

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
NEW ZEALAND MOUNTAIN SAFETY COUNCIL**

1:40pm, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015

West Plaza Hotel, Wakefield Street, Wellington

**Present**

<b>Member Organisations</b>	
Richard Davies	Department of Conservation
Andy Woodhouse	Duke of Edinburgh
Fiona McDonald	Education Outdoors NZ
Robin McNeill	Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ
Amyie Riley	Girl Guiding NZ
Bryan Williams	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Finance
Sam Newton	NZ Alpine Club
Trevor Dyke	NZ Deerstalkers Association
Roger Earp (Major)	NZ Defense Force
Pete Zimmer	NZ Land Search and Rescue
Gary Dickson	NZ Mountain Guides Association
Deb Hurdle	NZ Outdoor Instructors Association
Garth Den Heyer	NZ Police
David Rew	NZ Shooting Federation
Miles Davidson	NZ Snowsports Council
Pat Williams	NZ Sports Industry Association
Denise Clements	Scouting New Zealand
Rachael Moore	Tourism Industry Association NZ
<b>Committee Conveners</b>	
Tracey Wakeford	Firearms
Fiona McDonald	Education/Research
Dr Michael Boyes	Research
<b>Regional Representatives</b>	
Murray Douglas	Region 1
Nigel Seebeck	Region 3
Ross Meder	Region 6
<b>Executive Committee Members</b>	
Chris Scahill	Executive Committee Member
<b>Staff</b>	
Mike Daisley	Chief Executive Officer
Nathan Watson	Acting Operations Manager
Jennifer Hayto	Partnership Advisor
Jane Hoedemaeckers	Branch Network Manager
Ros Wells	Collateral Advisor
Wendy Hudson	Administration Manager
<b>Guests</b>	
Kim Willemse	NZRA
Andrew Leslie	NZRA
Duncan Ferner	NZSAR
Grant Davidson	Skills Active
<b>Guests (continued)</b>	

Colin Stone	Sport NZ
Ben Corcoran	NZ Defense Force
James Stewal	Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ
Bob Sewell	Wellington Mountain Radio Service
Liz Thewenard	Education Outdoors NZ

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Murray Douglas, Deputy Chairperson will be speaking on behalf of Chairperson for 2015 AGM as Geoff Ensor could not be present due to a family emergency.

## 2. Apologies accepted from:

Geoff Ensor	MSC Chairperson
Elizabeth Dickens	Girls Brigade
Jenni Davies	Christian Camping NZ
Dean Edgar	NZ Sports Industry Association
Fiona Hudson	Region 4 Representative
Bridget Janse	Executive Committee Member
Ray Goldring	Bush Technical Advisory Committee
Kevin Boekholt	Heliski Operators
Michael Good	Boys' Brigade
Joe Fectau	Boys' Brigade
Bill O'Leary	NZ Deer Stalkers Association
Kirsten Malpas	ACC
Ian Gardiner	NZ Mountain Radio Service
Peter Bilous	Snow and Avalanche Committee
Jo Cheatley	Sport NZ
David Howard	Sport NZ
Tony Wells	Search and Rescue Institute NZ

- Moved by Ross Meder
- Seconded by Chris Scahill

## 3. Confirmation of Council Delegates (tabled)

- Moved by Ross Meder
- Seconded by Fiona McDonald

## 4. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes - from 31 October 2014

- Moved by Rachael Moore
- Seconded by Fiona McDonald

## 5. Matters arising from previous minutes

None

## 6. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's report read by Murray Douglas.

- Moved by Rachael Moore
- Seconded by Ross Meder

## **7. Chief Executive's Report**

Chief Executive's Report read by Mike Daisley.

- Moved by Murray Douglas
- Seconded by Chris Scahill

Tracy Wakeford, Firearms Committee Convener asked if Mike Daisley could elaborate on the Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) being disbanded. Tracy expected this to be addressed at this AGM as they are part of the constitution.

Mike Daisley responded that rather than using standing committees to seek technical information, the MSC will be moving forward by building specific groups for known issues. MSC are still committed to seeking advice but it will be achieved in a different way. The constitution will be discussed later in this AGM.

Robin McNeil, Federated Mountain Clubs, spoke of their concerns over removal of the TAC's and expressed that FMC have a lack of understanding of the partnership model. He questioned whether the statistical data will be available in time. He stated that FMC will need to see strong achievements by next year otherwise they will be looking at their involvement and contribution to MSC.

Murray Douglas responded to Robyn explaining that in 12 months MSC hope they will be able to demonstrate benefits of change.

Dr Michael Boyse, Research Committee Convener, asked that with the last year's changes, when do MSC plan to undertake a constitutional review?

Murray Douglas responded that this will be discussed during General Business.

## **8. Financial Report 2014/2015**

- Moved by Murray Douglas
- Seconded by Rachael Moore

Murray Douglas discussed the Financial Report and the reason for changes.

Robin McNeil, Federated Mountain Clubs, page 1 Statement of Financial Performance shows that there has been an increase in expenses from Head Office from \$145,827 to \$237,911. Is this from rental?

Mike Daisley responded that in fact rent has reduced, the changes are due to reallocating where expenses came from. There is reduced expenditure in other budget lines further down.

Robin McNeil, Federated Mountain Clubs, asked if they can be confident that MSC will have enough money to carry on and do everything that needs to be done this year.

