

MINUTES OF THE 67TH ULGMC AGM

(Adopted at the 68th ULGMC AGM, 20.10.2018)

21 Oct 2017, Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Langdale

Heather Rumble in the chair

1. Apologies for absence

Ian Chuter; Mel Owen; Sue and Mike Esten; Trefor and Patsy Owen; Mike Warden; John Coote; Sue Darling; Tim and Caroline Marshall; Ian Ross, Trevor & Janet Hellen, Mike Hale, Sam Hardman, Liz Parkinson, Andy & Elena Charalambous, Neil Brindley.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Diane MacCloud-Cullinain. Accepted by consent
List of honorary members to be prepared by Heather & Jill Bennett next year. Accounts from 2014 & 2015 have not been scrutinised yet and this will be done ASAP.

4. Finance

a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2016

ST reported: most of the income comes from membership fees. Membership relatively stable: currently 182 members. The accounts were presented. Annual dinner expenses is for ULMC president, hut warden and hire of the room at the Royal Oak. A surplus of order of £150 is expected for 2017. The accounts for 2016 have not yet been prepared and will be scrutinised along with 2014 & 2015 by Mark Stitson.

b) Motion to keep donations at same level as last year (£316 in total)

Proposed Elanor Mott, Seconded Joy Parsons. Accepted by consent

c) Motion for authorisation for expenditure of funds 2018

The £200 for 2016 & 2017 (ie.. £400 in total) was used to subsidise two mountain guides for the Alps trip. Propose £200 expedition & training fund, which the committee can increase to £400 for the Alps trip.

Proposed Rachael Mott, Seconded Frances Mott. Accepted by consent

c) Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2018 – unchanged from 2017. Noted that the BMC subscription rates are increasing by £1 (£13.75 to £14.75). Noted that there is a possibility that membership fees will increase in future years

Proposed: Michael Parkinson, Seconded: Pauline Owens. Accepted by consent

5. Officer's Reports

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

HR gave her final report as president. HR gave her history in ULGMC: after joining the club, MS arranged for HR to join the committee. She became president in 2012. In terms of being

president, diplomacy and strategy have been important. A key success is that numbers at meets have increased: up to 40 people at Caseg. New members have found us from various places. The strengths of ULGMC are that we are a nationally known club with stronger links to ULMC in recent years; have two great huts and are doing more mountaineering meets. The challenges the club faces are the need to make more use of the huts and bring members together at the huts. The opportunity for the club is that climbing is becoming a more popular sport but the challenge is to get people used to climbing on plastic to climb outdoors. The threats to the club are getting people to take on committee roles; low attendance at the AGM and losing members to bigger London clubs: most of members are based in London & South East.

HR's advice to the new committee is don't be afraid to make difficult decisions. HR thanked: people who attend the AGM, for their support, in particular Bill Bristow, the Battens, Jill Bennett, the committee (Tim, Sue & Keith for introducing HR to club and the more recent committees). HR gave her best wishes to the future committee.

Toast of thanks to HR proposed by Joy Parsons.

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

5c. Membership Secretary (Stephan Tietz, ST) Covered under treasurers report

5d. Meets Secretary (Graham Cunningham, GC) Covered under item 6

5e. Hut wardens / trustees.

MP reported that at Caseg main change for the year has been fencing off of the car park. This is because the farmer wanted to put cows in the field around the hut. National Trust kindly agreed to put a fence in place (at their expense). The Fallcliffe hut continues to be capably managed by Dave Morley.

BMC Wales report from Trefor Owens given by Geoff Williams

1) Mend the mountains campaign was successful in 2017 and will be carried forward in 2018. Work will be performed on the top end of the Watkin path. There is a £1 million campaign for work on the Carneddau. Off road motorcycling is a problem on the Moelwynns. New hydro schemes are proposed

2) Welsh government considering making all footpaths open to cyclists. HR passed on concerns of people in club to the BMC

Discussion on the Welsh Government plan to make the countryside pay

6. Meets programme for 2018

GC needs leaders for mountaineering meets (winter in feb/Mar, Alps in July). Draft meets program is available.

The date for the next AGM is 20 October 2018 at the Plough Inn, Hathersage

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Stephan Tietz. Accepted by consent

7. Committee Elections

a) Vice-President: Mike Hale (MH)

b) Meets Secretary: Graham Cunningham (GC)

Proposed: Geoff Williams; Seconded: Joy Parsons. Carried unanimously (17)

c) Secretary: no nominations. HR thanked MP for his 4 years as secretary

d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Ian Ross. Proposed HR Seconded MP. Accepted by consent.

e) President: Stephan Tietz (HR).

Proposed Mike Hale, Seconded Mark Stitson. Carried unanimously (22)

8. Other Elections

Scrutineer of the accounts: Mark Stitson.

BMC Rep: Trefor Owen (Wales)

ULMC rep: Rob Hardy

Proposed: Geoff Williams; Seconded: Diane MacCloud-Cullinain. Carried unanimously (20).

One abstention

HR proposed a vote of thanks to Jill Bennett as archivist. HR will continue as newsletter editor

Proposed: Diane MacCloud-Cullinain, Seconded: Stephan Tietz

9. AOB

HR announced deaths of members in the past year: John "Bev" Bevis; Laura Hampton; Humphrey Berkeley; Milne Anderson; Alan Hooker. HR gave obituaries: John Bevis passed away recently and was treasurer and president. Laura Hampton was one of the founding members of the club and was instrumental in setting up both huts (including being hut warden at Caseg)