

Craven Mountaineering Club
Committee Meeting 224- 05 September 2022 – Held on Zoom
MINUTES

Present:

Steve Boy (SB, Vice president), Michael Faulkner (MF, Treasurer), Andy Barton (AB, Climbing meets sec and New Members sec), James Crawshaw (JC, Social sec), Dick Winslow (DW, Hut meets sec), Jon Lury (JL, General Sec and Communication sec).

1. **Chairperson's welcome.** Jon has not yet informed members of RBs resignation as chair and SB taking over as chairperson. **Post meeting note: Members were informed in the update email sent on 19/9/22.**
2. **Apologies for absence.**
None
3. **Adoption of minutes of meeting 223** held on 03 May 2022.
The minutes were proposed by MF, seconded by DW and approved by all committee members.
The Committee asked Jon to upload meeting minutes to the website when there is a long gap before the next meeting when the minutes of the previous meeting are officially adopted. **ACTION: Jon.**
The committee agreed that an update should be sent out to all members. It will be an email update rather than a pdf newsletter. **Post meeting note: an email update was agreed by all committee members and sent out to the membership on 19/9/22.**
4. **Committee member updates:**
 - **Huts:** DW
 - a) Plas y Brenin 1 to 4 July. Several people had to drop out at short notice. Numbers had been restricted due to Covid, the meet made a loss.
 - b) The committee agreed that all covid requirements would be dropped in line with the latest government regulations. But all members must take responsibility for their own safety and respect the safety of other members on meets. **ACTION: Dick/Jon to draft a notification to members to be included in the email update.**
 - c) The 2 year old booking for the large Starkey Hut in Patterdale in December: DW explained that it is unlikely that we will fill the hut and therefore would face a large financial loss. The owners of the hut have not responded to DWs enquiries. The committee agreed to cancel the meet. **ACTION: Dick to cancel.**
 - d) Ian Daws is coordinating a camping meet in north Wales for the weekend of 01 October. Several members have expressed interest and Ian is now organising directly with them.
 - e) DW reported that some members are organising a meet at a FRCC hut but this is probably not a club meet. **ACTION: DW to find out whether this will be opened up to all members.**

- f) It had been agreed at previous meetings that DW had permission to organise up to 2 hut meets before December and to put up to £100 of CMC money at risk but to aim to break even. DW explained that, due to high hut fees, £100 would not be enough. The committee agreed that the “at risk” cap would be raised to £250 per meet.
 - g) There are no further hut meets scheduled. The committee agreed that the lack of walking, climbing and hut meets caused by members not volunteering to coordinate meets is a crisis for the club. **ACTION: The email update will be used to appeal to members to coordinate meets. Also we will organise a special general meeting on Zoom to raise this with members.**
- Ongoing from previous meeting: DW to contact the Karabiner MC regarding the key to their hut near Bethesda: The cost of the key is £25 per year, then a cost of ~£10pppn. A vote was taken to decide whether the CMC should continue to hold a key. A majority of 4 to 2 decided to keep the key. **ACTION: DW to check current costs with Karabiner Club. ACTION: JL to remind all members that we have a key.**
 - **Climbing: Sec Andy Barton (AB)**
 - a) Tuesday evening climbing meets have generally gone well over the summer. AB circulated the following report “Since the April committee meeting we have organised twenty-one Tuesday evening local climbing meets. Of these five were rained off and two were unattended. Of those rained off, several were rescheduled for another Tuesday. In addition several weekend meets have been arranged and ad-hoc meets have been set up via the WhatsApp Groups. Meets have attracted up to ten attendees and as few as just two, but the mode is probably five. There are just three remaining outdoor meets before the indoor winter season starts.”
 - b) Occasional impromptu meets both at walls and outside have been organised between individual club members, often via the group WhatsApp. AB has added the next forthcoming outside and wall climbing meets to the website and Facebook (FB) so they are visible to all. AB continues to liaise with YMC to arrange for CMC members to be allowed join some YMC climbing meets and vice versa.
 - c) At a recent crag meet on a Saturday which was organised via the Climbing WhatsApp group, a member took a fall which resulted in the belayer (a prospective member) suffering a rope burn. Should this be reported formally and did this count as an official CMC meet? **ACTION: Jon to check the BMC policy on this and report back to the committee.**
 - d) Winter climbing wall meets: these will usually be Tuesdays at Ingleton and Fridays at Harrogate. Attendees will communicate in advance via whatsapp.
 - **Walks: Andy Barton covering.**
No Members volunteered to be Walks sec, therefore the role is empty.

