

Lomond Mountaineering Club - AGM Meeting Minutes

Date: 8 pm Wed 17th of April 2013

Location: Partick Burgh Halls

Present: Chris Husbands
Aaron Outhwaite
Dave Wood
Julian Hearne
Burly Cumberland
Helen Moore
Martin Fitzsimons
Veronika Juranova
Derek Thomas
Libby Stravghan
Ken Johnstone
Richard Baynes
Michael McAnenay
Ivonne Iser
Matt Bridgestock (at 9:29 pm)

Apologies: Florian Urban

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes from last years AGM were approved.

2. Officers Reports

President

The club had another good year for meets and activities. The dinner was excellent. I will let individual officers report.

Treasurer

Accounts prepared in the same way as last year. The club currently has £5,321.40 in the bank. We made £145 on the dinner. Our balance last year was £4,717. By and large the clubs cash reserves remain stationary with no large increases or decreases. Robin has audited this years accounts. (See Dave's summary sheet in appendix 1 for full details).

Hut Custodian

The fire extinguishers were replaced along with the flooring around the toilet. The electricity meter was recalibrated for the first time in a long time. We are now on 100% metered water. A leak during last year cost us around £30 as the water bill fell from £75 to £45. Please remember to turn off the water and report any issues to the hut custodian. Income and expenditure are listed in the accounts but bookings plus the honest box brought in £846. The electricity meter brought in £162 versus the £291 spent on electricity.

Questions were raised about insurance. Liability insurance is provided by the MCofS coverage. We currently have no building insurance. As we have no lease or rights we have no responsibilities and therefore don't pay building insurance. The excess on the contents is higher than anything we would ever claim for and this therefore makes it pointless. It should be pointed out that because we rely on the MCofS for liability anyone staying in the hut must be a member of the MCofS or BMC.

Membership secretary

Current membership is 53. A couple of very recent new members will be put through as members for next year. Some older members who have been renewing every year without being particularly active stopped this year. This has been offset by lots of active new members. There hasn't been any single

point in the year when a lot of new members joined. Instead it's been a fairly steady stream throughout the year.

Secretary

Apart from meeting minutes which can be found on the website there has been very little correspondence. Information from the MCofS for club members has been forwarded via the website. The issue of double membership was raised at last year's AGM. As reported via the website last year, this was looked into. In essence the MCofS instruct clubs to take MCofS fees from all members and pay them to the MCofS. This avoids any insurance issues. If a member is paying MCofS fees through more than one club they can claim the additional fees back from the MCofS. They have a procedure for this as documented on their website (<http://www.mcofs.org.uk/refundsub.asp>). The refund would be £13.

Meets secretary

Meets cost the club £880. We had an 84% attendance so there was a loss of £120. It is of course impossible to make any money on meets. In general the summer meets were not well attended while the winter meets were. (See Martin's summary sheet for full details in appendix 2). Huts are already booked through next winter to April 2014. Strawberry cottage and Glen Affric were both requested by members during the AGM.

Social secretary

Main events were the annual dinner and Burns supper. These both went well. We also moved pubs from the Stirling Castle to the Lismore. This has gone reasonably well though occasionally the bar staff forget to reserve a table for us. Aaron brought biscuits for everyone at the meeting.

Web co-ordinator

Matt had not arrived by this point. However as far as the committee knew there were no external problems with the site. The site is seeing a lot of spam bots trying to access it and Matt has been working to prevent this.

3. Elections

President

Aaron Outhwaite stood. Nominated by Richard and Jules. Duly elected.

Treasurer

David Wood stood. Nominated by Helen and Richard. Duly elected.

Secretary

Burly Cumberland stood. Nominated by Aaron and Martin. Duly elected.

Membership secretary

Ivonne Iser stood. Nominated by Richard and Helen. Duly elected.

Hut custodian

Julian Hearne stood. Nominated by Ivonne and Richard. Duly elected.

Meets secretary

Martin Fitzsimons stood. Nominated by Helen and Ivonne. Duly elected.

Social secretary

Michael McAnenay stood. Nominated by Burly and Ivonne. Duly elected.

Web co-ordinator

Matt Bridgestock stood. Nominated by Burly and Martin. Duly elected.

4. Subscriptions

Dave suggested keeping it the same as last year. That is: £25 for the year dropping to £10 after 31/12/13, £15 for students and unwaged dropping to £5 after the 31/12/13. Nobody objected to this. It was stated that payment is preferred via Paypal (see link on website) or in cash. BACS is a lot of hassle because the club does not have online banking facilities and people forget to comment their BACS transfers.

5. Hut

There has been quite a lot of work done by the committee this year with regards to the possible install of a stove. Matt produced a series of drawings of the hut and looked into all the requirements, which would have to be met. The tricky bit is getting the flu out of the hut. As the walls are 2ft thick the flu would have to go out at a 45 degree angle. Getting this hole in the wall would cost around £600. All the other parts, flu and stove etc. would cost around £1500. To get someone to deal with everything and fit the stove for us would cost around £3000. Detailed drawings are available from Matt. The above costs include the required building permit.

