

Minutes - committee meeting 31st-August-2020

Members	After restart
John Mansfield	Y
Brendan Scullion	Y
Jon Smith	Y
Sé O'Hanlon	Y
Gerard O'Sullivan	Y
Rafal Barszczak	Y
Ed Hicks	
Noel Caffrey	Y
Thomas Quinn Ballie	Y – left 21:00

Apologies

Absent

Keith

Tom

Harry

Meeting location

Due to COVID 19 restrictions we met online in a Zoom session

Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting
 - a. Modifications from Sé and Noel. Apologies to member asked to leave at last meeting for lack of an invite back after discussion
 - b. Proposed Sé O'Hanlon
 - c. Seconded Jon Smith

2. Correspondence email

1. Tellus Survey; On behalf of the Geological Survey Ireland, we would like to inform you about the next upcoming phase of the Tellus Survey. As you may know, the Tellus Survey is a nationwide programme that collects geochemical and geophysical data on rocks, soil and water across Ireland to help us sustainably manage the environment, natural resources and protect public health in the future.

To collect this data, the latest phase of the survey will involve an aircraft flying at low heights from August 2020 until the end of the year (weather permitting) over Counties Laois, Kilkenny, Tipperary and Waterford, and neighbouring parts of Kildare, Carlow, Offaly and Cork. The Tellus website – www.tellus.ie – is updated weekly with the planned flight schedule if you want to know more information.

Full email and info pack available

2. Jane Maxwell/Helen Lawless TCD Collecting Covid memories project update Noel 5 minutes
Jane to talk to Helen Mi and MI will be conduit.

3. Sports Capital Ireland application – briefing/ recruitment of team and inputs. John/Ed 10
Plans for 2 bathrooms through hut and one accessible from outside. Progressing slowly as
aiming to get prep work and documentation done free .
Monies could run to substantial amounts
We should apply for these grants now before they go away – they will probably stay running
but more hoops likely and smaller fund pools.
Applying as the IMC Club for mountaineering purposes might be less effective than applying
as a community based organisation looking to expand use of the country side as an amenity
Use Cliffhangers expertise to be engaged JM/ED and “Ian” AP3
The programme is currently closed for application but we can prep for when it reopens.
4. Draft AGM 2019 minutes. JM 10 Minutes
 - a. Only two current members were in attendance (Sé and Jon had nothing to ad).
 - b. JM to circulate AP4
 - c. Gerard to email AP5. Brief Blurb re delay, request for comments and Advice to
contact Sec with any modification’s.
5. Date /Venue for AGM - All 10 minutes
 - a. Agreed that should be same as last year coordinated with Mountain skills and other
activities if possible as it boosts attendance
 - b. Date provisionally 14th November to avoid Moonlight challenge (still scheduled at
this time for 7th)
 - c. Prior notice of 5 weeks required– AP9 1st October (after next meeting)
 - d. Venue–Physical or Virtual (Dependant on Covid restrictions[Physical not viable at
moment])
 - e. Virtual - Discuss with MI re their Virtual AGM – Different format and Brendan to
look at various options AP8
 - a. Physical - Location for physical – Brokagh ctr, Hotel in Laragh, Hotel In Glendo?
Brokagh ctr to be checked re size and availability Gerard to contact possible
locations AP7
 - f. Hut booked - advice will need to supplied for any groups using it.
 - g. Also notification by post – required by many - Gerard?
 - h. Add to AGM posting – notification of intended AGM date 14th Nov , request for any
agenda items and or proposals/ Motions for voting; advice that if restricted we may
have a brief AGM with only the formalities observed ala M.I. AP9
 - i. Officers reports will be required in any case before the AGM for publication!
 - j. ALL OF THE ABOVE SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS –Virtual may be only option!
6. Mediation process – Mediator meeting Friday 28th; Update Noel/Aine 10 Minutes
Aine and Noel met John Deaton – he has a synopsis of the issues– He will study and come
back on how to progress – hopefully by end of this week. The rest is driven by his opinion.
No questions arose from group.
7. Finance Policy V5 Noel 5 minutes
Noel apologised as this was circulated late. 95% good to go in Noels opinion.
Implementation for new year – no budgets for this year
Formal propose – Sé O’Hanlon –Seconded by John M – no objections
Passed – carried
Query from Sé – where does this policy go once agreed. Sé drew attention to the fact that
Committees and AGMs make decisions that are intended to carry on into the future but
because the only guidance we have readily available is the Constitution, decisions such as
the procedures for running the Introduction to Rockclimbing and the Training Guidelines,
have been tucked away neatly in boxes (such as Google drive) where they can be found only
by people who know they exist. I was raising the question of proposing to an AGM that in

addition to Constitution we should have Rules which would require a simple majority at an AGM. Also I suggested that Committee procedural decisions should be ratified by the next AGM as Rules so that they do not disappear into the memory hole.

