional groups into FMC via its affiliate groups/clubs/schools. It was suggested that exploring a scheme that targeted pupils from low-decile regions (particularly those from Pacifica/Maori) backgrounds would be a good idea. Rob Brown gave an example of a Ngai Tahu initiated scheme – Aoraki Bound.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that Dennis Page and Brian Stephenson are to research ideas on the possibility of implementing schemes that could target iwi groups or low decile school students and to report back to the executive with a list of possible options.

4.4 Newsletter

It was AGREED that Dennis would write the June newsletter as an immediate successor was not found and that Richard was to ask Claire Sims. If Claire declines then the offer will be sent around to the rest of the absent exec members. If this is declined then it was AGREED to be included into the Promotion and Membership Committee portfolio. Lesley Topping put her name forward if no one else was willing.

It was also noted that member club secretaries (who receive the newsletter on behalf of their club) should be given a reminder to circulate this to the rest of their members.

4.5 Safety in the Mountains Booklet

4.5.1 General Update

It was AGREED that printing 4500 copies of the new SITM is an excessive amount and that a unit price of \$3.20 would be the maximum FMC is prepared to pay.

THAT Robin McNeill is to report back with unit costs when printing 2000, 2500, 3000, 3500, 4000 and compare this to the unit price at 4500 (\$2.30 each).

4.5.2 Launch

THAT the launch shall be hosted in Wellington to accommodate the graphic artist and book designer and to coincide with the August Exec meeting (25th/26th) so that the Exec may attend without incurring extra travel costs.

4.6 Photo Competition

A paper was received regarding an update on the photo competition.

THAT the Executive is to record our thanks to Shaun Barnett, John Rhodes and Phil Glasson for their work associated with the 2012 FMC Photo Competition

THAT the Executive endorse this as an annual activity which will incur the following ongoing expenses:

- (a) \$250 to the Club of the supreme winner
- (b) The cost of providing a CD of a collection of all the photos as a self contained slide show. This CD is to be provided free to participating clubs and available for sale to other clubs.

Richard Davies / Dennis Page CARRIED

5 ADVOCACY

5.1 Submissions

Submissions made since 10/03/2012:

DOC Southland	Milford Dart Tunnel Hearing	Peter Wilson / Rob M
DOC Invercargill	Fiordland Link Monorail	Peter Wilson
DOC Dunedin	Helicopter concessions: Hotspot/Clawback	David Barnes
DOC Christchurch	Aerially Assisted Trophy Hunting	Quentin Duthie
Local Government & Environment Committee		
	Game Animal Council Bill	Quentin Duthie/Richard Davies

5.2 DOC Meetings, NGO Forum, Tourism on Public Lands Forum, Ministers

5.2.1 NGO/DOC Forum 19/04/2012

Owen

5.2.1.1 DOC agreeing to a web based complaint form re the multi-conservancy recreational tourism helicopter concession (hasn't happened) mentioned at next NGO meeting. Peter

THAT Peter Wilson will write a letter on FMC's position on this and Richard Davies will have it mentioned at the next NGO/DoC Forum

5.2.2 DOC meetings re DMF and Huts and Tracks

Richard

5.2.3 Te Urewera Summit update

Richard

THAT Brian Stephenson will draft a letter asking the Ngati Tuhoe their official position on the use of minerals (and its mining potential) in their land.

5.3 *Discussions*

5.3.1 Destination Management Framework

5.3.3 Waitaha hydro scheme

This is a 'wait and see' issue. It was noted that Dennis Page has done a lot of background research into this and there is an opportunity for FMC to attend an upcoming forum regarding this topic. It was suggested that Peter Lusk may wish to attend this.

5.3.5 Upper Rangitikei Remote Experience Zone

This was brought up referring to an email regarding Bryce Johnson: Chief executive of NZ Fish and Game Council and the Exclusive Capture article.

THAT Richard Davies is to respond to this email

5.4 *Regional Advocacy*

5.4.1 *Northern*

5.4.1.1 The paper by Barbara Morris was received and all recommendations CARRIED

THAT FMC recommends to the TTWT Conservation Board that the issue of access through the East Taupo Lands be handled by the WAC as lead negotiator.

THAT the access issue over an ULR on the boundary of the Te Urewera National Park be left to the WAC, with the suggestion that the owners be made aware of their responsibilities to allow access to anyone who wishes to use the road.

THAT FMC commence direct negotiations with the Waikato conservancy for the removal of Crosbies hut from the online booking system for the period 1 May to Labour weekend as an interim measure to enable use of the annual hut pass.

THAT FMC continues to attend the meetings of the Kaimai catchment group as and when a representative is available, or until such time as FMC considers attendance useful.

THAT FMC continue to lobby DoC to increase or at least maintain the numbers of huts in the Coromandel and Kaimai regions.

