

Inaugural Meeting of the Northland Car Club
A+P Board Room, 13th July 1955.

Twenty two Northland motoring enthusiasts were present at the inaugural meeting of the Northland Car Club.

After a discussion of possible rules to be adopted (based on the rules of the Auckland Car Club supplied by the secretary of that club) those present introduced themselves and election of officers began.

Mr. John McDonald and Mr. Dave Wylie were nominated and elected to the offices of President and Vice-president respectively. Also elected were Mr. A.M. Harvey-Smith (Treasurer) and Mr. D. W. Gouk (Secretary)

The President then called for nominations for Club Captain: Nominated were Mr. Eric Grey (nom. by the President, sec. by Mr. Ted Allen)

Mr. John Windleburn (nom. by President, sec. by Mr. Reg. Hardaker)

Nominations were closed, and the election resulted in Mr. Eric Grey filling the position of Club Captain for the term 1st Aug '55 to 31st July 1956.

By popular vote it was decided to elect three additional committee members (thus forming a committee of eight).

Those nominated were:

Mr. R. Hardaker (nom. Mr. E. Grey, sec. Mr. A. East)

Mr. J. Windleburn (nom. Mr. L. Bulcraig sec. Mr. E. Grey)

Mr. E. Allen (nom. Mr. R. Hardaker, sec. Mr. J. Windleburn)

Mr. D. McLeod (nom. Mr. R. Martin) sec. Mr. H. M.
Harvey-Smith
Mr. J. Cameron (nom. Mr. E. Grey, sec. Mr. G. Lawton)
Mr. D. Goss (nom. Mr. D. Wylie sec. Mr. C. Fitzgibbon)

Nominations were closed at this point. The three members elected to the committee were:

Mr. E. Allen
Mr. J. Windleburn
Mr. R. Stardaker

The question of subscriptions was raised by the President who suggested £1/10/- per annum, payable on the 1st of August. This suggestion ~~was~~ met with general approval and was adopted. The President also drew members' attention to the fact that a club badge would be required, and members were invited to submit designs.

A discussion on club functions to be held was opened by Mr. J. Windleburn, who suggested an ^{evening} meeting once a month, possibly once a fortnight when the club grew bigger. The President suggested evening meetings may take the form of open discussions, talks by experts etc. Mr. Eric Grey suggested borrowing or hiring of suitable films. The possibilities of acquiring a projector for the film evening was also discussed and the Ferguson Factor Co. ^{was} suggested as a probable source.

Members agreed that the A+P Board room was at present adequate for the club's needs, but that heating and supper

during the meetings was desirable. It was agreed to begin meetings at 8 pm. for the benefit of "out-of-town" members, and to levy a charge of 1/- per member to cover the cost of hiring the room; supper and heating arrangements. The date on which meetings will be held was not decided as this depended on the availability of the Board Room. Members decided that the Secretary should inform each member of the date of the next meeting.

A suggestion was made by Mr. J. Hindleburn that a Newsletter should be started as soon as possible and circulated to club members. Names and addresses of all members was taken with this end in view.


It was also suggested that the club's first outdoor meeting be a gymkhana or field day to be held on a Sunday, and as soon as possible ~~preferably~~. A tentative date was set for the first Sunday in August. Mr. Lionel Buleraig suggested that points be awarded by secret observers en route to the trial grounds for good driving by members, and that a prize be awarded the winner of such a competition. There was much discussion over a site for this meeting, and Mr. E. Grey and Mr. L. Buleraig promised to investigate the neighbourhood of Kawakawa and Moerewa for a suitable ground. Moerewa Park was suggested as a possible site.

In connection with a standing quarter mile speed trial, Mr. Grey pointed out that there was an almost ideal site on the road to Otira, and that the Auckland Car Club was

willing to provide equipment and officials to help organise our first speed event, whether ~~the~~ standing $\frac{1}{4}$ mile or hill-climb.

The President pointed out the desirability of this club being affiliated with the Association of New Zealand Car Clubs, and moved in this direction. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Election of a delegate to the Asstn. was deferred until the need for one arose.

General discussion then brought up such points as the need for drawing up an indemnity form prior to any club gymkhana, hill-climb etc. (Mr. J. Hindleburn)

The club decided to bank its funds with the  A.N.Z. Bank, in keeping with a policy of giving all possible custom to club members or their firms.

Suggestions for holding a standing $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in conjunction with the Motor Cycle Club were not met with general approval as similar arrangements have been found rather unsatisfactory by other clubs.

The subject of a social evening was also broached, and it was decided to welcome lady members. The President favours their membership "for its levelling effect".

The President called for prizes for competitive events, and opened the list with an offer of a free retread by Reliance Tyre + Rubber Company.

The evening concluded with an interesting talk by Mr. Ronald Bulcraig on the development, performance and specifications of the "Northland Special", and at

approximately 10-30 p.m. The President declared the meeting closed.

The question of patrons was also discussed. Those suggested were :- Mr. Len Adams (Senior) of Len Adams Ltd.

Mr. "Hofky" Bloufield

Mr. Davenport of Traffic Dept.

Mr. Eric Weston of Westons Mtrs.

Mr. Paddy Carr. of Carr's Mtrs.

Mr. Paul Haywood of Haywood Mtrs.

Mr. Alan Chermide of Auto Parts.

J. A. McDonald. 10.8.55