



The 69th Annual General Meeting of the University of London Mountaineering Club (ULGMC) will be held from 630pm on Friday 19th April 2019 at Plas y Brenin, Snowdonia.

1. Opening (presented by Secretary)

- a) Apologies for absence: Ian Ross (Treasurer), Sue Darling, Jill Bennett, Mike Bennett, Janet Hellen, Trevor Hellen, Liz Parkinson, Mike Parkinson, Jeff Batten, Margaret Batten, Pauline Owens, Stephen Olivant, Angie Hsu
- b) *Adoption of the draft agenda for 2019 AGM
- c) *Adoption of the minutes from 2018 AGM
- d) Matters arising from 2018 AGM

2. President's report

3. Finances (presented by Membership Secretary and Treasurer)

- a) Report on membership numbers and profile
- b) (Re)presentation of scrutinised accounts for 2014-2017 (TBC)
- c) *Adoption of scrutinised accounts for 2014-2017 (TBC)
- d) Presentation of accounts for 2018
- e) *Adoption of accounts for 2018
- f) Presentation of forecast for 2019
- g) *Membership subscription rates for 2020
- h) *Authorisation of expenditure for 2020

4. Programme for 2019 & 2020 (presented by Meets Secretary)

- a) Meets report & planning
- b) *Date of 2020 AGM

5. Other reports

- c) Trustees/hut wardens for Caseg Fraith and Fallcliffe
- d) BMC area meetings

6. Elections

- a) *Club officers
- b) *Committee members without portfolio
- c) *Scrutineer of ULGMC accounts
- d) *ULMC representative

7. Any other business

- a) BMC representatives (currently Trefor Owen)
- b) 70th club anniversary (2020)
- c) Anniversaries of huts (Caseg Fraith & Fallcliffe, 2021)

** means a decision is required by the AGM – see next page for possible proxy votes*



The 69th Annual General Meeting of the University of London Mountaineering Club (ULGMC) will vote on the following agenda items. If, you can't attend the AGM in person you can:

- a) Nominate the chair (Stephan Tietz) to proxy vote for you
- b) Nominate another attendee (and full member of ULGMC) to proxy vote for you
- c) Let us know your choices to the votes below.

Please, send any nominations for proxy votes or send us your votes by 12pm, 19th April 2019 to president@ulgmc.org.

1a Adoption of draft agenda for 2019 AGM

1c Adoption of minutes for 2020 AGM

No proxy vote possible

3c Adoption of scrutinised accounts for 2014-2017

3e Adoption of accounts for 2018

The 2020 AGM will be asked to adopt the accounts for 2014-2018 **if** the scrutineers (Mike Warden and Mark Stitson) confirm that they are in order.

No proxy vote possible

3g Membership subscriptions rates for 2020

The last time ULGMC membership rates have been raised was in 2014 to cover an increase of BMC club membership from £11.75/head to £13.25/head. Single membership was kept at £20 and family/joint membership was raised from £30 to £35. In 2018 the BMC club membership increased to £14.25/head and ULGMC membership rates have been kept the same. The income shortfall of c£160 was covered by the annual surplus.

The BMC has informed us that their club membership will rise by £6/head (£20.25 normal, £15 students). There is currently no alternative to our BMC affiliation which provides members of the club with liability insurance (in particular club officers), give access to climbing huts across the UK, supports the BMC important access and conservation work as well as giving other perks like retail discounts and Summit magazine subscriptions.

Raise membership rates in line with BMC club membership – no proxy vote possible

The committee proposes to raise the ULGMC membership rates by £6/head to cover the increased cost of BMC club membership from January 2020.

After the increase of £6/head the new ULGM membership rates are:

- Single: £26 comprised of £20.25 to the BMC and £5.75 club contribution
- Family/joint: £47 comprised of £40.50 to the BMC and £6.50 club contribution

This will be put to the AGM for approval. The current membership rate of £20 is less than our liabilities will be (£20.25), which means that the club cannot function without approving this increase.



Authorise future membership rates increases in line with BMC club membership

Mark Stitson has suggested that the committee should be authorised to raise ULGMC membership rates in line with BMC club membership rates going forward. This protects the club if the rate needs to be raised before an AGM would be held. Any changes will need to be circulated via the newsletter/email and published on the webpage.

