



Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting of ULGMC

Held at the Old Dungeon Ghyll, Ambleside on Saturday 19th of October 2013. The meeting convened at 6pm with the President, Heather Rumble, in the chair.

1. Apologies for absence

Elsbeth & Tim Howell, Tim & Caroline Marshall, Shaun West, Bill & Carol Bristow, Geoff & Mary Williams, Ivor Delafield, Francis Mott, Rachael Mott, Ian Chuter

2. Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was accepted by acclamation.

3. Minutes of the 2012 AGM

a) Adoption of minutes

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted by acclamation.

b) Matters arising

There were no major matters arising from the last AGM.

4. Finance

c) Treasurer's report

The treasurer presented his annual report showing the club in good financial health.

The club currently had 48 single members, 48 family memberships and 4 children had been registered for BMC insurance purposes.

The club branded clothing had been very successful and a small profit was made.

The treasurer was stepping down after having served the maximum 6 year term and was going to work with the new treasurer to hand over in an orderly fashion.

d) Adoption of Accounts

The treasurer, Keith Mott, reported the accounts for October 2012 to September 2013.

The accounts had been scrutinized by the Hon Scrutineer, Mike Warden, and found to be in order.

Sue Darling seconded by Mike Pollitt proposed to approve the accounts. The accounts were approved by acclamation.

e) Subscriptions

As the BMC had not increased subscriptions, the club subscription rates were left as follows:

- Individual member's rate: £20.00
- Family members' rate: £30.00
- Children's BMC insurance rate (optional): £7.00

- Overseas individual rate: £6.50
- Overseas family rate: £8.50

Sue Darling, seconded by Mike Pollitt, proposed to approve the subscription rates. The subscription rates were approved by acclamation.

f) Expenditure

The treasurer reported that donations had been made for 2013, as agreed at the previous AGM:

- Mountain Rescue Council for England and Wales: £150
- Mountain Rescue Scotland: £50
- Search and Rescue Dogs Association: £50
- Friends of the Lakes: £30
- Friends of Snowdonia: £30

For the next year it was proposed to keep the same level of donations.

The donations were approved by general acclamation.

5. Committee Reports

a) President

The President's report is carried separately in the newsletter for September 2013. Mention was made of many more and diverse meets and included ideas for fundraising.

b) Secretary

There was more work on the website, with a number of volunteers to starting to improve it and providing more information on-line.

The secretary also reported on the BMC Student Seminar, where he had meet with the president of ULMC and with other London student club committee members and good links were forming.

The secretary also reported that the number of paper newsletters issued was continuing to fall.

As the secretary had been in position for the maximum 6 years he was stepping down and for the coming year was going to work handing over to the new secretary.

c) Membership Secretary

The membership secretary Keith Mott reported that although membership was down there were far more active members attending multiple events per year.

Year	Individual Members	Joint Members	Individual Overseas Members	Joint Overseas Members	Honorary Members
2011	37	49	1	1	13
2012	32	45	1	1	13
2013	48	48	0	1	13

There were also 4 children registered for BMC Insurance through the club in 2013.

d) Meets Secretary

The meets secretary, Linda Coombs deferred her report to the meets section of the AGM.

e) Trustees and Hut Wardens Report

Mike Warden and Mike Parkinson presented a report for the hut wardens.

Mike Hale and Mike Pollitt were appointed as additional trustees during the year and Tim Marshall had tendered his resignation.

Elsbeth Howell had tendered her resignation as hut warden after 15 years of service, but was happy to stay on as booking secretary.

The current deputy hut wardens for Caseg Fraith had not proved satisfactory and a replacement was being sought.

The trustees and hut warden were grateful for the work done by the club members earlier in the year in cleaning Caseg Fraith and suggested this should be repeated in the form of a regular work weekend.

