

Agenda - committee meeting 6th March 2022

Members	Guests
John Mansfield	
Gerard O'Sullivan	
Pierse Bishop	
Donal O'Murchu	
Dermot Shiels	
Noel Caffrey (Initial issues with connection - but reconnected and stable(connection))	

Apologies

Ian – At G Force – Cliffhanger won the ladies

Meeting location

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

Agenda

1. Minutes of February meeting JM 2 Minutes
 - a. Proposed Dermot Shiels
 - b. Seconded Pierse Bishop
2. Minutes on Site up to date
3. AGM minutes up and notice posted to Forum and whatsapp
4. Correspondence 10 Minutes
 - a. 2 Emails from Donal re wikipedia registration and blocking - issue with reading fine print. Donal to look again and edit as Donal not archivist if needed. Rest of committee to look at IMC Wikipedia page and others and if we see refs that need updating notify Donal AP1
 - b. Email Se O 'H – Post notice to Forum and query re one of the motions
 - c. David Walsh query re version of guidelines in a motion. D , aine and Noel to meet. Sec to forward to Noel for followup. AP2
DW, Noel and Aine to meet re same.
 - d. Huts officer email – handle with Hut report.
 - e. Climbfest 2022 notification – Back after 2 year hiatus – 29th April-2nd May
Cathy and cillian to get copy of Columcille Climbers meets guide AP3
We also need to get Cathy and Cillian on the committee whatsapp and committee email list (there via meets) AP4.
 - f. They also supplied their meets list for 2022

- g. Craic of Dawn GIMRT 2nd April 12K 5AM start. Forum post

5. Meets Officer

- a. Cathy and Cillian to take up post with Petrinna as a mentor. Not coming to committee meetings but will post to Secretary updates as needed.
- b. Noel proposed as joint meets coordinators
- c. Gerard seconded and the committee agreed to coopt them to committee with no objections.
- d. Access to Calendar and forums requested and in train.
- e. Gerard met Cathy on Wednesday in DCC and she had access then.
- f. Noel ask the Sec to convey our thanks and congratulations..

6. Membership and how to increase – Discussion session 30-40 Minutes

There was a focussed discussion re the issue and the main points from it were;

- a. Attracting is not the issue but retaining. Intro2 trad is always over subscribed and enables people to safely climb but a significant number then move on do not necessarily need a club to build on the basis given by the course.
- b. One element of retaining is around activity which has suffered in recent years (covid etc), more meets would help and the new meets co-ordinators will help.
- c. Our social media presence is well followed but we could do more to promote ourselves using what is already there. Items raised included;
 - i. Instructions on how to cross post to FB/Instagram/ twitter accounts. AP5 (for Cathy?)
 - ii. Creating a dual level on FB with closed (for members) and open (for general public) pages and posting across both as apt. This avoids advertising meets to the world with attendant issues but advertising after the fact to promote interest.
- d. Pierse noted that an Ice Swimming group he is aware of did promotion and advertising post events but would also issue press releases to the regular media and this got them a lot of attention – a possibility.
- e. There are a number of groups within the club who arrange events on an ad hoc basis and it can be hard for newcomers to get notice of these or even know they exist.
- f. The Sec was requested to ask the meets coordinators to advise meet organisers that there is a requirement for a number of photos and a brief blurb on all/most meets – for promotional purposes – it does not need to be War and Peace just a brief description and some photos – if there is a larger piece that could be done then that would be perfectly acceptable too. John M to advise Meets. AP6
- g. We usually use the Forum with whatsapp and emails at the moment. Is possible/desirable to do cross posting from forum to Social Media accounts using the existing software.
- h. We have some stuff that has happened over last while that could be used but does this fit in the PRO role that is currently empty
- i. We may need to brief face to face with meets to scope some of this. John M AP7

- j. Gerard proposed that we let C & C do meets programme and get running then look at tweaks.
 - k. Noel to look at Pro job and whatsapp. AP8
 - l. Donal noted that the "Who we are" section on the site need some work to get up to date – Pierse to look at it with Brendan AP9.
 - m. Dermot – Intro2Trad induction with beginners to mention doing a blurb when on meets. Photos to be posted as the course goes.
 - n. Communications and membership to be added as a standing item in on agenda for the foreseeable future.
- 7. Check action log
- 8. Planning for inter-club Glendo meet (This meet is deferred as it was in coordination with MI and NO climbing officer there.)
 - a. Noel noted that MI are interviewing for their climbing officer next week with 3 possible candidates
- 9. Meets/talks
 - a. Morocco Petrinna - Deferred to Autumn due to scheduling conflicts
 - b. Sicily JM and Cathy – WIP – date to be agreed
 - c. Book club relaunched – The White Spider & Learning to Breathe done , The Shining Mountain coming next – End march
- 10. Treasurer report (if available) – Deferred as Treasurer in in the Cairngorms
- 11. Hut officer.
 - a. Hut storm damage - toilet block ceiling reoccured – roofer in to get quote.
 - b. Reciprocal rights with the Rucksack club (courtesy of Roger McMorro) they have 3 huts Snowdonia Wales, Craigallen Scotland and Cumbria England
Pierse proposed
Donal Seconded – all agreed – To be posted on Forum AP10
 - c. Return Hut to pre-covid shared accommodation status
Failte Ireland guidelines not issued – Hut wardens looking for committee approval to go back to normal €5 for members sharing (if hut occupied).
After 1st April
Dermot - when hut in use cow house should be members only with separate key box.
Proposed Pierse
Noel Seconded - all agreed
 - d. Bookings update
March 7 bookings for €1240 euro, April 5 bookings €1160, May & June have 2 each – Noel plans to communicate reopening. Put on whatsapp and forum AP11
- 12. Training officer (if available)
 - a. Budget
 - i. Budget as emailed with proposed expenditures for various courses that will run if sufficient interest
 - ii. Refund for S&C agreed with Colm.

