

**CRAVEN MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 215
WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021 HELD ON ZOOM.**

Present:

Shirley Emptage (SE), Martin Heming (MH), Fiona Burnett (FB), John Brayshaw (JB), Andy Barton (AB), Michael Faulkner (MF), Dick Winslow (DW), Andy Hudson (AH), Kara Heald (KH) – joined part way through.

1. Chairperson's welcome.

SE opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed the committee.

2. Apologies for absence.

Initially KH but she joined part way through.

3. Adoption of minutes of meeting 214 held 3 February 2021.

Proposed: SE

Seconded: JB

4. Matters Arising from meeting 214.

DW confirmed he had checked the Plas y Brenin website and it looked unlikely that the meet would take place in June. KH confirmed that she had heard nothing yet. DW to contact PYB.

AB & JB confirmed that they had chased up renewals for some 2020 members as agreed.

5. AGM 2021.

• **Number of responses**

Including all current committee members, there were 15 members out of a total of 57 wishing to participate. Last year's attendance was 27 out of 61. Whilst 15 will result in the necessary quorum, the committee were disappointed at the number. See below for follow up action.

• **Committee volunteers**

No members have volunteered to be on the committee, so we currently have just the 5 volunteers from the current committee. The constitution requires a minimum of 6 members so a failure to recruit further members will result in the need to consider winding up the club in accordance with the constitution. See below for follow up action.

• **Member questions/AOB**

Questions have been submitted by 2 members wishing to join the meeting. Both to be addressed under AOB as they do not specifically fall into the matters arising or questions on reports categories. Questions were as follows:

Roy Bradley – wishes to propose that the committee consider making donations to local rescue organisations in view of the financial difficulties encountered during the pandemic. The committee considered that with more than £3,000 in the bank account, it would propose the following to the AGM:

Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue - £150

Cave Rescue - £150

Steve McCain had 2 questions:

- i. “a request that any policy/protocol on attending meets from 29th March is discussed and agreed by the wider membership rather than being decided solely by the committee (as per the Constitution 10 vi)” – The committee acknowledged the requirement of the constitution but during the current pandemic they had been faced with a rapidly changing situation and had to comply with Government and BMC guidance. A process of consultation with members would have taken too long for appropriate actions to be put in place soon enough.
- ii. “a request for a review of the requirement that prospective members must attend 3 meets before being allowed to join the club. I suggest that one meet is enough. In addition, I suggest that the first year of membership should be a probationary year” – The committee disagreed with reducing the number of meets to 1. It would require prospective members to make a decision and pay subscriptions before having adequate opportunities to fully experience what the club has to offer. It could also mean that only a small number of the committee, if any, would meet the prospective member before accepting them as a probationary member.

It was agreed that Steve's questions would be dealt with by SE at the AGM followed by an opportunity for Steve to respond and then opened to the members attending. In any case no immediate change regarding point ii can take place as it would require a change to the constitution.

- **Agreed follow up:**

MH to draft a reminder email to be sent to all members over the forthcoming weekend. Whilst this should be encouraging, it was agreed that it needed to make clear the consequences of the lack of responses to date.

AH will send the Zoom link to all members, regardless of whether they respond, in case any members choose to join at the last minute. This link would be sent out the weekend prior to the AGM.

6. Any other business.

SE confirmed that she still had the samples of club clothing and there had been no requests for this.

AB provided an update on the progress of prospective members. There have been 2 new ones this year. One of those has very little experience but has been provided with information about training and the BMC hiking essentials online course. AB to keep in contact.

7. Date of next meeting.

SE, MH and AH to meet prior to the AGM to ensure everything in place.