5.4.2 *Central*

5.4.3 *Top South*

5.4.3.1 Update on David Barnes speaking to the Canterbury Conservation Board about FMCs work

5.4.3.2 Mokihinui Dam

THAT a report regarding the money spent by DoC campaigning against this proposal be included as an article in the next Bulletin and written by Rob Brown

5.4.4 *South*

5.4.4.1 There was a discussion around a Venture Southland email sent to Richard Davies asking how FMC would like to be involved in protecting the Te Wahipounamu Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Site (under threat from the Milford Sound transport proposals)

THAT Peter Wilson is to attend the public meeting in Te Anau on June 26 regarding Milford tunnel and monorail proposals and is to assist community groups in opposing these.

THAT Richard Davies will respond to this email making them aware of our support

5.4.4.2 High Country Tenure Reviews

Submissions made since last Executive meeting:

Kawarau & Mt Difficulty Tenure Review

Peter W

May 12 2012

There was a discussion around what will happen to High County Tenures that have not currently opted to volunteer. This is seen as especially important when the government changes to a more conservation oriented one.

THAT Rob Brown and Peter Wilson are to begin creating an FMC policy on this

5.5 CMS Reviews

No reports received.

6 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

6.1 Mountain Biking

A report from Barbara Morris was received.

6.3 Walking Access Commission

No reports received. Robin attended a forum on the 26th of March 2012

6.3.1 Walking Access Maps

Robin McNeill drew attention to Walking Access Maps being denied the semi commercial overlays on their online maps. A decision on FMC's response was deferred from the March 2012 meeting.

6.4 NZ Conservation Authority

6.5 Mountain Safety Council

6.6 Kea Conservation Trust

Peter Wilson is the new liaison for the Kea Conservation Trust

6.7 McKenzie Forum

An update from Peter Wilson was received stating there was an agreement reached by all, the local councils seem open to developments, there is a National Park proposal and the forum has been renamed the Mackenzie Country Trust.

6.8 Service Standards

Proposal to shift 'ownership' of track standards from DOC to FMC deferred from last meeting. Report on the progress of this.

6.9 LandSAR

Richard Davies received an email from Harry Maher of LandSAR regarding working with the Macpac business on a rebate pact scheme where FMC is to have discounts and distributions available to its members

THAT Richard Davies to respond to this and continue to work through the creation of this scheme

6.10 NZ Conservation Authority

An update was received by Brian Stephenson stating that the NZCA has almost identical views to FMC on the Game Animal Council Bill and aerially assisted trophy hunting. He said that the level of engagement between the Minister of Conservation (Kate Wilkinson) and the chair of NZCA has increased hugely since Dr Kay Booth's appointment as Chair of the Authority.

APPENDIX 1***Appointments from FMC to other bodies June 2012***

TBC = To be confirmed at June 2012 Exec meeting

ORGANISATION	Upto June 2012	From June 2012
AUCKLAND ASSOCIATED MOUNTAIN CLUBS	Brian Stephenson	Brian Stephenson
DOC / NGO FORUM	Wellington Members	Wellington Members
ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSERVATION ORGANISATION (ECO)	Withdrawn	no action
FMC MOUNTAIN & FOREST TRUST ** = non voting	President (ex off) Owen Cox (exp 2013) David Barnes (exp 2013) Brian Stephenson (exp 2014)* Arnold Heine. (exp 2013) John Simpson (exp 2014) **Secretary Phil Glasson **Treasurer – FMC Treasurer	President (ex off) Owen Cox (exp 2013) David Barnes (exp 2013) Brian Stephenson (exp 2014)* Arnold Heine. (exp 2013) John Simpson (exp 2014) **Secretary Phil Glasson **Treasurer – FMC Treasurer
LAND & WATER FORUM (Previously Sustainable Land Use Forum)	Richard Davies	Richard Davies
MAEREWHENUA TRUST	Graeme Lythgoe	Graeme Lythgoe
MTB LIAISON	Barbara Morris	Barbara Morris
MOLESWORTH STEERING COMMITTEE	Andy Dennis (exp 2016)	Andy Dennis (exp 2016)
NZ CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	Brian Stephenson	No action required
NZ GEOGRAPHIC BOARD	David Barnes	No action required
NZ LAND SAR LIAISON	Richard Davies	Richard Davies
NZ LANDCARE TRUST	Owen Cox	No action required
NZ MOUNTAIN SAFETY COUNCIL	Richard Davies	?
NZ MOUNTAIN SAFETY COUNCIL BUSHCRAFT COMMITTEE	Laurie Gallagher	Paddy Gresham
NZ TRANSANTARCTIC ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Arnold Heine	Arnold Heine

ORGANISATION	Upto June 2012	From June 2012
OUTDOORS NZ	Withdrawn	no action
SPORT NEW ZEALAND LIAISON (Previously SPARC)	Withdrawn	no action
THAR LIAISON GROUP	Rob Brown	Rob Brown
TOURISM ON PUBLIC LANDS FORM	Richard Davies Owen Cox	Richard Davies Owen Cox
WALKING ACCESS COMMISSION	Brian Stephenson	No action required
WILD RIVERS	Tony Haddon	Tony Haddon?

* In the June 2011 minutes appendix 1 (appointments to other bodies) showed Brian Stephenson's expiry date to the Trust Board as 2013. This was an incorrect typo and should read 2014 as above.

MEETING CLOSED at 3:10pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record



Date

25/08/2012