



Irish Mountaineering Club

Cumann Sléibhteoireachta na hÉireann

Minutes of Committee Meeting

1 December 2014

1. Welcome & Apologies

Welcome: Kevin Coakley, Vanessa Sumner, Garry Smith, Niall Ennis, Tina Ennis, Jonathan Smith, Kieran Kelly, David Jacobs

Apologies: Declan Finnegan, James Flanagan, Ian Christie, Sinead Rickerby, Ruth Whelan.

2. Minutes of pre AGM meeting 20 November 2014

These have not been received and Secretary will request these from James Flanagan.

In relation to first aid training, Niall Ennis is to provide Jonathan Smith with details for Ronan Lenihan who is a first aid trainer.

3. Matters Arising

Kevin Coakley was elected as Treasurer but will move to Membership Officer which the Committee approved.

The Committee approved that Declan Finnegan be co-opted as Treasurer which has already been approved by the auditors.

Kevin Coakley has spoken with Cillian Russell about coming back on the committee this year, who as all agreed was an invaluable member of the committee last year. Cillian said that he is too busy with a course at present but he could come on board in May 2015 when he is free and needed. The Committee agreed that Cillian should be asked to come on board the Committee and Kevin Coakley will contact Cillian Russell.

The Committee co-opted Garry Smith as an ordinary committee member. Garry Smith will be working 50/50 with Ian Christie as Publicity Officer.

Tony Barry joined the meeting briefly and wished the new Committee well and expressed his hope that the Committee would work together, within their roles and progress matters in an amicable fashion. The Committee agreed that this was their intention.

4. Correspondence Received

The Expedition Report had been received.

The Environmental Report prepared by Peter Norton is to be presented by him at the Thursday meet on 19/02/14.

The Committee agreed that these reports could be included in the newsletter, in an edited version where necessary. The Secretary is to forward these reports on to Garry Smith and Ian Christie.

5. IMC Administration

Full Membership

It was noted that Garry Smith had been made a full member prior to the AGM.

Jonathan Smith is to be noted as a full member on the database.

The Committee agreed that Harry McGee, as proposed by Kevin Coakley and Ian Christie, be made a full member.

Hut on Saturday 22/11/14

Niall Ennis noted that when he attended in the afternoon the hut was in a generally untidy and unclean state. Kieran Kelly confirmed that the group staying that weekend had left the hut in an immaculate condition. It was noted that the Cow House at the Hut is for the exclusive use of IMC members. It was agreed that it would be emphasised to potential groups renting out the hut that it is shared facility and members of the IMC will still have some use of the hut when it is rented to groups.

Email Handover

Cearbhall Daly is looking after these, anyone experiencing difficulties is to contact him.

The Secretary is to send a member's request to update email address to Kevin Coakley to amend the database.

Complaint follow up

The new Committee had not seen a complaint from Ken Doyle which the previous Committee had received prior to the AGM. Niall Ennis will circulate this to the Committee and it was expressly agreed that this complaint not be circulated outside of the Committee. The Secretary is to write to Ken Doyle to say the matter is being investigated and the Committee will deal with it at the next meeting.

Training Grants

Niall Ennis noted that BOS have training grant funds available to clubs of €50 per head / €250 per club, he also noted that Jane Carney may be available to provide training, eg rope skills and rock training.

6. Officers Reports

Treasurer - Kevin Coakley said he is working with Declan Finnegan to put an accounts package online eg Sage and a database which will be accessible by everyone. This will be less onerous on the Treasurer and members can access and manage their own personal details. This will retire the Cpat (?) email system which is unsecure. It is hoped that this will be available by the next Committee meeting. It was noted that there are moderate associated costs and Kevin and Declan will move on with this improvement.

Meets – Vanessa agreed to try and further promote the Andy Kirkpatrick talk. Approximately 80 tickets have been bought to date.

Newsletter – Garry Smith said the next newsletter is in progress and should be ready for early January 2015.

Training – Johnathan Smith provided a training schedule to the meeting and will finalise dates. The Thursday introduction night will be booked by Vanessa in the Teachers Club. It was agreed that more participants can be invited to attend the train the trainers courses which could be increased to 2 weekend courses. It was noted that there was a €500 training fund available. There was a discussion on the merits of introducing the use of half ropes to beginners and it was noted that we will continue to advise new members on the use of full ropes.

Hut – It was noted that a heating issue in the hut had resolved and that the heating system was working fine. A fire safety inspector will be attending at the hut on Wednesday 3 December 2014 for the purposes of reporting on compliance with fire safety regulations.

The Committee discussed the email which James Flanagan had sent on 30 November 2014 at 11.30pm. It was agreed that James Flanagan be requested to attend at the next Committee

meeting to explain the contents of his email. Secretary to send email.

Officer query – David Jacobs pointed out that if the membership rates were set before the AGM it is too late to tie in with the Mountaineering Ireland deadline to avail of the subscription discount. Kevin Coakley will investigate this and liaise with David Jacobs.

Kevin Coakley said that an auto reminder will be set up on the new system for membership dues.

7. **Next Meeting** – 12 January 2015 at Awesome Walls at 8.00pm.

Approved by: _____

Niall Ennis, Chairman