New mattresses were previously quoted as £1040, the main part of the cost is the plastic covers rather than the foam. [Michael volunteered to look into this again].

Jules spoke the hotel owners about installing a stove and they are happy for us to do that. They also informed Jules that the hotel is on the market and that the owners are looking to exit the business. They are hoping to sell the hotel and house as one but may split them. The hotel has been on the market for the best part of a year now. This leaves us with the situation were a new owner may take over the hotel and kick us out of the hut. As we have no lease we have no legal basis to be there. This concern means that the committee recommended that we don't spend any significant amount of money on the hut. Until we have some security or reason to believe we will have security it simply isn't worth expending the limited club funds.

The issue was then opened to the floor.

Richard – Felt that we were stuck and something needed done to breach the endless impasse of having no security with regards to the hut and doing something with it. Richard suggested writing a business case for the hut based around spending some significant amount of cash on it. The hope would be to take this to the hotel and get them to co-invest in the hut.

Jules – Felt this was unlikely as he got the impression the hotel owners just wanted out and were unlikely to want to invest cash in the hut for the long term. He did inquire about buying the hut but the hotel showed little interest. This would simply be an added complication in the sale.

Michael – Raised the issue of renting/buying another hut.

Dave – Pointed out that we spent £300 on electricity for the year, which includes the heating. This is a relatively small amount compared to the cost of a stove. In the short term we could add more electric heating.

Richard – Stated that doing nothing is easy. What we need to do is make a proposal on new ways to develop the hut.

Chris – Suggested the formation of a working committee to look into this.

Dave - Stressed that the committee had not done nothing but had in fact done quite a lot over the last year with regards to the hut. We pointed out that we don't provide the hotel with any real source of income. As such they clearly would rather not have us there otherwise we would have a tenancy amongst other things.

Richard – The hut needs damp proofing, better bedding, showers and better heating. Proposes and then retracts a motion to look at the broad future of the hut.

Matt – Provided an update on the Jimmy Savile house. It was offered to the MCofS who turned it down. The trust has been wound up and the house is now owned by the Natwest bank. They are selling off the rest of the assets and the house is likely to go to the highest bidder.

At this point it was decided to leave the issue to the new committee to look into future options for a club hut.

6. AOB

Jules asked if we wanted any more **T-shirts** along the trainspotting theme? General response was yes. People requested proper ladies sizes.

Donation – there haven't been any accidents this year so it was decided that the donation of £100 should be made to the Glencoe mountain rescue team.

Date for next AGM is set as Wednesday the 12th of March 2014.

AGM closed at 9:38 pm.

7. Appendix 1 – Accounts summary

Lomond Mountaineering Club - Accounts Summaries 2004 to present									
INCOME	12/13	10/12	09/10	08/09	07/08	06/07	05/06	04/05	
Subscriptions	1194.03	1446.52	1078.02	1168.97	965.00	1047.50	840.00	950.00	
Hut (summary below)	1128.75	1594.05	1586.56	1101.33	979.80	578.65	720.58	535.21	
Bookings	454.00	740.00	600.00	401.00	340.00		412.00	446.60	435.00
Do.meter/honesty box (up to year 06/07)						146.65	76.28	100.21	
Elec Meter (from year 07/08)	162.00	194.00	254.00	191.00	130.00				
Honesty Box* (from year 07/08)	392.75	367.00	392.56	469.33	389.80				
Key deposits	120.00	180.00	340.00	40.00	120.00	20.00	0.00		
Electricity bill rebate	0.00	113.05	0.00			0.00	197.70		
* Box takings contain unsegregated bookings and club member overnights revenue up to year 08/09									
Climbing meets	277.00	767.00	160.00	318.50	429.00	420.00	651.00	190.00	
Social meets	1535.00	1735.00	1340.00	80.00	906.00	1136.70	976.90	750.00	
Donations	0.00	201.00	234.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Sundries (summary below)	40.54	2722.06	63.00	90.21	55.00	47.00	0.00	0.00	
Transfer from Deposit Account		2722.06							
T-shirts			45.00	90					
LMC yearbook					30.00	47.00			
Miscellaneous				0.21	25.00				
Interest	0.00	1.64	2.26	2.13	9.55	10.11	63.91	53.85	
Unaccounted									
TOTAL INCOME	4175.32	8467.27	4463.84	2781.14	3354.35	3249.96	3262.39	2489.06	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (see opposite)	3571.39	6384.35	3728.70	1568.51	3830.59	2916.06	3624.29	3174.68	
PROFIT/LOSS	603.93	2082.92	735.14	1212.63	-476.24	333.90	-361.90	-685.62	
PROFIT/LOSS Adjusted (see notes)	0.00	0.00	750.64	602.63	-157.34	-365.00	483.90	-718.90	

