

## Minutes - Exec Meeting – 10 Oct 2018 – 7:30pm

**Present:** Duncan, Evan, Nicky, Ian, Ross, Blake, Carlos, Grant, Glen  
**Visitor:** Dan Clearwater (Fed Mountain Club)

**Apologies:** Mark Hardman

### Last meeting minutes:

Up on Trello, all happy with them.

**Task:** Evan to put minutes up on website.

### Matters arising

#### General business

**Dan Clearwater** - invited to speak to us re Doc concessions etc, also paraglider pilot. Is from Fed Mountain Club which is **advocacy group** for lots of different things to do with amateur recreation, conservation, concessions etc, club issues etc. Primary role is advocacy - talking to us re current Mt Cook issues, has had a look and think and spoke with Tim Brown to see if they needed help. Plan to do:

- Bigger than Aoraki – currently concession rules for flying on Doc land – Doc will go with the law.
- Need to dispute the interpretation of the law, get Doc/legislators to make changes to make the problem go away.
- NZHGPA – need to accept that we are included with concessions whether we like it or not.  
Need to seek a global concession - **FMC thinks this is the only real option one reason because:**
  - Insurance would be at risk

Evan advised that we knew this about 5 years ago, tried to apply for global concession and it was declined, went to Nick Smith but nothing happened so stale mate.

Dan said that with change of govt and that because FMC has significant political clout that they are confident they can achieve a global concession for us now. Further discussions.

How to get a concession:

- May take about 12 months, dedicated working group with Doc officials and FCM with NZHGPA representatives as well. Monthly meetings, lots of legwork to do for FCM to get a template that we would want. FMC quite confident it is achievable.
- NZHGPA can affiliate to FMC with full declaration (\$17 per member) or partial (Southern currently do this – STH decide to declare a number of members for an appropriate value of what they think FMC services are worth). Suggests we join, declare nominal number of members, maybe 4 people per 13 clubs + exec members – pay based on that, as an annual fee, about \$1000 per year.
- A lot of time involved for Dan personally for his work over and above his normal work for FMC. Suggested that maybe NZHGPA can donate to FMC trust, to assist with consultancy fees for Dan and/or others at the trust.
- \$1500 approx to apply, but with other costs would likely cost about \$5k to \$6k just to lodge the application, but using a consultancy firm could likely be approx. \$30k (market rates). FMC mostly volunteers, not at market value, but needs funds to assist.

Further discussions re our current budget and what we might need to budget for future years if we were to go ahead. Executive members feel it is extremely important to the members for future flying. Further discussions re how FMC has assisted other groups in the past and at present.

Dan advises we need a formal working group, but also advised not to put NZHGPA budget under huge pressure re funds to pay, could work through any issues we may have. May also be able to assist with other areas where NZHGPA and/or clubs need advocacy help.

Asked Dan to keep engaged with NZHGPA – exec needs to discuss issues re budget etc. Dan left the meeting 8.10pm.

Further discussion re membership of FMC, what it might be worth to us (to pay), how to fund it.

Duncan moved that we join the FMC with 60 members and do it by club positions as possible, proportionately – seconded by Blake, agreed unanimously.

Duncan also moved that we put forward an amount of \$5000 as an initial payment towards getting started on preliminary work on a global concession – seconded by Blake, agreed unanimously.

#### CEO Report:

- What does Evan do? Evan forwarded a list to Duncan of his broad activities, with his hours spent in the last month. Kept a log of everything he's done in the last month, including meetings, updates to OPM/forms etc and items noted below. Is Evan's list sufficient with what Exec are looking for? Carlos suggested it would be good to put the **broad aspects** of what is happening in a report every month to the membership at large. He would be happy to do it, using Evan's list and Exec meeting issues.

**Task:** Carlos to put report together each month with what is happening, to go out to membership. Evan to liaise with Carlos.

- HG Supervision form – Evan thinks it's fine as it is, should just submit it as it is.
- Drones – work with Nick Taber, has written a report after meeting with CAA and Evan suggests we should have a separate person to take on the issue as Nick doesn't have time to do it all himself, but would assist. Sort of comes under airspace but not directly, Nick already stretched. Duncan suggested contacting Tim Whittaker or shoulder tapping someone else.

**Task:** Duncan to contact Tim.

- CAA have asked for NZHGPA to have an audit at end October, will be held at Nicky's house on 30<sup>th</sup> October. They audit our compliance with CAA rules, 149 cert, and our OPM. They take sections of the OPM and then look for evidence that we're complying with it. 3 CAA representatives this time, with Evan, Nicky and Kris Ericksen.
- Busy now with membership renewals, with setting up emails etc and FAI sporting licenses.
- Police and CAA enquiries re hang glider fatality with Paddy Monro's school, Evan supplying chunks of information including previous audit of Paddy's school, which has never been audited.
- Had a question from a member who asked what would be involved in setting up a new club, in the south Canterbury area. Evan researched and sent a factual list of things to do with forming a new club, didn't get involved in any politics. Constitutionally it is OK. Carlos wondered if Duncan could get involved and see if there is a better resolution, keeping them together. Duncan has spoken with Kevin from AOR, they have some hard attitudes that won't go away quickly, they don't have much motivation to do anything more than what they are doing now.

