

# MINUTES OF THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ULGMC AGM

17 Oct 2015, Millstone Inn, Hathersage

Heather Rumble in the chair

## 1. Apologies for absence

Mel Owen, Mike & Liz Parkinson, Jill & Mike Bennett, Stephen Olivant, Sue Darling, Mike Warden, Geoff Williams, ULMC were unable to send a representative, Neil & Regina Brindley, Andy & Elena Charalambous, Les Bailey, George & Mary Bolt, John & Valerie Burrows, John Parsons, Andrew Rydlewski (chair as proxy), Matt Walters (HR as proxy)

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed: Mike Pollitt, Seconded: John Coote. Accepted by consent

## 3. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Elanor Mott. Accepted by consent

## 4. Finance

a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2014

ST reported membership numbers are stable (181 members). ST thanked those who have signed up for direct debit as it makes the treasurer's job easier and noted that 7 members have not yet paid their fees. Increase in membership fees has had no negative effect (ratio between single and joint memberships stable). Membership fees proposed to be unchanged for 2016 (£35 joint, £20 single, no BMC liability insurance contribution for overseas, BMC liability insurance is currently £13.25 per head and £8 for each child). Accounts for 2014 were presented by ST: subsidised Yorkshire meet and £20 for room rental at AGM, £162.83 surplus increasing assets to £5,113.60. Forecast for 2015 presented: noted August bank holiday and AGM meets are being run through the club account, surplus of £319.48 expected. Mike Warden has the information to scrutinise the accounts for 2013 and 2014. £400 BMC funding has been received for website & newsletter, which has not yet been spent.

Issues in changing signatories and main contact with Natwest noted. Tim Marshall and Sarah Hampton removed as signatories. Full list of current signatories: Stephan Tietz, Michael Hale, Heather Rumble, Neil Brindley and Keith Mott. Signatory rules are: one person needed for payments up to £500 (e.g. meets), two for anything higher (BMC Q1 + Q2, AGM). Payments up to £500 require one signatory and approval from one other committee member.

ST noted that club used to subsidise PyB training at Caseg Fraith, but this has not been taken up recently. In order to encourage new joiners and support younger members, ST proposed £200 expedition & training fund (covered by current surplus). Application would be by a few written paragraphs, with decision by the committee. ST will present progress at each AGM, and advertise in newsletter. Bill Bristow noted Fell & Rock Club have a weekend in the Lake District to encourage new members.

Motion for authorisation for expenditure of funds 2016 (including expedition fund)

Proposed: John Coote, Seconded Diane Bennett. Accepted by consent

Motion to accept the accounts presented (noted accounts have not yet been scrutinised):

Proposed: Diane Bennett, Seconded: Frances Mott. Accepted by consent

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

Proposed: Bill Bristow, Seconded: John Coote. Accepted by consent

## 5. Officer's Reports

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

HR discussed communication from the club and noted that the committee do not have time to do things we would like to do (e.g. website revamp – BMC funding obtained). The aim of improved communication is to recruit new members. We are trying to build connection with ULMC. ULMC have noted difficulty in attracting members as big colleges have their own clubs. ULGMC is struggling with retaining younger members.

5b. Secretary (Mike Pollitt, MP), 5c. Membership Secretary (Stephan Tietz, ST), 5d. Meets Secretary (Sam Hardman, SH). Covered elsewhere

5e. Hut wardens / trustees. MP announced that Elspeth Howell had decided to step down as Caseg booking secretary, to be replaced by Sam Hardman. MP thanked Elspeth for all of the work she had done as booking secretary and as warden up until last year. There was a vote of thanks: proposed by Mike Pollitt, seconded by Bill Bristow. Accepted by consent and applause.

Phil Tarr (Caseg Warden) reported on Caseg Fraith: The 2014/15 financial year resulted in a £8k surplus. Major maintenance problem was the roof leak: slates have been reset. A new cooker has been purchased and a snug cushion replaced. Also the snug has been decluttered with surplus magazines sent to Bangor university collection / students. Accounts have been scrutinised by Mike Parkinson.

MH reported on Fallcliffe Cottage: septic tank lid was broken but has been repaired. The problem of the retaining wall was noted. Dave Morley has replaced a cooker, covers on beds; new roof has helped. Fallcliffe also made a financial surplus with occupancy equivalent to full for ~half weekends of the year.