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ Abstain

Further increase of membership rates

Family/joint memberships contribute only £3.25/head to the club while single memberships contribute £5.75. We save less than £2 per family due to only printing and sending only one membership card. The committee proposes to raise the “club contribution” which will minimise the need to reduce expenditure. We think the following increases could raise an additional income of c£130 (or c£90 if we see a further drop in membership numbers):

- Single: £26.25 comprised of £20.25 to the BMC and £6 club contribution
- Family/joint: £50.50 comprised of £40.50 to the BMC and £10 club contribution

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ Abstain

Introduction of reduced membership rates for sub30y/o

Robbie Pineda has suggested to introduce a discount for members of who are younger than 30 years (at the beginning of the membership years). This would minimise the rate increase for this age group and help recent graduates (which is in line with our constitutional objective). The committee proposes a club contribution of £2 which covers our cost of printing and sending a membership card. This will likely reduce our income by c£50:

- Sub30y/o: £22.25 comprised of £20.25 to the BMC and £2 club contribution

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ Abstain

3h Authorisation of expenditure for 2020

The club is likely to see a larger deficit over the coming years unless we decrease our expenditure. The main increase in expenditure has been the rise of BMC club membership (see above) and the introduction of the Training and Expedition fund (£400/year).

So far the club has run an annual surplus and/or only a small deficit due to one-off income boosts (e.g. c£100 in donations in 2018) or unexpectedly reduced expenditure (e.g. c£100 savings from late renewals which reduced our affiliation costs with BMC in 2018 and c£50 savings as ULMC committee did not uptake the AGM dinner invite in 2017-2018). This is reflected in the forecast for 2019 which predicts a shortfall of c£385 which would reduce our assets to c£5200.

Authorisation of expenditure for 2020 – no proxy vote possible

As every year we are putting the authorisation of expenditure for 2020 to the AGM:

- Committee expenses (e.g. banking, print of membership cards and postage), £50-£150
- Expedition and Training, £400
- AGM dinner for ULMC committee, c£50
- Donation to Mountain Rescue in England and Wales, currently £150



- Donation to Mountain Rescue Scotland, currently £50
- Donation to SARDA (Mountain Rescue Search Dogs England), currently £50
- Affiliate membership of Snowdonia Society, currently £36
- Affiliate membership of Friends of the Lake District, currently £30

These options will be discussed and voted on by the AGM. There is the possibility of changing/reducing donations.

BMC club membership for honorary members

ULGMC currently has 12 honorary (and lifetime) members. We pay BMC club membership for 7 of these (c£100, the other 5 life abroad or make an annual donation to cover our costs). While the ULGMC constitution was changed in 2015 to remove this liability, honorary members at the time continue to receive this benefit. Primarily, this protects founding members who were granted “lifetime membership” (category does not exist in constitution) by a previous AGM from losing this benefit.

The committee asks the AGM to authorize us to write to all honorary members to ask if they actively benefit from BMC club membership and to stop paying it if they don't.

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ Abstain

4b Date of 2020 AGM

We have similar numbers attending this year's AGM despite a shorter notice period. Attendance is also more diverse and feedback has generally been positive (e.g. longer weekend). We therefore propose to continue the trial run of having the AGM during the Easter Snowdonia meet on Friday, 10th April 2020.

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ Abstain

6a Club officers

We have not received nominations to fill vacant Secretary role or to challenge incumbents. We therefore ask the AGM to confirm the committee “in block”. The current committee are:

- President: Stephan Tietz
- Vice-President: Mike Hale (until Oct 2019 as his constitutional term ends)
- Secretary: vacant
- Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Ian Ross
- Meets Secretary: Graham Cunningham

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ Abstain

6b Committee members without portfolio

6c Scrutineer of ULGMC accounts

6d ULMC representative

There are currently no committee members without portfolio and we have not received nominations to fill the four posts. Robert Hardy is the ULMC representative for ULGMC. Mark Stitson is the scrutineer for ULGMC.

No proxy vote possible