

**CRAVEN MOUNTAINEERING CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 205**

**HELD THURSDAY 9 MAY AT THE CAVENDISH ARMS, EMBSAY**

The meeting was attended by Shirley Emptage (SE), Martin Heming (MH), Michael Faulkner (MF), Andy Hudson (AH), Fiona Burnett (FB), Vikki Bassek (VB), John Ward (JW) and Andy Barton (AB)

**1. Chairpersons welcome**

SE opened the meeting at 7.30pm and reported that there had been positive feedback from members in respect of the program, meets reports and newsletter.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Dick Winslow (DW)

**3. Adoption of minutes of meeting 203 held on 18 January 2019**

Only SE, MF, AB & JW were serving members of the committee on 18.01.19.

The following errors/omissions were pointed out by SE:

- JW was not present – he had given his apologies
- New members' secretary- Amanda Marriott had resigned on 24.11.18. AB had offered to take over up until the next AGM
- Post meeting notes should not be in the minutes
- Succession planning- it was pointed out to the meeting that all posts were up for election.

Subject to the above, SE, MF and AB confirmed their agreement to the minutes. It was agreed that there was no need to rewrite those minutes.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes of meeting 203**

None

**5. Adoption of minutes of meeting 204 held on 18 March 2019**

Proposed as correct by SE

Seconded by AH

No objections

**6. Matters arising from the minutes of meeting 204**

MH reported that he had received 7 emails from members approving the revised 2018 AGM minutes. Along with the 7 committee members present at meeting 204, which gave 14 members in favour, no objections or abstentions. It was agreed that those minutes should now be posted on the website.

All other matters to be covered either by specific agenda points or within the committee members' reports.

## **7. Applications for membership**

- Steve Wilson's late re-joining was unanimously approved
- James Crawshaw had attended his 3 meets and was approved
- Anne Heald had submitted her form unsigned. Subject to this being signed, her application was approved.

MH to update BMC once Anne Heald's completed form received.

Beth Armstrong – 3 months have elapsed since she attended her first meet. AB to contact her to see if she wishes to join.

SE then questioned AB on the position of various individuals who are listed as prospective members. Some had been on the list for a considerable time and had not yet attended a meet. Following a detailed discussion, it was concluded that AB would contact the individuals concerned to ascertain their intentions. Any who had little intention of attending meets would be deleted. AB also confirmed that he would provide MH with a spreadsheet of prospective members including dates of their first meet so that the necessary BMC reporting could be undertaken.

## **8. Committee members reports**

### **a. General Secretary**

- The BMC confirmed at their AGM, that the club subscription would increase from £14.25 to £20.25 per member from January 2020. It was agreed that no further action is required at the moment but it would be taken into account when setting the subscription rates later in the year.
- MH had contacted the BMC regarding honorary members. The BMC had confirmed that the insurance premium (currently £14.25 rising to £20.25 in 2020) would need to be paid. It was agreed that in view of the age profile of the club, giving honorary status to previously active members was unsustainable in the longer term. John Belbin would no longer be categorised as an honorary member. MF suggested that we could still invite past members to social events. All were in favour.
- MH had received an email enquiring if we were interested in receiving some mountaineering books that had belonged to a keen mountaineer up until his death as they wished the books to go to a group of people in Yorkshire who would appreciate them. It was agreed that MH would reply thanking her for the offer but pointing out that we did not have anywhere to store the books to make them accessible to members. FB proposed that we suggest to her they go to a club with a hut. Yorkshire based clubs would be the Yorkshire MC or Leeds MC. National clubs to suggest were FRCC or Rucksack club.

### **b. Treasurer**

- MF reported little activity on the account.
- DW had now received all necessary information from Lloyds Bank to enable online access.
- MH had signatory status but despite having made telephone calls to the bank had yet to receive a pin number to gain online access. MH confirmed he would try again.

### c. **Communications**

AH reported as follows:

- **Website Maintenance**

I now have full access to website.

I have changed some of the images on the website and will continue to do so to keep it looking fresh

Added forgotten your password link below login box

Added auto responder now in place when emails sent to secretary or new members secretary

- **Auto posting of events from website to Facebook.**

This does not happen as an event is a custom post rather than just a post. I have looked at several plugins that claim to do the job but so far, they either don't work or are complicated to set up.

I shall continue to look into this but what I have been doing is shortly prior to an event I have been sharing this to the Facebook page, this can only be done by the Facebook page admins of which I am now one.

Going forward my thoughts are whether we want to post automatically to Facebook as when the event is first put on website it may be some time in the future and by the time it gets near people have forgotten that it appeared on Facebook several months ago so would the manual approach be better.

- **Google search results**

I have added a bit to the website to hopefully make us appear on search engines better and as of 03/05 the following search criteria on google gave these results:

Skipton walking club: Page 1 4<sup>th</sup> listing

Walking clubs Skipton: Page 1 6<sup>th</sup> Listing

Walking clubs Settle area: Page 2 4<sup>th</sup> listing

Hiking clubs Skipton: Page 1 8<sup>th</sup> listing

Hiking clubs Settle: Page 1 3<sup>rd</sup> result

I shall continue to keep an eye of rankings and look into improving if possible.

