Meeting 25th August 2014 at 8.00 p.m.

Teachers Club

Agenda

Present: I. Christie, C. Daly, D. Finnegan, J. Flanagan, D. Madden, S. O Hanlon, C. Rice, Bénédicte Reau, S. Rickerby, C. Russell, V. Sumner.

Attending: T. Barry, P. Wood.

Names of persons to act highlighted in blue

1. **The minutes** of the meeting on 12th May were agreed and signed.
    a. Matters arising: The contacts book which was to have been sent to members in May has not been progressed. The Treasurer will send the file required to produce this direct to the printer so that the book can be issued with the Newsletter which will be distributed in the next 3 weeks.

2. **Correspondence**
    a. Paddy O Leary asked for support with the production of the History of the Irish Mountaineering This has already been promised in principle so no further action needs to be taken until detailed costed proposals are submitted.

    b. Se received an application form for grants for old people at the last meeting. This was presented – no decision was made on how to proceed with this topic.

3. **Report on Beginners Program** (Training Officer)
    a. No report received. Training officer Kevin had given apologies and was not in attendance.

4. **Ratification of date for AGM**
    a. The Chair and Secretary set a date of November 20th for the AGM because no Committee meeting was scheduled after the collapse of the June meeting and it seemed possible that the next Newsletter would be the last chance to give the required written notice of the AGM to certain members without the need for a separate mailout. This action was approved.

5. **The future of the new website (Peter Wood)**

    a. Steps to be taken to promote trip reports being published in greater numbers and in the blog instead of forum
    i. More Blog post are needed from members – this facility is underutilised. The Blog posts help promote the IMC. The Committee needs to be active in managing the change from posting stories in the forum to posting them in the blog.
    ii. Newsletter articles should take precedence over Blog posts. Newsletter articles should go up on the Blog with appropriate links to the online copy of the Newsletter immediately after publication.
    iii. Martyna should provide better instructions to Ian Christie on how to set up and use the Blog and this should be communicated to members.
    iv. Meets Team should ask meets organisers to write a Blog post on their meet.

    b. Agreement on method of approving future changes to the structure of the site
    i. Changes to the broad structure and function of the website should only be made with the approval of the committee. The new philosophy and presentation should be allowed a considerable period (2-3 years) to bed down

    c. Management of site content
    i. Pictures in the home page should be grouped in sets of three. The Publicity Offer and Webmaster will agree a schedule for rotation of photos on this page.
    ii. In terms of management of site content it is the committee members' individual responsibility to keep their own sections up to date. It was noted that the training page contains out of date information.

    d. Possible date for completion of design phase.

i. Target date for handover of the site is 30th September.

e. Other website matters

i. Martyna is to be asked to schedule a training session on looking after the site/ Blog. This needs to happen by the end of September. Peter to coordinate.

ii. It was agreed to give free IMC membership for 2014/15 to Martyna.

6. To decide whether to purchase a base-camp tent and if this is agreed what steps will be taken.

a. It was agreed to purchase a mess tent with a separate groundsheet which could be used for socialising or sleeping at meets. It was agreed to go for an entry level tent to test the value of the project. The Meets Team will report to the next meeting on options and costs.

7. Progress report on work done to date to support MI efforts to improve access situation. (James Flanagan)

a. James gave an update on the situation around the possibility of an Access Bill being drafted by the Government.. Mountaineering Ireland appear to be committed to working through Government and Civil Service channels but it seems highly unlikely that they will make much progress because of lack of interest and commitment on the part of those who should be drafting the bill. James suggested that (Dave:I do not know the name) be asked to draft the wording of a Bill which we can present to MI with a view to them going to the responsible parties with the basic work done and ask them to enact the Bill. If needed the Secretary will send a formal request for help to in conjunction with James.

8. Officers reports

a. The Publicity Officer's Report was noted. (see attached)

b. No other reports were received from officers.

9. The next meeting meeting will be held at Awesome Walls on Monday 29th September at 7.30 p.m.if a room is available.

10. Other business

a. The Publicity Officer raised a questions about the absence of a fire alarm in the Hut with a “break glass” activation box. A lively discussion followed but no decision on further action was made. Through an oversight the Publicity Officer’s actual proposal was not circulated to the committee and was not included on the agenda and was not discussed. Reference was made to the fire safety review of the hut which has been almost completely implemented.

b. The Publicity Officer suggested that the Training Officer provide a report on the Train the Trainer courses. Through an oversight the Publicity Officer’s actual proposal was not circulated to the committee and was not included on the agenda and was not discussed.

c. It was agreed that the fridge and some cooking utensils in the Hut should be replaced