

## Minutes to the HMC AGM - Tuesday 18 03 14

### Apologies for absence

Paul Hearn, Kevin Blissett, Albert Sillwood, Peter Durkin, Malcolm Davies

### Review and approve minutes from last meeting

Reviewed and approved

### Secretary's Report- Read out by Jon Moulding in his absence

My sincere apologies for my non-attendance this evening due to a clash of dates  
Caused by postponement of a trip to Glencoe

I shall keep this report short, and let the Chairman and Outdoor Meets Organiser to report on the successful activities, events and Training courses that club members have enjoyed and participated in.

[At the end of 2013, membership stood at 117.] Membership for 2014 is currently 83 [which is reasonably in line with the same point last year]. Further tardy renewals are expected in the next quarter. The Quarter one BMC subscription has been paid and the database submitted so that members will receive their copy of Summit magazine in due course.

I would like to thank all members who promptly renewed their subscriptions for this year.

Copies of the Multiple Club membership Refund forms for those of you who have membership of more than just this Club are available on request.

I also have details of the BMC organized Training Courses for 2014  
Let me know if anyone is interested in these.

The Club Group membership to the YHA has been renewed.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January I attended the BMC HQ Open evening on behalf of the Club. I was introduced to Dave Turnbull BMC CEO and attendees were shown round and introduced to all the departments:

Membership,

IT & Web site

Access & Conservation

Marketing

Training

Finance,

BMC Guide Books

We also met a Representative of Perkins Slade the Insurance Underwriters who handle all of the BMC Insurances.

There then followed a question and answer session that revealed many interesting points that I would be happy to discuss further with any interested club members.

[Finally an important reminder that you must keep the Secretary up-to-date with changes to personal details, including next of kin. The BMC needs to be provided with your personal details for insurance purposes, and we need to know who to contact in the event of an emergency.]

In conclusion I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the club in this last year, with a special mention to Phil W who continues to maintain our excellent Website and mobile site.

#### Chairman's report

- The Chairman gave a summary of events during 2013
- Gave summary of current important topics; Website changes, Alps Trip/Training Day
- Grants- we can apply for more if anyone is interested, last year Grants were given to Nicola Williams, Yen Yau & Kevin Blissett (£50 each for Navigation course) & Emma Gotch & Rebecca Smith (£25 each for climbing skills course).

#### Treasurer's report

- The Treasurer reminded the club about the Refund Policy
- Payments at a branch, or online payments for more than one event at a time, should be accompanied by an email
- The accounts were presented to the club
- Year-end bank balance remained stable year on year at £4,735, a increase of £102 on the previous year-end
- £1,517 of deposits paid out for future trips, offset by £822 of cheque payments still to clear
- Donation of £159 made to Mountain Rescue England and Wales on behalf of members
- Trips as a whole broke even with £50 net gain for all trips combined

#### Outdoor Meets Organiser's report

- Meets have been a success this last year
- Reminded members that they are welcome to get involved arranging meets, volunteering to organise group meals, socials & spur of the minute club activities
- Caroline Cook requested that the members and not just the committee get reminder to volunteer for next years meets when they get planned, Gary Bebb confirmed that he was sure this was done last year, but I agreed to make sure this continued to get actioned

#### Points for Discussion

- Dave Allen's suggestions for additions to the club constitution that he brought up last year that had been reviewed by the committee and we put the main points to the vote

- After discussion it was agreed to defer voting until the following AGM. It was agreed that the committee would review during the year and re-present suitable suggestions at the 2014 AGM.

**Votes:**

no to 1st point

No to 2nd point

yes to 3rd point

Yes to 4th point

Yes to 5th point

Discussion was held over club new website and the trial of club using Meet up. Gary Bebb talked about Meet Up, Phil Whitehurst discussed upgrading website to Word Press.

**Votes were taken:**

Option 1. To change to Meet Up only as our website. = 0 votes

Option 2. To Update website to WordPress and keep club on Meet up too. = 8 votes

Option 3. To Update website to Word Press and cancel Meet Up. = 18 votes

Club also voted in favour of giving all committee members free membership in the following year after they have been on committee

**AOB**

**Election of new officers**

Chairman

- Paul Hearn was elected as Chairman

Secretary

- Stephen Deaville was elected as Secretary

Treasurer

- David Williams elected as Treasurer

Ordinary member

- Kat Judah was elected to a vacant position on the Committee

In the last year both Colin Soloman and Kevin Blissett stepped down as committee members due to other commitments