



THE MANAWATU CAR CLUB INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting
of the Members of The Manawatu Car Club (Incorporated)
Held at Manfeild Park Suites, Brendon Hartley Drive Feilding.
Friday 23rd February 2024 at 7.30pm**

The Club President welcomed members to the 76th Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies: Terry Rush, Gareth Hogg, Caitlin Chowen
2. Valedictory: Graham 'Harley' Davidson, Justin Keith, Jason Keith, Tim Gibbes, Joan Gibbes, Christine Jordan, Don Edmonds and Alan Freeman. The meeting stood for a minute's silence.
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting. Secretary Jeff Braid summarised the minutes to the meeting. Motion to confirm the minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting moved by Richie Arber, seconded by Brian Davies. Carried.
4. The Consideration and Adoption of the President's Report. Richie Arber presented his comprehensive annual report to the meeting. In summary the main points were:
 - The success of 2022 OctoberFAST meeting headlined by the NZ Super Truck Championship and coinciding with the celebration of 50 Years of Mack Trucks. Massive crowds came in their thousands to witness great racing and a huge convoy of 172 Mack Trucks on a parade lap of the 4.5km Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon
 - ShowVember Drift Event had activity on the 3km circuit, drift tutoring on the 1.5km Back Track, circuit cruise sessions and a huge 'hard park' show & Shine in the stadium carpark
 - The Mitre10 MEGA Summer Series began in December with rounds two and three in February and April. NZ Super Trucks were the feature class for Round three. Prizegiving was held in the Coach House Museum with attendees coming from as far as Wellington, Whanganui and Hawkes Bay
 - Super Sprint NZ Championship ran two rounds of the Series at Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon, one in late January and the other in April including D1NZ.
 - Cyclone Gabrielle caused the cancellation of the Pararangi Road Rallysprint due to road damage
 - The Motorsport NZ AGM and Conference held in Wellington ran many informative and interactive seminars. The Awards Night had Brian Davies was awarded Clerk of the Course D'Honneur, Terry Rush an Historic Heritage Award and Brendon Hartley was awarded the Jim Clark Trophy for the fourth time.
 - In May we had the Winter Series Information Night at Rod McCardle's workshop. It was attended by over 50 people, with 31 joining on a Facebook live feed. Good discussions and useful input from event officials
 - The four-round Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series ran in the first weekend in June, July, August and September. Round trophies were awarded and the Series Prize Giving was held in the Feilding Civic Centre in September
 - Grass-roots Transpec GT Oil Clubsport Events ran throughout the year with Manfeild Open Day sprints, Multi-Event Weekend, 4.5km Bent Sprint, Back-Track Autocross-Motorkhana and the 24Minutes of LeManfeild
 - Drift events included Fugu February, Main Track Drift Practice and Back-Track Drift Tutoring were mostly sell-outs strongly contributing to the Club's success.
 - 2023 membership increased to 486 members with 48 female club members.
 - Strong engagement with our Facebook page with 8300 followers from all over the world

- Sponsors acknowledged: Feilding Auto Electrical, Stewarts Mitre10 MEGA, GT Oil, Transpec Services, Danny's Autos, Geartech Automotive, Coresteel Buildings Manawatu, Ernie's Engineering, GDM Retail Systems, Max Tarr Electrical, Tremaine Energy Centre, Total Truck Spray, SAFEngineering and H.E.L Performance
- Strong financial position due to 30 events over 47 days, good management and a strong and experienced MCC Committee
- Our V-Force volunteers were acknowledged and thanked for giving up their time to allow us to go racing.
- Upcoming changes to the Club Constitution to comply with the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act
- Creation of a Youth Council to engage more younger members into the Club and contribute to succession planning.
- Clubrooms options involving Manfeild Park, Manawatu District Council, The Manawatu Car Club and Motorsport NZ proposal to develop a joint MSNZ HQ, MCC Clubrooms and a public venue on site at Manfeild
- International racing by MCC members: Brendon Hartley's fourth FIA WEC title, Rianna O'Meara-Hunt racing GT4 in the USA and Kaleb Ngatua's success in numerous race classes in NZ Australia and Japan
- At home successes include Chris Symon's third Formula First Championship in a row, Kevin Ingram and Tim Rush in Formula 5000, Blake Dowdall in Formula Ford Championship and Justin Allen in Toyota 86 Championship
- Disappointment for Chris Pither losing his Supercar drive
- Finally thanks to Cathy Gibson and the Manfeild team and Hamish Waugh and the MPT Board

Motion to adopt the President's Report moved by Richie Arber, Seconded by Russell Harris. Carried

5. The Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Statement of Accounts, The Balance Sheet and the Auditor's Report was tabled. (A copy can be requested) Tim Wilde summarised the reports and announced a considerable increase in net profit to \$58k and growing cash reserves to mitigate potential future risks. Motion to adopt the Annual Statement of Accounts moved by Tim Wilde, seconded by Murray Starnes. Carried. Life members Murray Starnes and Steve Bond both congratulated the committee for the very positive results.
6. Election of Officers of the Club as prescribed by the Constitution.


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 - Patron No new patrons
 - Honorary Solicitor: Motion to retain Ashley Muir from Cooper Rapley Law moved by Tim Wilde, seconded by Malcolm Glen. Carried
 - Appointment of Auditor: Tim Wilde moved that the current auditors Cotton Kelly Smit Ltd be retained, seconded by Noel Beale. Carried
 - Election of President. (President Term ends at 78th AGM. 2-year term as per article 9.4 of the constitution) One nomination; Richie Arber elected unanimously
 - Committee Members (Maximum of 10. One year term) 10 vacancies and 10 nominations. Duly elected
7. Setting of Subscriptions: Steve Bond moved that all subscriptions should be halved. This was not accepted. Richie Arber moved that the subscription fees remain the same, seconded by Tim Wilde. Carried
8. Award of Merit: Brian Davies paid tribute to the abilities, professionalism and dedication of Malcolm Glen to the role of Clerk of the Course over numerous years. He presented him with the Award of Merit.
9. Life Members: listed. No new life members
10. Farland Award. Russell Harris announced there would be two Farland Awards this year. He described the outstanding attributes of Jill Hogg and Greg Browne. Both were involved with the planning and execution of the 50th Anniversary of Manfeild evening as well as committee membership, event support and social activities.

11. General Business

- No general business

The meeting closed at 8:00pm



**R Arber
President
February 2024**