- **To do**

Make JOIN US details clearer and add to be more prominent on home page

- **Newsletter**

Spring newsletter was sent out and will soon start on summer newsletter for early June. Will contact members for contributions.

- **Advertising/promotion**

Facebook Advert £2 per day.... (£14 per week) Although Vikki advised was done for £10 last time and I will liaise with Vikki regarding how to do it.

Uk climbing premier post £3 per week (classed as a charity post)

Uk hill walking premier post.....Will look into whether a UKc premier post appears also on UKh or whether a separate post and payment is required.

Agreed that we would trial all of these for a 1 month to see how well it works.

**d. Walking meets**

- FB to email/post in newsletter to encourage organisers for walks. She requested volunteers from the committee. MH already leading on 13.07.19. JW, VB & AH all volunteered dates. FB has programmed midweek and weekend dates into the meets planner and will seek to fill these.
- Attendance on meets so far average between 5 & 6.
- Emergency contact procedures agreed at the last meeting are being adhered to with no objections from participants.

**e. Climbing meets**

- VB had been unable to attend many meets but was aware that there had been good attendances
- There were plenty of volunteers to coordinate weekend meets
- Thanked AH for posting the meets on the website and AB for the reports.

**f. Hut meets**

DW had sent his apologies and reported as follows by email:

*1) Members bookings for Tranearth in June are a bit slow. (I think 5 at present.) I will make a website posting and talk to a few people on my return.*

*2) September, we have two ideas at present. Both are good ideas but so far numbers of members expressed in favour of either are few.*

*CIC Hut has Ian and possibly guests, Marie (Prospective) and Michael? (How many members do you think we need?)*

*Wooler has Shirley and I think it was Martin.*

*Either or both could run happily with low numbers if we want them to. I am happy to book either or both but would like committee feedback before doing so.*

*3) October Whillans Hut. As I said at last meeting, I am unable to attend but can deal with members bookings. Michael had offered to coordinate the meet but is now unable to do so. Any volunteers or suggestions.*

Committee decisions to be fed back to Dick:

1. Agreed OK
2. Happy with both as long as small numbers can be booked and no large losses likely. Guests were mentioned - committee felt that meets should be arranged predominantly for members and prospective members. Guests interests are secondary
3. SE explained that we have to pay for all places 1 month before going. FB proposed that we put a deadline on bookings so that we can cancel without penalty if necessary.

FB had researched into accommodation on Rum for a possible meet in 2021. She would pass this onto to Dick.

**g. Socials**

- There would be no evening indoor socials until October after the clocks change. JW would seek volunteers in the newsletter in readiness.
- Thursday evening cycle rides would be organised approximately fortnightly starting 16 May. Details to be posted on website.
- Cycling weekend from Ribbleshead late May Bank Holiday weekend. JW had just had a booking confirmed for the Gritstone Club hut on the Saturday night. Sleeps 6.
- It is UWFR turn to host the tri club quiz this year. JW to contact to see if, when and where they intent to do this.

**h. New members**

All covered in applications for membership section. Nothing else to report

**9. Program development**

All covered in Secretaries' reports.

**10. Membership Application Process**

- Much of this was covered in the communications report. AH to set up a separate clear section on the website as people visiting the website were finding the existing set up difficult to navigate or understand
- Agreed that the emergency contact details would be removed from the prospective membership form as it had been agreed at previous AGMs that a record would not be maintained. The current committee felt that it would be difficult to have this information available in an emergency. Alternative policy to be put in place. See section 11.
- Prospective form to be made less off-putting and also clear that ticking no to certain levels of experience did not necessarily mean that a person could not join.
- MH questioned "Clubs meets safety information" on full membership form. AB not sure what this related to and would report back.
- AB to update both forms in respect of the above and circulate to committee for approval.
- AB confirmed that there are no longer any non-members on the climbing WhatsApp but that prospective members are on it.

**11. Emergency Contact Information**

- FB had confirmed that the request for participants to carry emergency contact details with them was working well.
- VB agreed for this to be rolled out for climbing meets. She would put details in the next newsletter and on WhatsApp as most climbers are now members of the WhatsApp group.
- MH proposed that the same should happen on hut meets and additionally details should also be left at the hut (perhaps in kitbag) just in case someone does not return. Emergency contact details are not much use in a rucksack if the person is alone.

**12. GDPR**

Deferred until next meeting due to time constraints.

13. **CMC Clothing Update**

Paul Fairburn had emailed the committee to inform them that he had carried on with the ordering of club clothing. He was having difficulties with the current supplier as they were not dealing with orders or responding to requests. He asked if the committee wanted to take responsibility for this or should he source an alternative supplier. Agreed that SE should contact Paul to find an alternative supplier if he is happy to do so.

14. **Club Promotion/ Advertising**

Mainly covered in communications section with regard to online promotion.

15. **Any Other Business**

None

16. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 31 July 2019 at 7.00pm at the Cavendish in Embsey.

The meeting closed at approximately 10.15pm