Also a query re whether a grievance process from November AGM meeting was adopted - Aine not sure if it was adopted.

ON check ing it was noted that there was an amendment for 5.6 of the constitution but it was not passed /adopted.(as per draft AGM minutes)

8. Club fee structure – Noel 5 minutes

- a. Query re Large amount gone to MI
- b. Any increase requires agreement at an AGM? –as a result the updated fee structure was discussed and added to AGM draft minutes
- c. Breakdown of membership level, members number etc.
Gerard provided the following

260 190 full various levels of training.

There is an imbalance in fees paid – MI increased theirs from €28 to €35 ~2 years ago & are constrained by the Constitution in ow we can pass that on. A modification is possible to allow us to pass them on immediately; see the proposed modification in AOB.

About 30 people are MI Associate with own MI card, €7 extra to be IMC member

Fees increased last year - It is not possible to split out IMC and MI amounts as the fees includes the MI membership and must stay that way however we might indicate that there are two elements to it in the membership blurb. AP22

Sé commented on his notes re fees posted earlier. Also discussed under AOB – details there. Actual figures from AGM handbook added to draft AGM minutes as noted above

IMC associate members – Enabling conversion to full membership was discussed

Jon Smith indicated that there is a Training doc on website with a passport system.

The two level passport system contributes to progression of members from newbies to full members.

Previously training/meets/new members officer would discuss who should progress through the pathway which also needs an application form signed by two members as well but not normally an insurmountable obstacle

The Navigation challenge (at the AGM) was a useful addition to this.

Should we push to increase the conversion number; Suggestion that we email to associates to see who is interested. AP11

Next year fees are;

Members €70,

joint €130,

junior, senior and unwaged €60

MI member already €40.

As passed at AGM.

9. Moonlight Challenge 7th Nov. We usually attend if it's on. Need to add to Calendar/Meets. AP12.
 10. Dalkey Quarry/Wicklow way/Sugarloaf Litter pick/Hike – end September add to Calendar and get the word out? Dalkey cleanup likely as part of ongoing project? Thomas Quinn-Baillie 5 minutes JM Noel to contact Thomas to get feedback on litter pick and Dalkey project AP13.
 11. MI Access sub committee met 26th – update. Noel 5 minutes
Do the Committee want data from these – Noel to email to committee with synopsis AP 14.
Luggala under lockdown , new owners – conversation ongoing. A case of “when, not if” AFAIK.
Deerpark, crag closed along with Irelands Eye due to new owners– Conversation ongoing.
Helen Lawless running Lug and Deerpark discussions.
Note on site re Luggala to ensure members are aware. AP15
Helen to be notified that communication needs improvement AP16.
Access database would be a good idea ala BMC AP17 .
 12. MI Board meeting 7th September – Any issues we want raised?
Noel, synopsis of these meetings too when they happen. Any questions for same to Noel. AP18
 13. Age action Ireland “go for Life” funding JM 30 Seconds.
 - a. Small grants and not in our normally in our bailiwick as encouraging older people out to do activity is within our normal scope. .
 - b. Noel to look at as a practice for later applications AP19.
 - c. Anyone with an idea to propose – contact Noel AP20.
- AOB
Aine – mental health climbing – Credit union and National lottery grants AP 21

Se – change the method of levying fees as follows;

As is now:

The proposed annual subscription for the following year shall be determined by the committee each year and this proposal shall be put to the Annual General Meeting for approval

The subscription approved by the AGM shall be reconfirmed to the members before 1st October of the following year. Subscriptions shall be accepted from the time of notification.

As was previously

The amount of the subscription shall be determined by the Committee and shall be notified to members before 1st October each year. Subscription payments shall be accepted from the time of notification.

Any increase in the subscription shall be subject to approval at the next Annual General Meeting. If the Annual General Meeting does not approve the increase, the difference shall be refunded within thirty days to those members who have already paid the increase.

Reverting to the previous allows us to charge and retain fees at the newer rate without a 1 year lag. Similarly if MI increase theirs we can pass on without a 1 year lag. We need to look at for next meeting. Note proposal as a possible change for AGM.AP23

Information re the fees breakdown between MI (based on MI rate) and IMC (potentially pending AGM approval) should be stated on the website.AP22.