- a) AB circulated the following report: "Since the April committee meeting we have organised four walking meets; these tend to be monthly. We have organised these jointly with the YMC, however our members have only attended twice and on these occasions it was only a few of us. Monthly joint walking meets continue to be promoted via the website and WhatsApp."
 - b) All agreed that we want to keep walks in our programme, but we need someone to coordinate each walk. There is virtually no activity on the Walking WhatsApp group and only AB and one prospective member have attended the joint YMC meets.
 - c) The lack of walking meets and lack of members volunteering to coordinate walking meets is a concern. As mentioned above, the email update will be used to appeal to members to coordinate meets and we will organise a special general meeting on Zoom to raise this with members.
- **Social:** Sec James Crawshaw (JC):
 - a) Since the last meeting there have been 2 successful social meets. All held in Skipton on the 2nd Sunday of the month. JC plans to continue with this.
 - b) The September social will be delayed by 1 week due to unavailability of committee members.
- **Treasury:** Sec Michael Faulkner (MF):
 - a) SB and JL are now bank signatories so we have a total of 4 signatories along with MF and DW. The system is working well for JL.
 - b) Current Bank Balance is £2470.
- **Communications:** Sec Jon Lury (JL) (Note that Andy Hudson still manages the website):
 - a) Zoom meetings: The majority felt that we did not need a zoom licence and were happy to call back in every 40 minutes.
 - b) Rally App for scheduling meetings has proven itself to be effective and is free. We will continue to use it.
 - c) Ongoing from previous meeting: The title "meet coordinator" will be used in order to reflect the fact that the coordinator is not necessarily a leader and attendees must be capable and self-supporting. **ACTION: JL to check BMC guidance, check what we say on our website, and amend constitution if necessary.**
 - d) The issue of the discriminatory post on WhatsApp has been resolved. The member made a full apology.
 - e) Ongoing from previous meeting: As agreed at the previous meeting, the club must have a clear policy on discrimination / inappropriate behaviour , including clear and consistent policy on dealing with it and disciplinary procedure. **ACTION: JL to consider updating the constitution. Check BMC for useful language and create a draft for review.**
- **Secretary:** Gen Sec Jon Lury (JL):
 - a) Covid meet attendee lists were deleted by AB. Issue closed.

- **New members:** Sec Andy Barton (AB):
 - a) New Members David Canning and Andrew Wilkins paid their fee and have been added to the BMC online list.
 - b) AB circulated a list of Prospective members including meets attended. AB gave the following summary: “We currently have 15 prospects, 8 of whom have applied since the last meeting in April.
There remain a number of long-standing prospects who have not attended their first meeting and now a number who have exceeded the three month period since their first meeting and who I will approach regarding establishing their ‘retained prospect’ status which will require a half year payment for the BMC. **ACTIONS: AB.**
There are also a number who have attended three meets if we include socials as a ‘Non Outside’ meet. With the increasing regularity of short notice meetings arranged through WhatsApp, we should have a discussion about what constitutes an official meet and whether we need an AGM resolution to put forward a constitutional change?” **ACTION: Committee to discuss this further. Jon to check constitution and consider an amendment.**

5. **Matters arising:** As documented above.

6. **Any other business:** None

Meeting close at 9.25pm.

Next meeting: All agreed to try to have an in-person meeting at a pub in approximately 2 weeks and the next Zoom meeting in one month. **ACTION: JL to organise.**