EXPENDITURE	12/13	10/12	09/10	08/09	07/08	06/07	05/06	04/05	
MC of S Insurance	735.25	1361.90	430.00	0.00	624.00	508.80	519.40	750.90	
Hut (summary below)	751.14	1730.14	1167.81	679.48	509.67	1034.07	1507.67	965.22	
Rent (up to year 06/07)						50.00	-	100.00	
Electricity	291.00	458.00	318.00	252.00	252.00	252.00	341.00	211.00	
Water	256.78	244.94	212.76	52.49	152.70	150.13	146.92	144.32	
Keys	100.00	95.00	60.00		65.00	0.00	40.00		
Insurance	0.00	294.00	294.00	294.00		294.00	344.00	239.00	
Maintenance (from year 07/08)	103.36	638.20	283.05	80.99	39.97				
Sundries (up to year 06/07)						287.94	635.75	270.90	
Climbing meets	510.00	981.00	592.00	546.00	607.00	344.00	792.00	355.00	
Social meets	1375.00	1979.50	868.00	80.00	1777.48	859.70	594.00	860.00	
Donations	200.00	300.00	579.00	0.00	200.00	100.00		200.00	
Sundries (summary below)	0.00	31.52	91.50	262.65	110.58	47.98	70.49	41.01	
Website registration*				84.00		15.00	0.00		
Stationery		11.52			14.28	0.00	26.00	41.01	
T-shirts				130.00					
LMC Yearbook (Publication)					53.00	32.98	44.49		
Miscellaneous		20.00		48.65	43.30				
Tax	0.00	0.29	0.39	0.38	1.86	2.16	1.55		
Unaccounted						19.35	139.18	2.55	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3571.39	6384.35	3728.70	1568.51	3720.01	2916.06	3624.29	3174.68	
* Website registration:									

BALANCES	12/03/2013	27/02/2012	01/11/2010	31/10/2009	31/10/2008	31/10/2007	31/10/2006	31/10/2005
Current account	5321.40	4717.47	2882.55	2147.41	934.78	1471.02	1142.16	759.51
		Closed & transferred to Current Account 26/04/2011						
Deposit account		2720	2716.67	2672.87	2612.82	2564.52	3309.07	
BALANCE	£5,321.40	£4,717.47	£5,602.55	£4,864.08	£3,607.65	£4,083.84	£3,706.68	£4,068.58
Notes:								
1	In accordance with accounting principles used last year no adjustment has been made to profit/loss to allow for expenditure/income in FY that falls outwith the FY.							
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	Account summary 12/13 prepared by Dave Wood & audited by Robin Whitworth							
	Account summary 10/12 prepared by Dave Wood & audited by Dave Foster							
	Account summary 07/08, 08/09, 09/10 prepared by Simeon Hall							
	Account summary 05/06, 06/07 prepared by Catherine Sibley							
	Account summary 04/05, 03/04 prepared by Gil Murray							

8. Appendix 2 – Meets summary

2012-2013	Venue.	Cost Weekend Bed Space	Weekend Spaces bought	Club Outlay	Weekend Spaces Filled	Total Recouped	Net	Deposit
Apr	Manse B (prev Lewis)	£0.00	3	£0.00	3	£0.00	£0.00	c
Apr	Northumberland	£0.00	10	£0.00	10	£0.00	£0.00	c
May	NW Shiegra	£0.00	6	£0.00	6	£0.00	£0.00	c
June	Manse/Russ BBQ	£0.00	9	£0.00	9	£0.00	£0.00	c
July 28/29	Ballater	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	£0.00	c
Aug 11/12	NE Caithness	£0.00	5	£0.00	5	£0.00	£0.00	c
Sept 7/8	Smiddy Dundonnell	£14.00	8	£112.00	8	£112.00	£0.00	£25 Chq # 10330 12/06/12
Oct 5/6	Braedownie/G Clova	£10.00	10	£100.00	7.5	£75.00	£-25.00	£20 Chq # 10396 23/08/12
Nov	Annual Dinner	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	£0.00	c
Dec 7/8	Strawbery Cottage	£13.00	8	£104.00	5	£65.00	£-39.00	No deposit req'd
Jan 18/19	Mill Cottage	£16.00	14	£224.00	14	£224.00	£0.00	£160 Chq # 10391 12/06/12
Feb 01/02	CIC	£25.00	8	£200.00	8	£200.00	£0.00	£200 13/08/12
Mar 15/16	The Cabin Balgowan	£14.00	10	£140.00	6	£84.00	£-56.00	£25 Chq # 10392 12/06/12
	TOTALS (paid meets):		58	£880.00	48.5	£760.00	£-120.00	
					(84%)		9.5	