

Craven Mountaineering Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting 221
Wednesday 16th February – Held on Zoom

Present:

Roy Bradley (RB), John Brayshaw (JB), Michael Faulkner (MF), Dick Winslow (DW), Andy Hudson (AH), Andy Barton (AB), Kara Heald (KH)

1. Chairperson's welcome.

RB opened the meeting at 7:32pm

2. Apologies for absence.

None

3. Adoption of minutes of meeting 220 held on 15th November 2021

Proposed: RB

Seconded: MF

4. Matters arising:

Review of the GDPR policy concluded that it was fit for purpose and should remain as is. To improve accessibility, it was agreed that the link be moved to the home page of the website

5. Committee member updates:

• **Huts:**

- a) Two members had offered to lead meets; Shirley Emptage, whose meet took place at the Smithy in January, and Fiona Burnett, who has arranged for invited guests to stay at the FRCC hut in Langdale later in February. Both carried minimal financial risk for the club
- b) Dick Winslow will be in residence for two weeks at the end of March at the Alex Mac hut which is open to bookings by members with no financial risk to the club
- c) In April £80 has been committed to secure a booking at the Carlisle club hut in the Newlands valley
- d) In May, 15 places at the BMC hut on Skye have been booked and paid for by members. 5 other places are still available
- e) Action DW to consider future hut meets
- f) To help decide how to proceed with the 2022 Christmas hut meet, DW is to conduct a straw poll of the membership to gauge likely attendance
- g) DW to contact the Karabiner MC regarding the key
- h) KH confirmed that in Spring 2021 all those who had booked on the Plas-y-Brenin meet still wanted to attend. KH will check again
- i)
- j) DW reminded the committee that hut attendees need to be members or guests

• **Climbing:**

- a) Going forward, for Tuesday indoor meets, it was decided that the venue and time would be decided via WhatsApp, and this would be publicised on both the WhatsApp group and the website
- b) For prospective members wanting to attend an official Tuesday meet, the WhatsApp agreed venue would count as an official meet

• **Walks:**

- a) No official meets had recently taken place and there had been no volunteers to lead meets
- b) DW to consider having a regular slot for meets, possibly at three weekly intervals, with the details to be determined via the walking WhatsApp group
- c) AB suggested that both walking and climbing WhatsApp groups be merged, but the majority considered that separate groups would be more effective
- d) AB stated that the YMC have a programme of walks that they would be happy to share with us. AB to forward to the committee for consideration
- **Socials:** The only planned meet was the Christmas walk and meal which attracted 19 on the walk and 12 for the meal
- **Treasury:** The annual accounts are complete, and the bank account continues to show a reasonable balance of around £3,000
- **Communications:** One newsletter was circulated to the membership in January
- **Secretary:** Of the 64 members available for renewal at December, 52 have renewed and 2 others have indicated that they would like to renew
- **New members:** Currently there are 6 prospectives, 1 of whom is retained

6. AGM preparation:

- The previous AGM's minutes were reviewed and agreed as a true record
- Of the existing committee members, AH, JB and KH indicated that they would be stepping down, although AH was willing to continue management of the website. DW indicated that he would like to step down if circumstances permit
- It was suggested that there is a need to reshape the committee and the role definitions, which led to further debate about how the club is organised. This concluded with a decision to include an agenda item on taking the club forward. Suggestions should be forwarded to RB prior to the AGM. **Action: all**
- A discussion took place around creating a new committee position of ordinary member without specific responsibility. The conclusion was to carry this forward as the constitution already makes provision to both co-opt members to committee posts and appoint non-voting advisors
- Committee member reports for circulation prior to the AGM should be sent to JB no later than 2nd March. **Action: all**
- Review of the accounts revealed that under liabilities, two balances were the same in both 2020 and 2021. **MF to clarify**
- It was proposed to change section 3 (ii) of the constitution which states:
 - Membership applications will be considered if the persons applying have attended three official club meets (at least two of which must be outdoor, and one may be an indoor climbing wall) and they have the recommendation of an existing club member

to be replaced by:

 - Normally, membership applications will be considered if the persons applying have attended three official club meets (at least two of which must be outdoor and one may be an indoor climbing wall) and they have the recommendation of at least one existing club member
- The agenda for the previous AGM was agreed to be used as a template for this year with the addition the above-mentioned change in constitution, and the discussion on taking the club forward to be inserted after the election of committee members

- AH volunteered to manage the Zoom set up and the distribution of papers to the membership
- To encourage a good attendance, AB volunteered to chase up selected members who did not respond to the AGM invitation email

7. Any other business:

- DW will include details of our Covid policy in his huts report
- In line with GDPR, lapsed member details need to be cleared from the website.

Action AH

Meeting closed at 9:33 pm