

CRAVEN MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 209

HELD THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE CAVENDISH ARMS, EMBSAY

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

1. Chairpersons welcome

SE opened the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Dick Winslow (DW)

3. Adoption of minutes of meeting 208 held 21 November 2019

Proposed as correct by SE

Seconded by AH

No objections

4. Matters arising from the minutes of meeting 208

- Matter arising from meeting 207 re new members secretary role. SE yet not completed.
- Section 8 re meet up groups – c/f to AOB.

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

5. Applications for membership

- None

6. Committee members reports

a. General Secretary

- MH reported that at the beginning of 2019 there were 62 members and 10 joined during our period on the committee giving a total of 72 at the end of 2019;
- So far 59 people had re-joined for 2020 leaving 13 non joiners;
- Members had received an initial invitation in November 2019 followed by a reminder on 29.12.19 and a final reminder was issued on 12.01.20;
- Non-Joiners have been deleted from the members list on website;
- BMC records updated and fees paid;
- AB was requested to ensure that non joiners are removed from the climbers WhatsApp group. MH provided a list. MH confirmed that there were none on the walkers' group.

b. Treasurer

- MH had prepared the year end accounts for MF which were presented to the meeting. These showed a surplus for the year of £291.67;
- Agreed that these could be presented to the members at the forthcoming AGM.

c. Communications

AH reported as follows:

- Website running smoothly;
- Newsletter and monthly bulletins all sent out;

- Next newsletter to be after AGM;
- Plugin to enable documents to be shared securely between designated committee members has now been resolved. A feedback section only accessible to administrator, secretary and new members secretary is now available.

d. Walking meets

- FB produced a comprehensive report detailing all 21 walking meets that had been published on the club calendar showing the number of committee members, club members and prospective members attending;
- Attendance were generally low with no particular trends regarding mid-week or weekend meets, time of year or length of walk. The majority of attendees were committee members;
- Very few members were coming forward to coordinate meets and FB had coordinated the majority;
- Meets arranged to 9 May 2020;
- FB questioned whether the club actually wants a walking program and if members do, we need to know what is stopping members from coming along and also offering to coordinate meets. It was agreed to revisit this discussion when organising the AGM later in the meeting;
- AB brought up the subject of meet up groups and how that works with the Yorkshire Mountaineering Club (YMC). Agreed to c/f to AOB;
- FB stated that at this point in time, she is not seeking re-election at the AGM.

e. Climbing meets

- VB reported that the main climbing activity is still the climbing walls and was looking forward to the spring outdoor season. Attendance is generally around 8 members;
- VB confirmed that she would not be seeking re-election and was in discussions with a couple of other members to encourage one of them to stand.

f. Hut meets

- DW provided a written report to the committee due to being unable to attend;
- Meets since last meeting: Christmas meet at Stair – well attended and surplus of £100, some good walking. Burns night at Smithy – 8 people plus JW who attended as a Gritstone Club member;
- Crianlarich hut meet planned for late February cancelled due to little interest from members to attend or from anyone to coordinate in DW absence. We have been offered the opportunity to carry forward our deposit to another weekend in 2020 subject to paying the balance on booking. No weekends available on favoured dates in September or October. Agreed to forfeit our deposit and not rebook. SE to notify DW;
- Braemar at Easter – 5 places taken so far by members and prospectives;
- Kintail in May – 11 members wishing to attend. 10 places booked so far. DW to book the additional place ASAP. Unlikely to get enough people (15) to guarantee sole use. Agreed to take our chance on this as we could not book the additional places without a firm commitment from members;
- Plas y Brenin in June – Kara Heald organising this with some members opting to stay 3 nights. Costs now covered and room for 4 more to book;
- No meets booked for summer and autumn – committee members agreed to let DW know of any ideas they have. Otherwise agreed to defer any decisions until after the AGM;
- DW stated that he is not happy with the limited success of the hut meets. He did feel that some of this is due to his limited input. The committee agreed that DW was carrying out his role in accordance with committee role duties and that he had stated his position clearly at the previous AGM;
- DW stated that he would be delighted if some one else is willing to take on the role next year as he felt that he could not offer as full a program of meets as we have been used to if he was to continue in the role.

g. Socials

- JW pleased with number of volunteers coming forward;
- Photo comp a success with plenty of entries but only 6-8 people present;
- Adrian Pilling caving slide show confirmed for later in February;
- JW suggested a summer BBQ in August – location and accommodation to be investigated.

h. New members

- AB provided a list of current prospective members with details of the stage that they were at including any meets attended. There was one person needing to be registered with the BMC. AB to contact person and request payment of sub;
- AB confirmed that most enquiries came from web search.

7. 2020 AGM

- To be held at the Cavendish on 26 March;
- Agreed to have a pie and peas supper prior to the AGM. The club would not subsidise this. SE to obtain prices and options and circulate prior to contacting members;
- Timing – food prompt at 7.00pm. AGM to commence at 7.45pm;
- Communicate with members by beginning of March;
- All committee places open for election and volunteers sought. Contact Secretary with proposer and seconder in accordance with constitution;
- Agreed that we should have a discussion prior to the election of members to discuss the questions raised by FB in her report and also adapt these to include hut meets due to DW comments. MH to produce a draft AGM invitation to include the questions and circulate to the committee for comment prior to sending to members.

8. Any Other Business

- AB felt that we needed to consider other platforms for generating interest in meets such as shared meets with other clubs or use of meet up groups;
- He stated that he had been in discussions with the YMC who felt this was successful;
- General consensus was that this was not answering the question as to why existing members are not regularly participating in club events and that this issue needs resolving first;
- There were also concerns regarding liability and insurance as there could be people not registered with the BMC attending meets, which conflicts with current BMC advice.

9. Date of next meeting

The next committee meeting would be arranged by the new committee following the AGM.