Overall the huts were in a financially stable position and a list of works that should be done for Fallcliffe was mentioned, the first being the most important:

- Retaining wall in car park
- Drying room and coal bunker
- Plan for the washroom

Fallcliffe had also managed to break even this year.

f) Area representatives

Trefor Owen reported on the North Wales area meets:

- New pumped storage schemes
- Smaller hydro power stations all over North Wales
- Bolting failures and liability discussions
- NT fencing off Carneddau to avoid over-grazing
- Winter climbing damage
- Navigation pillars on the Snowdon path junctions
- More access in South Wales

Trevor Hellen reported that the South West area group discussed cliff access and bolting; also the size of the area made meeting very hard.

6. Programme for 2012

The meets secretary, Linda Coombs thanked all meet leaders. For future meets she asked all meet leaders to send in a simple report on meet attendance, so we could put on more meets of the type that were well attended.

She also suggested that in addition to the meets programme presented at the AGM we update the meets list on a three month rolling basis to enable better planning.

The detailed meets programme was presented by the meets secretary and agreed by acclamation. For the next AGM the Royal Oak in Betws-y-Coed had been provisionally booked for the 18th of October 2013.

7. Elections

Three nominations for club officers had been received and incumbents apart from the Vice-President, the Treasurer and Secretary had agreed to stand for re-election. As there were no contested positions, it was agreed that officers would be elected by acclamation with the retiring Secretary Mark Stitson in the Chair.

a) President

Heather Rumble was re-elected as President.

b) Vice-president

The current Vice-President, Tim Marshall, had decided to retire from the position and Mike Hale had been proposed as new Vice-President.

Stephan Tietz nominated the candidate and Heather Rumble seconded the nomination.

Mike Hale was approved by the AGM as the new ULGMC Vice-President.

c) Honorary secretary

The current Secretary, Mark Stitson, had reached the maximum term in the position and Mike Pollitt had been proposed as new Secretary until a replacement is found.

Keith Mott nominated the candidate and Mark Stitson seconded the nomination.

Mike Pollitt was approved by the AGM as the new Secretary.

d) Honorary Treasurer and Membership Secretary

The current Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Keith Mott, had reached the maximum term in the position and Stephan Tietz had been proposed as new Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

Mike Hale nominated the candidate and Geoff Batten seconded the nomination.

Stephan Tietz was approved by the AGM as the new Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

e) Honorary Meets Secretary

Linda Coombs was re-elected as the Meets Secretary.

f) Co-opted comitee members without portfolio

The co-opted committee members were confirmed as:

- Neil Brindley
- Keith Mott – newly appointed
- Sue Darling – newly appointed
- Mark Stitson – newly appointed

8. Other Elections

a) Honorary Scrutineer of ULGMC accounts

Mike Warden had agreed to continue as Honorary Scrutineer of the ULGMC accounts and was confirmed by acclamation.

b) BMC Area representatives

Trefor Owen (Wales), Tavor Hellen (South West) and Mark Stitson (South East) agreed to continue as BMC Area representatives for the club and were confirmed by acclamation.

c) ULMC representative

Mike Pollitt agreed to continue as the ULMC representative and was confirmed by acclamation.

Both Mike Pollitt and Mark Stitson had attended ULMC meets over the past year.

9. AOB

After advice from the BMC, the committee would instigate a review of the club constitution and a draft of the amended constitution would be circulated before the next AGM.

John Coote proposed a vote of thanks for all the enthusiasm and hard work of the club committee which was welcomed by all present.

The privatisation of helicopter rescue was progressing and initially there should be no changes for us as users. It was considered if this would be chargeable in the future and we would need insurance, as is usual in the Alps and provided by the Alpine Clubs of the Alpine nations to their members.

Mike Warden proposed that Tim Marshall should be made an honorary vice-president for his contribution to the club in particular and to climbing and disabled sports in general. This was seconded by Mark Parkinson and welcomed by general acclamation.

The AGM also welcomed Georgia Ferguson the current ULMC president.

The AGM ended with the Annual Dinner at 8pm.

Signatures after acceptance by the 2014 AGM

Heather Rumble, President

Mark Stitson, Secretary (up to 2013)

Mike Pollitt, Secretary (2013 onwards)