



# MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

## Minutes of the Mercedes-Benz Club of New Zealand Incorporated Committee Meeting held at 2.00pm on Saturday 20 May 2023 at the Distinction Hotel, Cuba St. Palmerston North.

**Present:**

President                      Richard Davison

Vice-Presidents:            Graham Quinlan (*Wellington*)  
                                     Frances Baxter (*Manawatu*)  
                                     Mike Peace (*Midland*)  
                                     Mike Peters (*Auckland*)

In attendance:              Daryl Jeffery (*Past President*)  
                                     Chris Dale (*Editor*)  
                                     Ian Gibson (*Treasurer*)  
                                     Stuart Graham (*Secretary*)

**Apologies:**                      Richard Tait (*President Canterbury*)  
                                     Craig Penny (*Past President -Wellington*)

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** 22 May 2021 (circulated)

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment.

Moved:                      D. Jeffery

Seconded:                 M. Peace

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.

It was suggested that we try to obtain more advertising in the magazine to help with the cost.

Frances alerted the meeting that Manawatu may have a deficit from their 50<sup>th</sup> due to the sale of badges not meeting expectations.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, prepared by Ian, will be presented to the annual general meeting for acceptance.

Motion – 'that the Treasurers report be accepted.'

Moved: M. Peace  
Seconded: Chris Dale  
Carried

### **Levy:**

Following a general discussion, it was agreed that the levy should remain unchanged.

Motion – 'that the national levy remain the same, and this be put to the Annual General meeting for acceptance.'

Moved: C. Dale  
Seconded: M. Peters  
Carried.

### **General Business:**

#### **1) New Committee**

As there were no new nominations received the current committee members have agreed to remain in the position for another year.

Motion – 'that the current committee members be re-appointed for another year.'

Moved: D. Jeffrey  
Seconded: G Quinlan  
Carried

#### **2) National Events**

Upcoming rally's.

After a short discussion the following was put forward

Motion – 'that Auckland host the rally for 2025, and that Wellington will host the Rally for 2027.'

Moved: M. Peters  
Seconded: I. Gibson  
Carried

3) **Remit**

The Remit submitted by Canterbury was discussed and it was agreed that this will be taken to the Annual General Meeting.

The resulting discussion touched on the following areas.

That we form a small committee to look at the rules prior to the review required with the new incorporation rules.

That clubs have a link from their local web site to that of the national body web site.

4) **Financial Support for members attending the AGM**

It was agreed that if offered to some it would need to be offered to all eligible members and this was not financially viable.

Richard explained that one of the reasons we were meeting in Palmerston North rather than Canterbury was to make it financially easier for most committee members to attend.

5) **Selection of a legal firm to draft rules for the new Incorporated Society rule set.**

Stuart suggested that we use the same person to draft rules for the national body and for the member clubs. This would ensure that they aligned and compatible but would still give the opportunity for local clubs to have minor amendments. Frances confirmed that there would be minimal change required for the Manawatu club.

Daryl thought the Federation of Motor Clubs could do this, after further discussion, it was agreed that Andy Ogilvy, secretary of the Canterbury Club, through his firm Godfrey's Law, be given the opportunity to start this process.

6) **Financial Support for the Canterbury Club following a loss from their rally**

The letter received from the Canterbury Club was read and it was agreed that this request was in line with the National Bodies rules.

Motion - 'That the National Body reimburse the Canterbury club as per the attached letter.'

Moved: Daryl Jeffery

Seconded: M. Peace

Carried

7) **Winding up of the Hawkes Bay Club**

Frances gave an overview of the situation with the Hawkes Bay Club, stating that the registrar has dissolved the club and that there will still be funds in the name of the club that the national body may have claims on. After some discussion the following motion was put to the committee.

‘That this body proceed with liquidating the Mercedes-Benz Club Hawkes Bay and appropriating any funds found in the accounts.’

Moved Daryl Jeffrey

Seconded Frances Baxter

Carried

It was further agreed that the Treasurer would keep any funds gained from this aside to assist with any ‘start up’ clubs in the future.

Mike Peters suggested a Facebook page for Hawkes Bay which would encourage any person interested to keep in touch and perhaps join an adjacent club.

8) **Dispersal of excess funds**

This subject was withdrawn from the agenda.

9) **Remuneration for the Editor**

Due to the workload and time required it was suggested that some form of remuneration be considered for the editor.

It was pointed out that the constitution did not allow this. Some guidance was given to Chris on how to reduce his workload such as requiring the clubs to present their information in a completed format, and the clubs just providing a limited number of photo’s so that he, (Chris), did not have to choose from the large number of photo’s being submitted now.

10) **Executive Meeting title be changed to Committee meeting.**

Stuart pointed out that the club rules did not provide for or define an ‘executive meeting’. Therefore, he asked that in future this meeting would just be a ‘committee meeting’.

All agreed.

Meeting closed: 3.25pm

