

MINUTES OF THE 64TH ULGMC AGM

11 Oct 2014, Royal Oak Hotel, Betws-y-Coed

Heather Rumble in the chair

1. Apologies for absence

Trevor & Janet Hellen, Mark Stitson, Mike Hale, Francis & Rachael Mott, Kim Ashworth, Andy Worster, Steven Olivant, Willie Butler, Les Bailey, Liz Parkinson, Neil Brindley

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed: Bill Bristow, Seconded: Eleanor Mott

Accepted by consent

3. Minutes of the 2013 AGM

Proposed: Mike Parkinson, Seconded: Trefor Owen

Accepted by consent

4. Finance

Stephan Tietz (ST) apologised for late membership cards this year. The membership number is up slightly on last year.

Accounts

Noted that the accounting period has been adjusted to 01 Jan to 31 Dec, to match the membership year and the BMC membership year. Motion to accept the accounts presented:

Proposed: Sam Hardman, Seconded: Diane MacCleod

Accepted by consent

Motion to continue donations as per previous years and continue to support meets as previous years

Proposed: Mike Parkinson, Seconded: John Coote

Accepted by consent

Subscriptions. Motion for joint membership to be raised to £35, single membership to remain at £20.

Discussion that this is due to BMC affiliation fee.

Proposed: Mike Parkinson, Seconded Bill Bristow

Vote: 22 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

Direct debits. Proposal to allow membership to be paid by direct debit, using the company "GoCardless", who are used by many other organisations to process direct debits. Note that cash or cheque payment will still be acceptable. The benefit of this is reduced administrative work for the treasurer and to give members a more convenient way to pay. The club will cover the 1 % fee

Proposed Sue Darling, Seconded: Sam Hardman

Accepted by consent

5 Officer's Reports

5a. President's Report (Heather Rumble, HR)

Membership is up but still needing to push new members. HR suggested people nag new people to come on meets! Meets are the main advertisement. A BMC survey said that the main reason for joining clubs is to meet people. Constitution amendments were discussed. The BMC suggested adding a clause about expelling members, and the committee took the opportunity to tidy up the rest of the constitution. There was discussion whether the length of the clauses on expelling members was excessive and noted that proposed ULGMC wording is not as long as the BMC guideline. HR thanked Shaun West (newsletter) & Jill Bennett (archivist)

5b. Secretary (Mike Pollitt, MP). Nothing significant to minute

5c. Membership Secretary (Stephan Tietz, ST). Covered above

5d Meets Secretary. (Linda Coombs, LC). LC reminded people that there is a pub meet in the London area on the first Thursday of the month. A provisional meets lists was distributed.

5e Hut wardens / trustees. MP spoke about Caseg Fraith. Many thanks to Elspeth Howell for her work as warden and booking secretary. The warden part of the role was handed over to Phil Tarr in March, so thanks also to him for his work. There is a new deputy hut warden: Sally Brown who took over in January.

Mike Warden (MW) spoke about Fallcliffe cottage. Things were similar to last year. Dave Morley (Fallcliffe hut warden), obtained a £3000 rebate on the electricity. Work will be needed on the car park retaining wall. The warden was considering flat fee rate for exclusive use of the hut, to counter the problem of people booking the entire hut and then not filling it. Volunteers requested for Deputy Hut Warden.

5f BMC Area Meets

Trefor Owen, BMC Wales. Discussion of an access review (climbers damaging SSSI), and small scale hydroelectric schemes. General points: First Hydro Slate Quarries access position unchanged (i.e. no permission required). Cairn problem (i.e. too many) & false paths.

6. Programme for 2015

Meets programme was distributed. The date for the next AGM is 17th October 2015 at Fallcliffe / The Millstone, as per the meets list.

7. Committee Elections

a) President: Heather Rumble

b) Vice-President: Mike Hale

c) Secretary: Mike Pollitt

d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Stephan Tietz

e) Meets Secretary: Linda Coombs

All committee considered together. Proposed: Sue Esten, Seconded: Pam Towlson

Accepted by consent

It was noted that other Committee members were Neil Brindley, Mark Stitson, Keith Mott & Sue Darling

8. Other Elections

Scrutineer: Mike Warden

ULMC representative: Mark Stitson

Proposed: Mike Parkinson, Seconded: Dave MacLeod

Accepted by consent

10. AOB

John Coote: thanked committee for their work over the year