



MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Minutes of the Mercedes-Benz Club of New Zealand Incorporated Annual General Meeting held at 10:45 am on Sunday 21 May 2023 at the Distinction Hotel, Cuba St. Palmerston North.

Present:

President	Richard Davison	
Auckland	Daryl Jeffery	Mike Peters *
Midland	Mike Peace * Steven Clothier Gary Lewis	Lorna Peace Ann Clothier Lennie Cody
Manawatu	Frances Baxter * Rodney Baxter * Brian Williams Peter Shelton Colin Comber Margaret Comber Malcolm Anderson Alison Anderson Diane Perfect Eddie Fisher	Bruce Wallis Warren Anderson Margaret Anderson John Peach Marilyn Peach Pauline Beissel Craig Bessel Warrick Doreen Rachel Summers Colin Wheeler
Wellington	Scott Stevenson Joan Stevenson Graham Quinlan* Robyn Quinlan	Peter Shelton Brent Tulloch Jenny Tulloch
Canterbury	Ian Gibson -Treasurer Stuart Graham -Note taker	Cindy Wang Chris Dale*

* Delegates

Apologies: Craig Pinny Wellington
 Brian Williams Manawatu
 Sue Williams Manawatu

Apologies Accepted

Moved: P. Shelton
Seconded: Ann Clothier
Carried

Richard opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees and thanked Frances and Rodney Baxter and the Manawatu Club for their warm hospitality and excellent organization of the weekend's events.

Minutes of the previous meeting: 21 May 2022 (circulated)

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment.

Moved: M. Peace
Seconded: G. Quinlan
Carried.

Matters Arising:

Nil.

Treasurer's Report:

Ian presented his report, noting that the club suffered a loss on paper. Please see the full report (attached) for details.

A question from the floor asked if the club received any subsidy from Mercedes-Benz New Zealand - No

Motion: That the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, prepared by Ian Gibson, be accepted.

Moved: P. Shelton
Seconded: M. Peace
Carried.

President's Report:

Richard presented his report:

It is with great pleasure that I present the Presidents report for 2023.

My role has not been that busy but more a learning curve and I thank Daryl our Past President in helping me with some decisions. Stuart as our Secretary has had a lot to do regarding the Club, Rally and lately having to take back on the role as Secretary for Canterbury Club due to the sudden ill health of our appointed Secretary. We both have had our moments with the staff in Germany regarding the funds that were applied for the 50th Anniversary and has still not come forth to our account. Thank you, Stuart, for the work you have done.

I would like to say a big thank you to our Editor Chris Dale who took on this job rather reluctantly but has turned out an extremely professional magazine in my eyes and his presentation is of a very high standard. Your humour is quite unique, and I look forward to reading the magazine, so thanks once again Chris.

Ian Gibson as Treasurer has done an excellent job and you can be rest assured, he keeps tabs on all the money matters so thank you Ian.

I would also like to thank all the members who helped put the NZ Rally together and through no fault of their organization, did they foresee a weather pattern that would upset a lot of peoples plans and not help in making it more of a success.

Looking back at Daryl's remarks in his report last year I see he mentioned that perhaps in the future a President of the local Club could also hold the position of National as well and I as one could see this working. The Editors job is one that could be a little hard but I'm sure the rest could be managed. Always these things need to be discussed and talked through.

Happy motoring everyone for the next year and all the best.

That the report be accepted

Moved: R. Davison

Seconded D. Jeffrey

Carried

Election of Officers:

As there were no new nominations received the following were reelected:

President: Richard Davison

Secretary: Stuart Graham

Treasurer: Ian Gibson

Editor: Chris Dale

Moved: A. Clothier

Seconded: S. Stevenson

Carried

Daryl thanked Richard, Stuart, Ian, and Chris for remaining in their roles for the next year.

Levy:

R. Davison reported that from the Committee meeting held on the 20th May it was agreed that the levy will remain unchanged.

Remits:

There was one remit from the Canterbury club.

Motion for AGM Mercedes-Benz Club of New Zealand Inc. (Rule Change)

We would like to propose that the delegate system of voting at Annual General meetings of the Mercedes Benz Club of New Zealand Inc be abolished and replaced by individual member voting.

Rationale:

The delegate system of 1 vote per 20 members or part thereof is old fashioned and undemocratic. It allows a regional club or two to dominate the direction of the Mercedes Benz Club of New Zealand Inc based on the demographics of their location and membership numbers.

It is the right of every paid-up member to have their say not only by speaking at an AGM but voting on all motions and the election of office holders.

Individual member voting will lead to members being actively engaged, feeling included and acquiring a better understanding of the National Body and how it works. As a result, they may feel inclined to put themselves forward for Committee positions at National level which are often hard to fill.

This change is for the betterment of the club as a whole moving forward.

S. Graham read the remit and explained the current rule. D. Jeffrey asked that the voting on this remit be conducted by secret ballot. Questions from the floor were asked and a debate continued around the definition of 'a member', should the word 'member' be changed to 'membership'? Comment was made that the remit as it stands could not be managed if passed. It was agreed that the remit could not be re worded at this meeting.

For the vote S. Stevenson was appointed as Scrutineer and the result was that the remit was not passed with 1 vote for and 17 votes against.

General Business:**1) Matters Arising from the Committee Meeting 20th May.**

After a brief overview from F. Baxter a motion was put to the meeting that the committee proceed with investigating the winding up of, and the appropriation of, any leftover moneys from the Hawkes Bay club. F. Baxter and D. Jeffery tasked with investigating further.

A motion to this effect was put to the meeting.

Moved R. Davison

Seconded S. Graham

Carried

2) National Events

From the Committee meeting held on the 20th May it was reported that.
Auckland would run the rally for the 2025 year and,
Wellington for the 2027 year

P. Beissel thanked the Canterbury Club for hosting a successful 2022 rally.

Next Meeting: The 2024 annual general meeting will be hosted by the Canterbury club.

Richard thanked everyone for their attendance, and Frances thanked the hosts at 'Black Barn' for the excellent morning tea and meeting venue. The viewing of the displayed cars, and extensive collection of memorabilia enjoyed by all.

Meeting closed: 11:18 am

The afternoon concluded with lunch at 'Café 116 in Palmerston North.



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