

MINUTES OF THE 66TH ULGMC AGM (unadopted)

22 Oct 2016, Royal Oak Hotel, Betws-y-Coed

Heather Rumble in the chair

1. Apologies for absence

Carol Bristow, Geof & Margaret Batten, Mike & Liz Parkinson, Jill & Mike Bennett, Tim & Caroline Marshall, John & Rosemary Bevis, John & Joy Parsons, Stephen Olivant, Edwin Byron Davies.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Sam Hardman. Accepted by consent

3. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

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

Noted that Keith Mott has volunteered to run next year's AGM in the Lake District.

4. Finance

a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2015

ST reported on the club's financial performance. Last year the club obtained funding from the BMC for the webpage and general marketing, which is not yet all spent (as the money was received at the end of the year). In 2015, the club made a surplus of £384 and is in good financial health. Scrutiny of the accounts for 2013 & 2014 has not yet been completed. Mark Stitson will scrutinise 2015 accounts.

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

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Janet Hellen. Accepted by consent

c) Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2017 – unchanged from 2016. Noted that the BMC subscription rates are unchanged.

Proposed: John Coote, Seconded: Sue Esten. Accepted by consent

d) Motion for authorisation for expenditure of funds 2017

For the expedition fund, only one application received in 2016 but not accepted as it did not meet the criteria. It is proposed to continue to expedition fund into 2017.

Proposed: Geoff Williams, Seconded: Sam Hardman. Accepted by consent

5. Officer's Reports

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

HR welcomed Laura Dempsey as President of ULMC. Over the course of the year, the club has continued to try to improve recruitment, including joint meets with ULMC. In particular, there has been development the Alps trip, which in 2016 had 14 participants (50:50 mix ULMC:ULGMC). Much of the membership base is around London, so some meets have been held around London (walks & socials). The website has been worked on, including the hut booking system. The website will be slowly migrating to a more up-to-date version. HR intends to step down from the committee next year.

The BMC attempted to rebrand to Climb Britain and useful feedback was received from members which was fed back to the BMC. The BMC subsequently reversed the decision to rebrand. Indoor climbers would identify well with the name Climb Britain but hill walkers would be offended. Noted that the BMC is starting a hill walking section and that the Summit magazine includes 50:50 hill walking – climbing articles. There was general comment that the BMC need to be clear as to what their aims / strategies are and that the "Climb Britain" issue has highlighted the disconnect between clubs and the BMC. There was discussion about BMC area meets. In the London area, ULGMC is one of the ten biggest clubs.

5b. Secretary (Mike Pollitt, MP) – no report

5c. Membership Secretary (Stephan Tietz, ST)

Membership is 166 (slightly down from 175 from last year). Reminder that direct debit is available to pay membership. ST discussed the desire to engage members on the committee, including "silent" members who use the huts but do not come on meets. ST intends to step down as membership secretary next year.

5d. Meets Secretary (Graham Cunningham, GC) GC reported that it was easy to fill the meets list for spring and summer months but there were some gaps in Autumn. GC would be delighted to hear from people about new meets. GC thanked Janet Hellen and Frances Mott for taking on regular meets.

5e. Hut wardens / trustees. MH announced that Mike Parkinson and Mike Warden were stepping down as trustees and were being replaced by Mark Stitson and Keith Mott. MP thanked Mike & Mike for all of the work they had done over the last 20+ years. Sam Hardman had been booking secretary since 01 Jan 2016.

Mike Hale, MH reported on Fallcliffe cottage. Mostly the hut has had a good year. The issue of the retaining wall remains, which will be investigated with a surveyor. Two quotes have been received in order £15-20k and there will be a fundraising campaign for the wall. MH would like to renovate the toilet and shower facilities at Fallcliffe.

Phil Tarr (Caseg Warden) reported on Caseg Fraith. The water supply problems in early 2016 were caused by a small piece of plastic stuck in the ball valve; if anyone knows where inlet pipe is please let PT know. Relations with farmer at Gwern Gof Isaf have improved largely thanks to the parking permit scheme: calls have reduced from every two weeks to only one since January.

There was a vote of thanks for all those involved / previously involved with the huts, Proposed: Heather Rumble, Seconded: Frances Mott. Accepted by consent

5f. BMC Area Meetings

Trefor Owen (Wales Region). BMC meetings had discussed litter, such as spray paint and bottles at the top of Snowdon. On Cadair Idris, less useful cairns are being removed. Some big rockfalls have occurred in the quarries and there had been some access issues with First Hydro. The BMC Mend the Mountains campaign had done some work at the upper end of the Watkin Path. There is a Welsh government proposal on access is a Scottish type access arrangement. Noted that there were over 150 hydroelectric proposals are in the area: issue of the scheme themselves and the getting the electricity to the grid.

6. Meets programme for 2017

HR thanked SH & GC for putting together the meets program and to meets leaders. Keith Mott thanked the Battens for running the Cornwall meet since ~1987. A letter of thanks will be written to Margaret Batten.

The date for the next AGM is 21 October 2017 at the Old Dungeon Ghyll in the Lake District. Rooms in the ODG hotel are reserved for the club.

Proposed: Keith Mott, Seconded: Sue Esten. Accepted by consent

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: Graham Cunningham (GC)
- f) Member without portfolio: Robbie Pineda

All committee considered together. Proposed: Geoff Williams, Seconded: Sue Darling. Carried unanimously.

8. Other Elections

Scrutineer of the accounts: Mark Stitson. Proposed: Elanor Mott, Seconded: Sue Darling

BMC Reps: Trevor Hellen, Trefor Owen, Geoff Williams

ULMC reps: Rob & Francis Hardy

9. AOB

HR had been newsletter editor and thanked the contributors. Next year HR will produce a list of honorary / life members for AGM minutes as no definitive list has been found.