**Task:** Duncan heading that way in November and will call in to speak with those involved, and appearing at HG nationals .

#### Treasury Report:

- Nicky – not much to report except that very busy with renewals, lots of money coming in at the moment, will look to put some more on deposit in a couple of weeks when calmed down a bit.

**Task List Review:** Duncan has changed Trello board around a little re tasks and where they are at.

- Mark Hardman is busy auditing the porosity meters.
- Evan is looking at SMS training options – will do it in November in Auckland. Aims to get safety officers and instructors on the courses too.
- Communications plan – Duncan hasn't done much on it, Glen has put some things on the board but nothing new since last meeting.
- Mark Hardman has watched videos from Pedro, including one on speedflying – not happy with that one, showed some controversial items. Concerned that Pedro and Sam were putting that forward. Wasn't that impressed with the videos as a whole.
- Website review – Glen and Carlos working away getting information, turned on analytics which has been collection information for the next meeting about what is currently being used on the site and looked. Glen has spoken to Wayne about how the site currently works, thinking about which bits to change and when, not to change everything all at once. Duncan has a person who might want to be website officer, with regards to updating website, making posts etc. Glen and Carlos think front page could use a freshen up and better usability, navigation etc, which we should get someone to assist with.

**Task:** Glen to come up with specific tasks to maybe take to web development company or someone else to move forward with. Ian knows a company that 'owes him a favour' to assist with it. Two crucial areas are international pilots and OMP/forms.

- Blake – speed wing certification – has made a start now at a stale mate, hard to pull together and make it meaningful. Did have person to assist but hasn't had much support from them.
- Create strategic plan – nothing more done
- Site authority forms to change to Site Safety Form – the form is done, was in doc sent a few months ago to exec (with supervision etc) but not yet put out to clubs as decision not really made yet about rule change. Evan will put in place 90% of what written unless any specific objections, will go back to Mark Hardman to confirm. Then to go back to clubs with new rule and get them to do new site authorisation forms as very few are valid at the moment. Further discussions. Ongoing.
- Induction pack – ongoing with Duncan
- Online logbooks – no further progress – ongoing with Glen
- Documenting CEO role – ongoing with Evan, as per Evan's earlier report
- RASP – Glen working on this still, transferred to a new domain but still on old servers.
- HG instructional videos – Grant has had communication with Lisa Bradly who is keen to have input. CAD tow manual available online, has used 3 different countries, including NZ, but that is out of date. Grant has a working group in progress, but ongoing.
- Ross hasn't managed to burn old video to new format due to technical hitches with his devices. Will go through archives to see if he has a copy. Ongoing. Further discussions about any assistance that exec can offer.
- PCC software – being made a bit more user-friendly – to stay with Wayne to get it sorted. Ongoing with Evan to work on as comp pilot rather than exec level.
- HG instruction certification – nothing happening yet, work in progress – Grant.

#### Correspondence:

- Thank you received from Nick Taber re NZHGPA not assisting with funding of Doc Concessions. Should go back to Nick now to advise going for global concession instead. Should maybe get a list from clubs of what payments they are making for sites, and what agreements with local bodies ie doc, airways, regional councils

**Task:** Duncan to contact clubs to gather information as above.

- Duncan has spoken with Paul Green of HGFA, asking him to come to NZ for HG nationals. Should Exec pay some of his costs to enter comp?

#### National PG Comp

Ongoing issue about getting info out to membership re PCC committee member requirements. Hamish Barker is running PG comp, but he needs help in the future, but all going OK so far.

**SIV in NZ** – Duncan - currently need SIV to get PG<sub>3</sub> rating – none being run in NZ at the moment. Perhaps need to try and get SIV sorted – Mark Hardman would be good person to be involved in discussion. Can exec assist in facilitating an SIV? Lots of issues around getting them working. Maybe hand to training group.

**WOF Guideline** – Evan has sent to a couple of people but no responses. Evan to follow up.

**Treble Cone** – access has been lost at the moment apart from one commercial operator. Lease holders - main issue is around gate being left unlocked, need more controls and want it run like a business. Further discussions re finding locks suitable for a system that both TC and Southern Club can use.

**Reserve repack at WAI (Ian)** – about 25 reserves done – question about whether there is a reserve repack qualification? Is being looked at re 115 operators but would be useful in the recreational side as well. Ideas have been drafted but as no current reserve requirement, there is no current rule/system in place.

Blake advised the exec about his partner's recovery from a PG accident. She is home and walking but will be a long recovery. Thanks for the flowers.

Meeting closed 9.40pm.