

# Lomond Mountaineering Club - Committee Meeting

## Minutes

**Date:** 6:00 pm Wed 29th of January 2014

**Location:** Aaron's flat

**Present:** Aaron Outhwaite  
Julian Hearne  
Michael McAnenay  
Ivonne Iser  
Dave Wood  
Matt Bridgestock  
Burly Cumberland

**Apologies:** Martin Fitzsimmons

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### 1. Hut

Keys: Jules has looked into replacing the lock and getting new keys for the hut. It is quite expensive, approximately £500 for a new lock and 50 keys. It will be cheaper to get the combination lock fixed and then change combination every year. The locksmith estimated it would be around £50 to fix combination lock. The combination lock itself is relatively expensive at £350 to buy. Agreed that Jules can remove the combination lock at some point when it is convenient and send it away to be repaired.

### 2. Membership

With regards to the creation of posters and advertising the club that was previously suggested nothing has happened since last meeting. Actions are with Aaron for this. Current membership is just over 60 members.

### 3. Meets

Meets are reported as going well. Martin continues to do an excellent job.

### 4. Social

Since the last meeting we've had the Christmas curry and the Burns night celebration, which was in Munros. Both were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The only other social event that has been discussed for this club year is the possibility of a slide show. Michael will post to the forum to gauge interest.

There was also some discussion of switching to Munros for Wednesday nights. The attractions are that it is perhaps a little less busy and bigger than the Lismore, it serves food which would be good for people arriving from the wall and it also serves coffee/tea etc for non-drinkers and those who are driving. The downsides are that parking and public transport may be trickier for some members. Michael will discuss it with members and the issue can be debated again at a future meeting.

### 5. T-shirts

Jules gaged interested via a couple of forum posts, while some members were interested in new t-shirts there were not enough to make it financially viable. To be reconsidered in a years time.

### 6. Finance

Jules needs a new paying in book. Dave will organise this.

Membership payment is currently cash, BACs or PayPal. At the minute with PayPal people can sign up to be members without being known to anyone in the club, this is seen a slight downside. It was suggested that the link for PayPal payment is moved into the potential members side of the website. On the upside we get real names and addresses from the PayPal system, currently we are relying upon members to update their records on the website and for us to notice when they pay by other payment methods. BACs payment is essentially a pain for two reasons: we have no online access to the club accounts so there's no instant confirmation of payment and people often don't comment the BACs transfer sensibly which results in us not knowing who the money is from. Dave proposes that we do away with BACs payment. As PayPal payment is the easiest and most convenient thing for the club he suggests that we encourage people to pay via PayPal by absorbing the PayPal fee. The proposal is therefore that from next year people will only be able to pay by cash or PayPal. In addition Dave proposes that we keep the membership fee fixed at £25.

Ideally we would get members to fill in a form on the website before payment to ensure we collect all applicable details. This requires someone with knowledge of web development to find the time to sit down and write a suitable form.

It was also suggested that the ability to pay membership is moved into the members/potential members section of the site so as to avoid complete strangers from joining the club.

Finally it was agreed that the current membership list should be emailed around the committee once a month so that the information is available to everyone.

## 7. Website

Matt was on hand to try and help resolve some of the website issues. He thought that committee members had edit access but turns out that they don't. This can be fixed as required, Burly now has admin access and anyone else who needs it can get it.

Matt explains that he set up the website quickly and it works but he's not sure how everything works given that he doesn't write websites regularly. It's been 5 years since Matt rewrote the site. He has disbanded the Wednesday night mailing list as requested.

While at the meeting Matt updated content in several places as requested by members.

Several security issues were reported with the site. Apparently Cotswolds were in touch to report that the discount code is available via a Google search and requested that we remove this. It was agreed that this should be removed as it is on the membership cards at any rate. [Note: when I tried Google to find this myself I could only find references to it not the actual code itself without being logged into the site.]

The second security issue reported was that members email addresses were available via Google searches of the club website. This was taken very seriously and Matt will look to see if he can find someone who is an expert in Drupal security to look into this issue. This may incur a cost to the club, the committee were fine with this in principle but any costs need approval from Dave. [Note: despite reasonably extensive efforts to replicate this issue via Google I failed without being logged into the website.]

Finally old potential members will be purged from the website.

## 8. AGM

The AGM will happen on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:30 pm in Patrick Bough Halls. Jules will look into booking a room for 30 people.

It was suggested that all committee members write a short description of their job for the benefit of members who may wish to stand for committee.

**Dave left at 19:00**

## **9. Any other business**

**Ivonne left at 19:10**

Aaron proposes that the club invests in a copy of a memorial book. Unfortunately the conversation moved to the web site editing which Matt was doing before agreement was reached.

**Meeting ended 19:13**