Murray Douglas responded explaining that there is nowhere to hide with drivers/money as to what you can/can not spend.

Mike Daisley responded clarifying that going forward this is our physical actual assets and cash in bank, real equity. Operation budgeting going forward will need to accommodate any depreciation as well as operating costs.

**9. Confirmation of new Members of Council – None**

**10. Election of one Chairperson – Geoff Ensor**

- Moved by Murray Douglas
- Seconded by Nigel Seebeck

**11. Election of Deputy Chairperson – Murray Douglas**

- Moved by Mike Daisley
- Seconded by Gary Dickson

**12. Election of one Member of the Executive Committee – Ross Meder**

Anyone who potentially has interest in joining board, chat with Mike Daisley.

- Moved by Murray Douglas
- Seconded by Nigel Seebeck

**13. Confirmation of Signatories - Mike Daisley, Nathan Watson, Jennifer Hayto, Doug Haines**

- Moved by Murray Douglas
- Seconded by Sam Newton

**14. Confirmation of Auditors – Deloittes**

- Moved by Murray Douglas
- Seconded by Fiona McDonald

**15. General Business**

Resolutions from board motions:

- I. **Motion one:** In accordance with clause 10.10 of the Constitution, the Executive Committee earlier this year wound up the operations of the Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and the Regional Branches. As they are no longer operating, it is moved that the Council formally disestablish:
  1. All TACs pursuant to clause 5.2 of the constitution; and
  2. All Regional Branches pursuant to clause 5.1 (i) of the constitution.

As a consequence of passing this motion, the position of Regional Representatives will also formally come to an end as the branches they have previously represented no longer exist.

- Moved by Rachael Moore
- Seconded by Fiona McDonald

II. **Motion two:** The Executive Committee has identified that the current Constitution needs revision to ensure better alignment with the new Strategic Platforms. It is moved that the Executive Committee is empowered to conduct a revision of the current Constitution and bring the proposals to the 2016 AGM.

- Moved by Ross Meder
- Seconded by Chris Scahill

Other items from delegates:

Rachel Moore, representing Tourism Industry Association NZ, read a letter from the NZ Professional Hunting Guides Association (NZPHGA), expressing how they will continue to build partnerships and assist MSC.

#### **Questions/Discussion from point 15:**

Nigel Seebeck, Region 3 Representative raised the question as to whether a motion can be brought to the floor without prior notice.

Daniel (lawyer) responded that the Board can determine whether or not there are motions from floor and to have them voted on, that it is entirely up to the Board to decide.

Trevor Dyke, NZ Deerstalkers Association stated that before you can put a vote for motions to be accepted you have to move that standing orders be put aside in order to vote on motions.

Murray responded with Daniel's comment above regarding Board discretion.

Sam Newton, NZ Alpine Club stated that NZAC were not expecting motions and he would have liked to have discussed this with stakeholders in advance.

Mike Daisley reiterated that the motions of today were not unexpected, they were a formalization of the mandates given to the Board at the AGM last year and therefore just a tidying up of what had been carried out during the year.

Robyn McNeil, Federated Mountain Clubs stated that Motion two cannot be addressed as they were not fairly announced, that the motion mirrored what FMC wanted to motion last year and which they were told they could not.

Daniel (lawyer) responded that in Clause 8.3, motions can be discussed on day without prior notice, this is for the Board to determine and also for them to determine whether a motion is voted on or held over.

Trevor Dyke, NZ Deerstalkers Association asked if this would affect any letters of agreement (memorandums of understanding).

Mike Daisley responded that this will not affect letters of agreement (memorandums of understanding), that the motions were simply formalising the method in which the organization now operates and seeks advice from the sector/industry.

Rachael Moore apologised that people thought the motions were unexpected however reiterated that they were the result of the mandate received by the board last AGM and there had been plenty of discussion around the issues – this was just a formalisation of the process that had already been carried out.

Tracy Wakeford, Firearms Committee Convener raised concerns over firearms volunteers resigning due to the process thus far and asked that the remaining volunteers were not forgotten in the on-going process of change.

Murray assured Tracy that the Board was very aware of the concerns she raised.

Dr Michael Boyes, Research Committee Convener, asked about the language of the constitution, what is it modelled on? He said not only does the updated constitution need to be better aligned with the strategic platforms but also brought up to date in its language.

Gary Dickson, NZ Mountain Guides Association stated that he and NZMGA are positive towards the direction of MSC and change of constitution.

Robyn McNeil, Federated Mountain Clubs, supports motion but wants plenty of consultation upfront. A complete revision and speak to council members in good time, at least 2-3 months' notice of what this would look like and the opportunity to submit into the revision.

Sam Newton, NZ Alpine Club, supports motion, encourages a strong collaboration and consultation and would like to see that embedded into the new constitution. Recommends serious consideration of changing name of Mountain Safety Council.

Murray concurred with the need to ensure there is a collaboration and consultation with member organisations of MSC constitution and concluded the meeting noting how good it is to see people are keeping the big picture in mind. He said society is changing and all aspects of society must change with it or we will get left behind and it is important that we work together to recognize the changes and make sure that the messages and way we work are appropriate going forward.

#### **16. Confirmation of next meeting - October 28<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Meeting closed at 3:00pm