Mark Stitson (ULMC rep). Two official joint meets were held this year (March Fallcliffe & Alpine meet). ULMC members have joined on ULGMC meets. For 2016: planning another Fallcliffe meeting. MS was at the BMC student safety seminar. To promote interaction, we will be sending interested ULMC members copies of newsletter. We can also have joint meets (university has given approval) with the aim of attracting new members.

5f BMC Area Meetings

Trevor Hellen (SW region): little to report as area meets happen in Cornwall – usual about sea cliff access

Trefor Owen (Wales Region) Craig Yr Olwen near Llangollen access issues (also SSI). National Trust have taken over part of the Great Orme. Pumped storage scheme and nine other applications for hydro. Access issue to sea cliff (CROW access is working for upland areas). There is an attempt to publish a green paper to get same degree of access as Scotland. Shuttle bus services are decreasing due to removing subsidy from council (no service in Ogwen valley). Vandalism to Llanberis MRT landrovers noted and Sea King helicopters have 'retired'.

## **6. Programme for 2016**

SH noted there are lots of meets in Caseg & Fallcliffe; volunteer requested for organising new year at Caseg. Please let SH know for volunteers to lead meets. Meets programme was distributed. The date for the next AGM is 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 at Caseg / Royal Oak.

Proposed Diane Benett, Seconded Frances Mott. Accepted by consent (but note discussion under AOB)

## **7. Committee Elections**

- a) President: Heather Rumble (HR)
- b) Vice-President: Mike Hale (MH)
- c) Secretary: Mike Pollitt (MP)
- d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Stephan Tietz (ST)
- e) Meets Secretary: Samantha Hardman (SH)

All committee considered together. Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Elanor Mott

Accepted by consent

It was noted that other Committee members were Neil Brindley, Mark Stitson (MS), Keith Mott & Sue Darling. There were no nominations for newsletter editor (Shaun West has stepped down). In interim, Heather will edit the newsletter. There was a vote of thanks to Shaun West by applause

## **8. Other Elections**

The account's scrutineer is currently Mike Warden. In case he wanted to retire MS proposed that the committee might appoint a new scrutineer without prior AGM approval.

Proposed: John Coote, Seconded: Elanor Mott. Accepted by consent

ULMC representative: Mark Stitson

Proposed: Heather Rumble, Seconded: Elanor Mott. Accepted by consent

## **9. Review of constitution**

The draft constitution had previously been circulated in newsletters. Four specific amendments were voted on:

1. Line 30: Honorary members, as defined in the constitution, will not receive BMC affiliation

(this is to protect the club from future liabilities).

It was noted that whatever rights of previous honorary members or honorary vice-president had been granted would still be honoured and not affected by this change.

Vote: In favour: 23+2 (proxy). No objections. Remainder (6) taken to have abstained

2. Line 30: Honorary members, as defined in the constitution, will not receive voting rights.

It was also noted that this change will not affect existing honorary members, honorary vice presidents or lifetime members. HR had looked at old AGM minutes and found different 'benefits' had been granted to people in the same category

Vote: In favour: 23+2 (proxy). No objections. Remainder (6) taken to have abstained

3. Line 40: The committee may expel a member under the terms outlined in section 9.

Vote: In favour: 29+2 (proxy). No objections. No abstentions

4. Line 91: The date of the AGM no longer needs to be held in the last three months of the year.

Vote: In favour: 27+2 (proxy). No objections. Remainder (2) taken to have abstained

As all votes were carried, the new constitution was approved and will be included in next newsletter.

## **10. AOB**

-Will be trying another run of the club T-shirt

-Discussion around membership fees. Some other organisations charge a higher membership fee than ULGMC. However, noted desire to attract new members and no great motive to increase membership fee if no need for the money

-Discussion around the venue for the next AGM. Noted that many members wanted it to be in the Lake District but that the committee & meets secretary had encountered extra organisational problems with an AGM in an area where the club does not have a hut. Nobody outside of the committee volunteered to organise a Lake District AGM when asked. Noted that getting a booking for the Old Dungeon Ghyll can be problematic.

Vote of thanks to the committee by John Coote.