

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

*Held at VCC Clubrooms at Cambridge
on 28 November 2009 at 10.00am*



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

Attending: Ross Hopkins, Jack Hindess, Mark Stockdale, Paul Billing, Andrew McClintock, Jeff Tobin, Ivan McCutcheon, Norman Pointon, Terry Pidduck, Tom Ireland, and Frank Willett.

Apologies: Stan Richardson. Moved/seconded: Norm/Ivan – carried.

Jeff Tobin introduced Frank Willett as an advisor to the committee and explained his background and experience, and the working relationship they have had in the last few years on LHD/SIV matters. Frank proceeded to give a background to the new structure for NZTA and noted that they now appear to be more customer-focussed and cost-conscious and he believes the time is now right for the FOMC to make our views heard. He said we should be regularly liaising with the Regional Access and Use Managers and also meet with John Oldroyd, National Manager Vehicles for national issues. Frank also gave a background to VINZ and his role as GM. VINZ is predominantly focussed on light vehicle certification from importation to compliance, whereas VTNZ is focussed on heavy vehicle CoF. He wants VINZ to offer a service to individuals wanting to import vehicles such as club members who want specialist vehicles.

- *Action point: Jeff to email an organisational chart to Mark for distribution to the committee*

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read. Moved that the minutes of the August meeting be accepted as an accurate record by Norm; seconded by Terry – carried.

Matters arising from the minutes:

FOMC membership brochure: The committee discussed the photo selection which covered the spectrum of clubs the FOMC represents, Andrew noted there should be a traction engine, and Mark also suggested a classic European car. Jeff believed the headline “fighting for the rights of motor vehicle enthusiasts” was too strong. Tom suggested “the united voice of motor vehicle enthusiasts”. The committee were generally favourable of the design and purpose and think it will achieve its goal, the meeting approved the brochure design subject to minor amendments.

- *Action point: Roy to finalise the brochure and arrange printing*

Frank suggested the covering letter should be tailor-made to clubs and more strongly worded, Tom suggested we should explain that the FOMC are a path for clubs to the agencies to solve issues.

Frank offered VINZ to sponsor the printing of the brochure. There was a full discussion of the merits. Mark said members may misinterpret the association with VINZ which has not been promulgated, and that the brochure was not targeted at member clubs anyway. Tom said the brochure is brand-building and an association with VINZ shows we have built key relationships. Jack was concerned that VINZ would be negatively associated with NZTA. Norman thought the offer should be postponed as the FOMC has only just embarked on a relationship with VINZ. Jeff said we should accept the offer and Moved that FOMC accept the VINZ’s offer to support the publication of the brochure, seconded by Tom – lost.

VIC card: Norm read the reply from Anne Logan to our letter seeking the endorsement of the VIC. Frank said NZTA are reviewing the WoF system including age and technology factors, and said

now is the time to develop a programme that recognises the different needs of older vehicles, but Norm said that is what the VIC was developed for. Frank thinks NZTA are unwilling to support it as the VCC VIC is a 'grandfather right' and they reluctantly recognise but don't want to expand it further. He said the LANDATA database is to be reviewed and there could be a new database for vehicle history and another for registration (ownership). He thinks they would support the creation of a database for older vehicles which would identify them for exemptions for the purposes of WoF etc. Frank said we should respond in writing to Anne, recognise her resource problem, offer technical support, and copy to John Oldroyd and ask to arrange a meeting. Frank also suggested we are not ready to take up Gary Moore's offer to discuss the issue with NZTA board. Tom offered to draft the letter and circulate to the committee, Mark to email a PDF copy to Anne.

- *Action point: Tom to draft a reply to NZTA for committee comment*

Correspondence: Mark tabled a letter from VCC advising John Coomber had been elected as National President, replacing Greg Terrill. He has also replied to the Eastern BoP VCC (August correspondence). Moved/seconded that inwards be received and outwards approved: Jack/Roy – carried.

Andrew suggested the FOMC query *NZ Classic Car* re. having our contact details published in every edition of the clubs directory.

Financial report: Paul tabled the treasurers report to November 2009. Jeff discussed sponsorship and sought direction from the committee as to what sponsorship we were seeking and some parameters around that. Mark suggested we needed to develop a sponsorship dossier of guidelines, opportunities and preferred suppliers. Tom Moved that Jeff, Roy and Frank form a sub-committee to put forward a proposal, seconded by Norm – carried.

- *Action point: Jeff to develop a sponsorship package in liaison with Roy and Frank*

Report from Submissions Secretary: Andrew spoke about the submission on the MoTs Safer Journey's consultation. He also voiced his disappointment that his comments had been edited without his approval by the Secretary before they were submitted. Mark noted that this process was discussed and supported by the committee at the May 2008 meeting, but agreed to consult with Andrew on any significant amendments in future.

Mark also summarised the FOMC's ACC submission. Andrew noted that he had received 28 emails and over 30 phone calls about the levy, far more than on any previous issue, and believed the FOMC had let its motorcycle member clubs down, especially in allowing ACC to play off one group of motor vehicle owners against another. He also commented on the fairness of the proposals in light of ACC's reserves but Mark noted ACC were consulting on the levy as calculated under the current legislation, while much of the public criticism focussed on elements of the legislation which were not under review (such as the need to 'pay off' all current claims in advance).

General business:

FOMC logo: Roy noted the brochure designer had subtly re-designed the FOMC logo by introducing a chrome look, and maybe we should adopt it for the letter template and website etc.

X plates: Ross explained his difficulty getting a distance licence for a 6t vehicle with dealer plates. Apparently it must be designated to a vehicle, and Frank said he should have asked for a time licence. It was agreed this was an isolated incident that did not need further action.

Meeting closed at 2.50 pm.

- Next meeting to be held at the VCC clubrooms, Cambridge on 6 February 2010, commencing 10am.