

Craven Mountaineering Club

Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held at 8.20pm Thursday 23rd March 2017 at The Cavendish Arms, Emsay.

The meeting was attended by 19 members

Present: Stewart Blair, John Brayshaw, Shirley Emptage, Charles Kelly, Jon Lury, Kim Stead, Sylvia Vida, Jesse Bryant, Chris Heald, Dave Wilkinson, Jay Russell, Steve Wilson, Bruce Miller, Andy Hudson, Micahel Faulkner, Dick Winslow, Barbara Winslow, Carol Oliver

1. **Chairmans Welcome:** Charles Kelly welcomed everyone and offered thanks to the individuals involved in organising the AGM.
2. **Apologies for absence received from:** Andy Barton, Hanne Barton, Peter Corrigan, Alan Scowcroft, David Wynne, Vikki Bassek, Mark Willingham, Jan Willingham, Sue Keinhorst, Tim Birnett, Erica Berry, Martin Locke, Fiona Burnett, John Belbin, Elizabeth Judson, Keith Roberts, Deirdre Collier, Peter Sanderson, Phil Mercer, Stephen Gorman.
3. **Minutes of the 2016 AGM:** These were proposed by John Brayshaw and seconded by Kim Stead. They were adopted unanimously by the Meeting.
4. **Matters arising form 2016 minutes:** No matters arising.
5. **Officers Reports:**
 - I. **Chairperson.** (Charles Kelly)

CK reported the club has had a steady year and thanked the Committee for their hard work over the year. He also thanked members for their participation and leading of meets. He explained that reports had been submitted by some committee members and these would be circulated so not all committee members would be presenting a report.
 - II. **General Secretary.** (Stewart Blair)

The club currently has 61 members; 1 more than at this time last year and 4 more than 2 years ago. Membership is clearly fairly static at present.

The committee has held 4 meetings since the last AGM and has discussed the usual business of membership, meets and member applications. Succession planning tends to be on the agenda from an early stage due to the recent difficulty in getting members to stand for the committee.

The BMC renewals system has now changed and instead of doing quarterly updates via submission of spreadsheets, it is now done via a BMC managed database. This has caused some problems this year as it is the first year it is in place however it should make the general secretary's job easier in the future as changes can be made on a rolling basis.

Since almost all communications are now done online, keeping an up-to-date record of member details is tricky as keeping the CMC updated when moving house, changing phone or email address is not always at the forefront of peoples thoughts. It is important we maintain up-to-date records. Please update the secretary if you do change contact details.

- III. **Treasurer.** (Kim Stead) Copies of the 2016 accounts were tabled and had been sent out by email prior to the AGM. These are appended to the minutes.

KS requested that all members making online payments include their name and the purpose of the payment in the reference. This makes it much easier to keep track of financial activity.

- IV. **Walking Meets Secretary.** (Andy Hudson)

AB reported that he has tried to put on 1 walk a month over the last year and thanked all who had led a walking meet. On average there were 6 people on the walks which although not large numbers still gave some enjoyable days out on the hills of the Dales, Lakes and Bowland. He asked that anyone interested in leading a walking meet in the future to contact the relevant committee member.

- V. **Climbing Meets Secretary.** (Vikki Bassek)

A copy of the report was tabled and circulated prior to the AGM as Vikki was unable to attend.

VB was pleased to report that we had a very successful climbing meets programme in 2016. The weather was relatively kind and only a handful of Tuesday night meets were rained off. There was one injury caused by a loose block falling on a climber's foot up at Bull Scar.

All meets that went ahead were very well attended, there were rarely fewer than 8 people on the crag.

VB thanked everyone who led a weekend climbing meet.

Tuesday night Ingleton meets have also been very well attended, with about 8 regulars.

VB declared she was happy to stand as Tuesday night climbing meet leader for 2017. She has already put a Tuesday night meet programme together, the first few meets can be seen on the website. She asked for ideas of venues for meets.

- VI. **Hut Meets Secretary.** (Shirley Emptage)

SE provided a comprehensive report which was circulated prior to the AGM. This is appended to the minutes.

David Wilkinson provided some additional background to the meets at the Fell and Rock CC huts in June and July. The Brackenclose meet in June, explaining is a joint meet with the Fell and Rock Club so ½ the spaces would be for FRC members and ½ for CMC. David Wilkinson and Sylvia Vida would be coordinating the food for the communal meal so would need final numbers one week before.

SE advised she will try and provide a regular update regarding spaces on meets so members know which ones are booked and which have spaces.

VII. **Social Secretary.** (John Ward)

John was not in attendance and no report had been submitted.