- iii. Other courses could be done Learn to lead.
- iv. Discounts will vary dependant on numbers of attendees
- v. Currently difficult to get trainers for useful dates (some 2-3 months outfor weekends) .
- vi. If people are doing training then can get discounts
- vii. Encouraging people to better their skills on the ground.
- viii. Monies will be available from MI – but may be from June on which seems a bit odd. No response from Emails to Jane in MI. Last year we did get funds but had to spend by December
- ix. Training will proceed and if MI monies available we will apply.
- b. Refund fro S&C attendees after course – need to email treasurer at club address with bank details
- c. Intro2Trad 2022

Saturday 2nd April	Mentors meet in Dalkey
Thursday 7th April	Intro night 1
Thursday 14th April	Intro night 2
Thursday 21st April	Intro night 3
Thursday 28th Apri	Intro night 4
6th May & 7th May	Glendalough Weekend

AOB

Donal – MI office is open again; he asked re books bequest and storage – Siobhain in Mi said ther is no room on shelves in MI library and no space. He has an Xls with a list. Some rubbish but some worth holding . Archives etc is to do with space. Siobhain was to talk to Murrough but nothing yet. Also other bequests of books too and they need to be actioned but cannot currently. Noel to follow up with MI. AP12

Article in press re MI not completely accurate . Update from Noel re same.AP13

Hut Warden or hut officer – there was laughter

April face to face in first half April. AP14

Issues (Still) outstanding

1. Action log with Items arising
 - a. Wordpress lessons - Brendan
 - b. communications strategy for presentation Sub group to report
 - c. Progress on Privacy policy which will allow the Club to function normally – i.e. agreement to membership details in handbook etc
 - d. Club password and storage – briefing from Brendan
2. Sports grant application process – Ian Lawler - Tax number process is still in train? To be looked at when grants again available
3. Tony B –Auditor Mentioned that we have received monies as bequests that we haven't allocated (we could do some of the proposed stuff in someones name)
4. This item is maintained place to allow for review of the feedback from the Womens zoom and allow for their inclusion in the programme mentioned by Dermot above.

Feedback from Womens Zoom meet –to be considered. Petrina/Aine

- a. Not a long term thing but to help connecting – Quarterly?
- b. Ideas from meetings and survey – discussion on how to implement;
 - i. enhanced mentoring from intro;
 - ii. meet sheet to explain equipment ;
 - iii. zoom calls before meets to familiarise;
 - iv. encourage more women to do meets and lead skills stuff;
 - v. funding from JC/MI to do female classes;
 - vi. what do people want to use - whatsapp or website.
 - vii. We need to be more specific on website amd comm's
 - viii. Survey results are on site.
- c. Noel what can they do to recruit newer female members
- d. Integrate with MI programme

Date	Venue	Notes	Co-ordinator
Feb	CC Winter Trip to Scotland, probably the end of February	Date and details to be advised	
March 13th	Poisoned Glen. Castle Gully. Walk or scramble	Joint Meet with NWMC	Alan Tees
March 27th	Fair Head Small Crag	Cold fingers weren't too bad last year	George Carleton
April 10th	The Music House. Glenagivne	Camping or Day trip	Alan Tees
April 23 rd 24th	Culdaff Meet	Camping or day trip	George Beaumont
April 29th	Climbfest at Maghery, Dungloe And Cruit/Owey		
May 14 th 15th	Eglish Valley. Bluestacks. Good granite	Camping or day trip pre midge	
May 29th	Malin Head		Neil Machon
June 4 th 5th	Fair Head. Main Crag Meet	Hosted by Dalriada CC	See MI website for details
June 25 th 26th	Island Trip to Gola	Midsummer bonfire drink and camp. Possibly climb?	Sean Convery
July	Mournes-Henrys Cottage?	Joint meet with Bcc	
July 23rd	MI Alpine Meet. Saas Grund. Alpine 4000m peaks up for grabs	Fly or Drive. Register with MI	Anthony Feeney
August 14th	Fair Head, Main Crag		George Carleton
Sept 17th	Garron Point	Sport Climbing	George Carleton
October 8 th 9th	AGM. Culdaff?	Camp at Dunowen	Sean Convery