

CRAVEN MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 210
HELD FRIDAY 29 May 2020 VIA ZOOM

The meeting was attended by Shirley Emptage (SE), Martin Heming (MH), Andy Hudson (AH), Andy Barton (AB), Michael Faulkner (MF), Dick Winslow (DW) and Vikki Bassek (VB).

1. Chairpersons welcome

SE opened the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Fiona Burnett (FB)

John Ward (JW)

3. Purpose of meeting

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the planned AGM for March could not take place. Committee members had been asked to consider the following 3 questions:

1. How you envisage your role in the future of the club and, if changes are required, what would it take to achieve them?
2. Would you like to stand for re-election?
3. Views on holding a virtual AGM.

SE confirmed that she had studied the BMC advice regarding holding an AGM during the current situation. The BMC is fully supportive of the requirement for social distancing and the need for exceptional measures in exceptional times, so will certainly not take any action against a club that chooses to postpone their AGM or hold it electronically, even if this contravenes their constitution. The committee agreed that the constitution is silent on whether a virtual AGM is permitted so holding one could not be in contravention and therefore no change is required to our constitution at this time.

4. Responses

FB – response provided to SE prior to meeting. *“I think the current formula of a weekend meet every 3/4 weeks and a midweek meet roughly the same is achievable when the current restrictions are lifted. I would suggest just putting some dates down in the programme and asking for volunteers but asking for a finalised route at least 2 weeks beforehand so the programme can be updated. If I am unable to coordinate and no one is forthcoming the date can then be deleted with 14 days grace.*

I am more than happy for someone to take on the role but as I think this is unlikely, I will continue in situ with a final bowing out at the AGM in 2021. I would like this to be made clear to the members so that they have plenty of time to come forward next year.

Holding a virtual AGM: I think if we can get two thirds of the members to do this it is a good idea in order to move forward. Obviously, it is not ideal but one of the few options we have available at the current time and should be utilised if at all possible.”

JW – response provided to SE prior to the meeting. Intends to stand down after being on the committee for 8 years. Happy to provide supportive role and assist with organisation of the photographic competition. Supportive of virtual AGM.

SE – Wishes to stand down. Happy to support the club by helping organise meets. Agrees to virtual AGM but not confident of process – would need committee assistance.

MH – No changes to role. Should be easier moving forward now we have brought a lot of documentation such as GDPR up to date. Wishes to stand down. Supportive of a virtual AGM.

AB – Sees no change to role but feedback from other committee members regarding prospective attendance on meets would help. Would like to see someone else take on the role but happy to continue in the absence of a volunteer. Supportive of a virtual AGM and would need to be involved in setting up if we use Zoom. Suggested that we may get more participants than at a regular AGM.

MF – No change to role. Happy to stay on unless someone else volunteers. Agreeable to virtual AGM.

VB – no change to role. Stepping down but replacement found. Agreeable to virtual AGM

AH – role had developed over the last year and envisaged no further changes Happy to stand again. Supportive of virtual AGM and agreed with AB that we may achieve a higher attendance.

DW – Feels role needs to change slightly. We have struggled to fill such a large number of huts. He felt that the hut meet secretary should arrange 1 week in the spring plus 3 weekend hut meets. Any additional meets should come from members volunteering to organise, similar to the Plas Y Brenin meet. Would like someone else to take on the role but prepared to stand again for 1 more term only.

5. **AGM**

All had agreed to trying a virtual AGM in order for a new committee to be in place to take the club forward post Covid-19.

To take place Wednesday 1 July at 7.30pm with a 9.00pm finish. Zoom to be used as the committee are now familiar with it. Voting system on Zoom tested and considered to work well, although the questions will need setting up beforehand by AB. MH & AB to liaise regarding sending out information to members as MH as the definitive members list and access to the BMC MSO for sending out blind copy emails.

New agenda and committee member reports to be emailed to members by no later than 10 June. MH to prepare revised agenda and send to committee for approval beforehand.

6. **Other matters**

DW confirmed that the Skye meet had now been booked for early May 2021 and would post details on the website. AH to include in his next bulletin.

DW felt that the meet at Plas y Brenin at the end of June is unlikely to take place and it is expected that we will be contacted shortly. An option that appears to be available is to rebook for 12 months' time with the deposit being held over. Kara Heald, who is organising the meet, had informed DW that she favours this option. Committee were in agreement. It was also agreed that members who had booked for 2020 would be given the option of keeping their place or to claim a refund.

The meeting was closed at 10.30am.

Post Meeting Note

On 31 May 2020, SE, FB & MH held a 3-way WhatsApp video call to discuss SE & MH intention to not stand for election. SE & MH felt that at this particular time of so much uncertainty on group meetings and the club's future, it may be unfair to step down at such short notice. They decided to adopt the same approach as DW & FB and stand for 1 more term only. This message was conveyed to the committee by email from SE on 1 June 2020.