VIII. **New Members Secretary.** (Andy Hudson).

Since the last AGM we have had 19 enquiries submitted via the website. From the 19 enquiries we had 5 people join as full members of which 4 of these rejoined for the year 2017 and a further 5 people have shown interest in becoming full members once they have met the criteria (3 meets). The remainder of the enquirers either just came on 1 meet or none at all. AH thanked Vikki Bassek and all the other individuals who have been a point of contact for new members.

6. **Consideration of altering the role of altering the role of Walking meets Secretary to Day meets secretary.**

This issue had been raised at a committee meeting by John Ward and was felt worthy of discussion at the AGM as the titles of Committee posts are stated in the Constitution.

John Brayshaw briefly summarised a conversation he had recently had with John Ward on this matter. JW felt that it could be useful to expand the Walking meets Secretary role over the next year as the Climbing Meets Secretary has stated she is happy to coordinate Tuesday meets but will struggle with weekend climbing meets. There have also been Mountain Bike Meets in recent years although it was decided at the last AGM that there was no need for a Mountain Bike Meets Secretary role. As most of the walks are at the weekends, JW felt it was logical to combine the organisation of all weekend activities under one role, hence the 'Day Meets Secretary' role.

Following discussion, it was decided no Constitutional change was needed to the title of the role as future Climbing Meets Secretaries may wish to organise the weekend climbing meets. It was agreed the Committee could decide amongst themselves who would be responsible for differing aspects of the roles and this may could change on an annual basis.

7. **Consider reducing the number of individuals required to make a Committee:**

SB explained the current constitution requires a maximum of nine and a minimum of six individuals to make a Committee. This minimum level is currently almost 10% of the club members. One member had suggested reducing the number of officers in line with the decreasing membership in recent years.

Following discussion, it was agreed no change was needed to the Constitution as it was felt any less than 6 members would make the roles too onerous and large, therefore potentially discouraging individuals from standing for the Committee.

No dissenting voices were heard to this conclusion.

8. **Election of officers**

Chairperson: Nomination – Sylvia Vida proposed by Chris Heald 2nd Shirley Emptage. Unanimous agreement from those present.

General Secretary: Nomination – Jon Lury proposed by Stewart Blair 2nd Andy Hudson. Unanimous agreement from those present.

Treasurer: Nomination – Michael Faulkner proposed by Kim Stead 2nd Charles Kelly. Unanimous agreement from those present.

Communications Officer: No nomination. Post unfilled.

Climbing Meets Secretary: Nomination – Vikki Bassek proposed by John Brayshaw 2nd Stewart Blair. Unanimous agreement from those present.

Walking Meets Secretary: Nomination – John Ward (in absentia) proposed by John Brayshaw 2nd Sylvia Vida. Unanimous agreement from those present. It was expected that John will be doing an extended role incorporating weekend day climbing and biking meets.

Hut meets secretary: Nomination – Shirley Emptage proposed by Carol Oliver 2nd Dick Winslow. Unanimous agreement from those present.

New Members Secretary: Nomination – Shirley Emptage proposed by Andy Hudson 2nd John Brayshaw. Andy Hudson offered to assist as needed in the role.

Social Secretary: No official nomination – Sylvia Vida felt she could incorporate this role into her Chairperson's role and hoped to be aided by John Ward.

9. Charitable donations

SB explained no charitable donations had been made this year by the committee however it had been discussed at Committee meetings. The Committee had identified five potential organisations the club may like to support: 1) Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association 2) BMC – Mend our Mountains campaign 3) Cave Rescue Organisation 4) John Muir Trust 5) Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

SB handed slips to the attendees suggesting that everyone put their first and second choice for charitable donations. The new Committee could then use this to inform the donations over the next year. It was agreed the level of the donations would be at the Committee's discretion however a figure of £400 in total was suggested by a couple members. The results are tabled below.

<i>Charity</i>	<i>First votes</i>	<i>Second votes</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>UWFRA</i>	7	4	11
<i>Mend Our Mountains</i>	7	2	9
<i>Cave Rescue</i>	0	2	2
<i>John Muir Trust</i>	1	3	4
<i>Yorkshire Air Ambulance</i>	2	6	8

10. AOB

Circulation of members details: SB requested feedback from members as to the personal details which should be circulated to all club members. Constitutionally, and historically, members contact details have been shared to allow for ease of contacting members regarding meets. Following brief discussion, it was agreed that members names, email addresses, phone numbers and locality, but not full addresses, should be included in any contact lists distributed. All members should however be given the option of opting out of this list before it's circulated.

11. The meeting was declared closed at 21.30. Charles Kelly closed by thanking all who had attended and wished the new Committee well.

Open forum: No issues raised.