

IMC Committee Meeting

Teachers' Club

30th July 2012

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Present: Tony Barry, James Flanagan, Gerry Galligan, Geraldine Murphy, Sé Ó Hanlon, Áine O Reilly,.
Attended: D. Craig
Apologies: **Stephen Peel.**

1 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting on the 11th June we approved.

2 Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings

Completed

Sé O Hanlon will work with the Membership Officer to improve the process of handling membership: Meeting took place.

Tony Barry to email a form regarding upgrading from associate to full membership to all relevant members (or approach members directly in the quarry). Completed forms are to be return to Membership Officer: Done. No report on results.

Publicity Officer and Membership Secretary are to collaborate on producing a new contacts booklet: This is now printed.

The Secretary will contact the nominated members of the Expedition Grant Panel and seek their agreement to serve: This has been done and the panel is in place and working.

Sé O Hanlon said that he could draft the officers' duties if necessary: A summary of duties as set down in the Constitution has been circulated to all officers together with limited other suggestions as a starting point for officers drafting their manuals.

Tony Barry raised the issue of the Presidential term; this will be discussed at the next meeting: This was not included on the agenda and was briefly discussed under other business. There was general agreement that a motion should be put on the AGM Agenda by the Secretary proposing the reduction of the President's term of office to 2 years.

Sé O Hanlon is to arrange with Don Roberts for the valuation of IMC books now held by MI and the identification of valuable items: No action taken. It was agreed that it is unnecessary to do this.

An invitation to the club dinner is to be sent by the Secretary to the Alpine Club (London): Done.

Pending

Publicity Officer is to follow up on the matter of John Duignan's back issues of IMC Newsletters: No report on progress.

Publicity Officer is to send an update of IMC details to all relevant websites, e.g. UKClimbing & Alpine Club UK: No report on progress.

Training Officer considered that the standard of climbing in the Club had fallen in recent years; he suggested that a further stage of instruction is needed (after beginners) and he will develop this idea: No report on progress.

A deadline of the end of June is planned for the next newsletter and Declan Craig is to be contacted about the printing. No action by Publicity Officer due to pressure of work. New deadline of 13th August set.

James Flanagan to stamp all of the books with the Club stamp except the old/valuable books which will have a stamped sheet inserted inside the covers. (Secretary has the stamps): Not yet done due to pressure of work.

James Flanagan will draft a letter re Gleninagh and circulate it to the Committee for revision. Stephen will send the letter to MI: Not yet done due to pressure of work. Will be done within next week.

The Secretary will ask Paul Donnelly if he will head the volunteer group to file the existing archive in order: P. Donnelly has been asked but has not given an answer.

3 Correspondence

(a) Letter from Paddy O Leary asking for confirmation from the Committee that all members of Indian Expedition have been members of the IMC for two years and suggesting that an interim payment of €500 be made to the expedition while this question is being resolved.

It was noted that three members of the expedition comply with this requirement for grant aid. The club noted that Berndt Heim has been a member since January 2012 and that there is no record of prior membership. He does not therefore qualify for grant aid. The Membership Officer will inform P. O Leary accordingly but may change this information if an enquiry which she will make to MI reveals that he has a previous 18 months of IMC membership which may have been at any period since the early 1990s.

It was agreed to make an interim payment of €500 to the Expedition. (Minute takers note: No method of action was agreed but maybe the Treasurer should contact G. Galligan to get bank details for transfer.)

(b) Letter from Ruth Lynam informing the club that the late Joss Lynam has bequeathed €7,500 to the club. This was noted with gratitude. The Publicity Officer will ask the members via Newsletter and website to suggest how best this money might be used.

4 Officer Reports

Meets

See appendix 1

The report was noted. It was agreed that meets/trips planned by non-members should not be included in the meets list. No answers were given to the other questions.

The Meets Officer is actively seeking a person to fill this position next year.

Training

The Training Officer has decided to change his plan to designate one Thursday per month as a night on which established climbers would assist members seeking to improve their skills and make this a weekly feature. Activity will be geared towards skills needed for upcoming meets.

Membership

The Membership Officer will not go forward for re-election at the forthcoming AGM. She will meet with Áine O Reilly to show her what is involved with a view to her taking over.

Ken Doyle will talk to Paul Flood who will in turn talk to the Membership Officer to be briefed on the requirements of an improved system for keeping membership records, something he has volunteered to do.

Treasurer

No report

Hut Warden

See Appendix 2. The report was noted.

Publicity

The Publicity Officer has been inactive since the last meeting due to pressure at work.

Library

We have no Librarian and therefore no report. Tony Barry will contact Karl Boyle of MI to arrange publicity for the hand-over.

Access and Conservation

No Report.

