

# Lomond Mountaineering Club - Committee Meeting

## Minutes

**Date:** 8 pm Wed 7th of November 2012

**Location:** Stirling Castle

**Present:** Chris Husbands  
Veronika Juranova  
Dave Wood  
Burly Cumberland  
Julian Hearne  
Matt Bridgestock  
Aaron Outhwaite  
Martin Fitzsimmons

**Apologies:** Kevin McGrath

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### 1. Hut

#### Fire extinguishers

Fire safety officer inspected the hut. He chased some pigeons out for us apparently. The one problem he noted is that the fire extinguishers haven't been tested since 1993 (this is due every year) and contain CFCs. They need replaced.

#### Stove

Matt has done drawings of the hut for planning. In doing these he worked out that it would be rather complicated to get the stove flue out the roof due to the varying and non-aligned spacing of the ceiling and roof joists. It would also be too close to the toilet thus requiring the toilet to be moved. Hence that leaves the option of going out the wall. According to building regulations due to the thickness of the wall (600 mm/~2 ft) the flue would have to go through it at 45 degrees. There is a 150 mm limit on horizontal sections. This will make it more difficult to cut the required hole. Matt also established that building regulations require the flue through the wall and on the outside of the building be double skinned. This is to prevent condensation forming and then rusting through the flue after several years.

There was much discussion about getting a hole through the wall. Both Matt and Jules will try and get prices for this. It should be noted that Matt's drawings are based around Aaron's stove and if we want to install a different stove we may need a different diameter of flue.

Jules had a rough price for the flue of £800-£1000, though this was not based around Matt's drawings as they were not available to him.

Before any work can go ahead Jules needs to talk to the hotel owner again to confirm that they are okay with us carrying out the work.

#### Electricity meter

Now fixed and recalibrated.

#### Water

Now 100% metered. Possible leak in the kitchen at the boiler.

#### Mattresses

People would still like to see new mattresses in the hut. Specifically ones which can be wiped clean.

### Hut key list

In essence there doesn't appear to be an up to date key list. We don't believe there is a problem with people abusing the hut by leaving the club but continuing to use the hut. It was suggested that the code gets changed but it seems the mechanism is stuck and this isn't straightforward. It may be easier to change the Yale lock if we think we have a problem.

## 2. 80th Anniversary Dinner

Aaron has the dinner in hand. It will be held at West on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November in the function room. So far 55 people are coming and the breakeven point is 53. Money is trickling in and Aaron may need help to collect money on the night. He will also need to pay the band and West. The band fee will be £350 and they will require payment in cash. The current plan is for dinner to be served at 7:30 pm and for the band to start at 8:30 pm.

The issue of a president's speech was raised and Chris agreed to possibly do something. Awards were also discussed as far as there should be some. Aaron will look into this with Chris. Matt also suggested using the projector to show photos of club activities over the years. Matt offered to try and organise this, possibly by lifting some photos from the website.

Finally it was pointed out that the Paypal system on the website could be used to organise for payment of the dinner or similar events in the future.

## 3. Membership

Membership is around 50-60 people, which is much the same as last year. Quite a few people didn't renew this year but new members have made up for this.

The previous email issues have been sorted but the website is plagued by spam sign-ups. Burly suggested there may be an anti-spam plugin for Drupal which might be able to kick this off, at the minute Matt is having to block them all by hand.

Veronika has lapsed all the members who didn't renew and all the potential members on the website who still haven't joined after a year.

Burly confirmed with the MCofS that members can claim back their MCofS fees for additional clubs if they are members of more than one affiliated club or as an individual member in addition to a club member. They can do this via the MCofS, members should see <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/refundsub.asp> for information on how to do this. In general the MCofS is happy to collect the extra money as donations.

## 4. Pub move

Aaron has been organising a drive to pub crawl in search of a replacement to the Stirling Castle. In short it is felt that perhaps a slightly busier pub might be more welcoming to members and be a better place to socialise. It was pointed out that we are sometimes the only people in the pub on a Wednesday night, which often results in us getting kicked out early so the staff can go home which isn't ideal for people coming over from the wall.

It was felt that any pub should be central and easy to get to from either of the two walls and preferably close to public transport. Possible suggestions so far are the Dram and Lismore but more need to be investigated. If a pub is very busy we may not be able to get a table/space which would also be far from ideal.

Finally it was suggested that if we are switching pubs we should possibly switch the night to Thursday at the same time. It was felt that this would make weekend planning easier as the weather forecast will be out and currently a lot of planning on a Wednesday night is simply, "I'll look at the forecast tomorrow and give you a bell."

## 5. Meets

Martin iterated that his policy for meets is first come, first served. By this potential members would get preference over current members if they were in the queue first. He asked if there were any objections to this and the committee raised none.

## 6. Insurance

It seems we are required to report any accidents to the MCoFS for insurance purposes even if there is no plan to make a claim. If a claim is lodged at a later date and the accident has not been reported we may not be insured. Dave suggested an addition to the website to possibly record incidents.

## 7. Training

Possible safety training, specifically winter skills. Should we get try and organise some, could we get a grant.

## 8. Actions from last meeting

In no particular order as per Jules' request, here are the minutes distilled into actions.

### Chris

- Speak to Richard about an article detailing the clubs history for the McofS magazine
- ~~Establish how much of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner Aaron wants to organise~~
- ~~Get in touch with older/ex members and invite along to 80<sup>th</sup> dinner. Also speak to Richard for additional contact details of older/ex members.~~
- Get hold of old hut visitors books

### Veronika

- ~~Assess and update the hut key list on the membership list~~
- ~~Email all unpaid members prompting them to renew. Assess which email addresses don't work and remove~~
- ~~Make enquires into possible bands for the dinner~~
- ~~Assess desire for T-shirts and possibly run a competition for what goes on them~~

### Kevin

- Look into some sort of automatic way of closing the outside water tap at the hut

### Jules

- ~~Provide a hut key list to Veronika~~
- ~~Scrounge some raffle prizes for the 80<sup>th</sup> dinner~~
- ~~Talk to Simo (?) about T-shirts~~
- ~~Update electricity meter rate~~
- ~~Talk to Ken about possibly speaking at the 80<sup>th</sup> dinner~~
- Finish the Manse barn history

### Matt

- Get quotes for stove install/~~do any required drawings~~

### Dave

- ~~Check security of handing out BACS details with bank~~

### Burly

- ~~Write to McofS about double membership~~
- ~~Give Jules a new visitor book for the hut~~

## 9. Actions from this meeting

In no particular order.

### Chris

- Come up with a speech for the dinner and organise awards

### Jules

- Replace fire extinguishers in the hut
- Replace visitors book
- Get some quotes for possible installation of a stove
- Talk to the hotel about possibly installing a stove see if they are okay with it still
- Check possible water leak in hit by boiler

### Aaron

- Finishing organising the dinner
- Help sort out awards
- Continue search for a new pub

### Matt

- Sort out some photos for projection at the dinner
- Get some quotes for installing the stove at the hut
- Look into adding an incident reporting section for members to the website for insurance purposes
- Possibly look at adding anti-spam plug-ins to the website

### Burly

- Look into possibly of getting a grant for training