5 Survey re retention & development of new members

No report received. Ken Doyle will ask Andrew to report progress to date or conclusions either by email to Committee members or at the next meeting.

6 Access – Glen Inagh & MI policy

James Flanagan has not yet done this due to pressure of work. He will do it within next week.

7 Club Dinner

It was agreed that the Secretary will invite Jess Walsh, widow of Noel Walsh to the Dinner.

Ken Doyle will liaise with Conor O Connor to get a progress report and find out if he needs any assistance.

8 Club Archive

No progress

9 Expedition Grant Policy

No further action required. Ken Doyle will post a note on the website drawing members' attention to the new policy.

10 Officers' Roles & Duties

The Chair asked members to update their manuals as soon as possible.

11 Other Business

AGM date set for 15th November. Secretary to book room in Club na Múinteoirí.

Contacts Book to be posted to members by Geraldine Murphy within the next week together with notice of the AGM and of the Club dinner.

Des Moran has paid his subscription . The Chair passed the cheque and covering letter to the Membership Officer who will send mis membership card with an appropriate covering letter.

It was noted that the minutes of this year's Committee Meetings and supporting documentation are not yet posted on the web and the Secretary was reminded to do this.

12 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 10th September, 20:30hr at Teachers' Club.

Appendix 1

Meets report

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Continued to arrange meets for indoors in the autumn.
Continue to promote outdoor meets for the summer.

PAST EVENTS:

OUTDOOR MEETS

June 30-July 1 Fair Head: Confirmed, Terry O'Neill

The Fair Head Meet had to be canceled due to rain. We are keeping an eye on the weather and calendar to try and reschedule it.

Mournes Meet:

There was a great turn out. A good number of the new members from this year's program climbed.

Declan Craig: "What a fantastic day on the Bernagh Slabs on Saturday,Weather was not quite as good on Sunday but that just makes an excuse for a return trip soon."

Ian Christie: "We counted seventeen from the IMC climbing. Crooked Chimney, Grand Central and many more routes and their many variations. It was take your ticket and wait your turn at queues for the popular routes. A perfect introduction to multipitch for some of the newcomers who have missed out due to the bad weather lately"

Marty: "Many thanks Declan. And thanks again to Cearbhall as partner for the meet, I learned a lot. And established IMC membership for making newbies welcome. We did an enjoyable spin up Lamagan and spent the rest of Saturday in Lower Cove, which we had to ourselves. The rounded rocks of the Cove were certainly a new experience. Sunday was a *make the most* of it day and after a pitch on Pigeon we moved on looking for drier surroundings.

So we headed for a dry but extremely windy Hen Rock/Mountain and got a few more climbs in before striking off southbound relatively early."

Perhaps a trip up on a Friday night and an early start on Saturday should be planned for at the next meet.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 4th and 5th Burren: Confirmed, Peter Woods

The Burren meet has been moved to accommodate the rescheduled Glendalough meet.

August 11-12 BBQ at Hut: Confirmed, Conor O'Connor

August 25 26 Kerry: Confirmed, Tony Barry

September 8-9 NOTHING

September 16 Irelands Eye, Confirmed, Joe Reville

September 22-23 NOTHING

October 6-7 NOTHING

October Bank Holiday 26-29 Wales: Confirmed, Joe Reville

AOB:

1) Events other than IMC events am I allowed put them on the website?

2) Meets being organized by non-members am I allowed to put them on the website?

3) What is a meet?

4) I seem to have mislaid the laser pointer used for pointing at the screen during presentations

5) The officer manual is half finished and I will have it completed by mid August

6) The logic board on my Mac Laptop is fried so I am without a laptop now. it is unlikely I'll be buying a new one till next year so we have to sort out one for the coming indoor meets.

Appendix 2

Hut report

Financial

	Income	Spending
Fees income	€9,843.00	
Warden travel		€593.00
Consumables		€85.28
Repairs & maintenance		€1,029.99
Fixtures & Fittings		€428.22
Meals		€95.01
Light & heat		€1,501.96
Insurance & rates		€1,305.31
Capital items		€3,585.00
Total	€9,843.00	€8,623.77
Gain	€1,219.23	

Future bookings

27/07/12 Shane Yeates	28/07/12 Shane Yeates	29/07/12 Shane Yeates
03/08/12 49th Swords (15)		
04/08/12 Aisling O Malley	05/08/12 Aisling O Malley	
11/08/12 BBQ		
18/08/12 Dave Trunk + 2		
23/08/12 Kazou Waas	24/08/12 Kazou Waas	
08/09/12 Leon Winkes?		
21/09/12 F&RCC x 8	22/09/12 F&RCC x 8	
28/09/12 UCD MC	29/09/12 UCD MC	

Work

Installation and painting of new ceilings downstairs is complete. Installation of new lighting also complete.

No major works planned for the rest of the year.