

Agenda - committee meeting 11th April 2022

Members	Guests
Donal O'Murchu	
John Mansfield	
Pierse Bishop	
Noel Caffery	
Dermot Shiels	
Colm McMahon	
Gerard O'Sullivan	
Ian Lawler	

Apologies

Meeting location

Zoom

Agenda

1. Minutes of March meeting JM 2 Minutes
 - a. Proposed Ger
 - b. Seconded DermotPlace on Site JM AP1
2. Correspondence 10 Minutes
 - a. Bank reconciliation from Treasurer
 - b. Treasurer reports Feb and March (pre Cairngorms)
 - c. Copy of letter to cancel bank of Ireland online
 - d. Query from Treasurer (Noel & Ian) re changing address with revenue
 - e. Note re National Lottery grants closed 24th March
 - f. Notification of Banff film fest 10th May and 12th September NCH AP 2
John to forum/meets
 - g. Receipt for S&C training
 - h. CDETB remittance advice €160 (hut rental)
3. Check action log
 - a. Archive stuff in hut , people houses and some to be collected
 - b. Noel to discuss with Murrough – storage and space to work.
 - c. Storage rental is not sustainable long term
 - d. Noel and Donal to meet Murrough and see status of the place AP3.
4. Meets Officer
 - a. Draft table of meets from Meets coordinators received on 22/03/2022.
 - b. Query re the Intro2Trad Glendo meet clash with D Walsh's Clare Island meet? It would be nice if it didn't clash but not end of world. May have

impact on Glendo weekend attendance— Donal to talk to D Walsh to see if it can be moved to after intro it may add customer for DW meet.

c. Update from Cathy

The events page has been updated <https://www.irishmountaineeringclub.org/events/>

- the calendar for 2022 is now fully up to date and populated

- the Mourne scramble 2 weeks ago was excellent but poorly supported - poss due to both distance and the express need to be very fit

However the leader, Robert Egan was extremely competent and is leading a less vigorous and more local scramble end May so hopefully this will be better supported

- the Malta trip had 5 (4) members participating and all had a ball. Gerard noted it was good, nice to be there and has some good climbing but like all first trips took some time to scope out the crags etc.

- the intro2trad is in progress obviously

- The meets coordinators will send a club email early next week - after the committee meeting in case changes are needed - to make members aware of the new calendar AP3 Meets

5. Planning for inter-club Glendo meet (This meet is deferred as it was in coordination with MI and NO climbing officer there.)
 - a. MI Climbing officer appointed M Duffy – contact to be made.
Noel happy with extent of meets so far – good tool for retention.
6. Treasurer report (if available)
 - a. Accounts shown and discussed
 - b. February and March balances with reconciliations and comparison – showing a significant contribution from new members; There was a query re current membership levels. They are approx. 200-220 with ~20 who do not pay subs(honorary/Life members etc) .
 - c. Huts accounts review too – uptick in rentals and looking healthy but still has deficit due to required works and standing costs.
 - d. The Secretary noted that Aine (former Pres) will be submitting another Adelaide foundation grant request (Climbing as mental health tool) and would like us once again to allow the club as a signatory of the application. Current one is still in progress – application will not be submitted until after the summer.
 - e. The treasurer applied for ROS number but we are not sure of current address for correspondence – we can, it appears, apply to change address with supporting data and are in the process of changing address then we can get ROS access to revenue online.
 - f. The Hut officer asked if we are we VAT registered ? The answer is No because we have a sports club exemption, no charging vat and no tax. As long as we maintain accounts we do not have to make a return. We cannot claim VAT back.
 - g. There was a Query re the reserve account balance and discussion re it's history and current setup. John/Colm/Noel look at reserve funds and trustees. Returns etc. AP4

- h. Any notes re updates on the site for about us and people on various roles to Pierse. One specific was a deceased Honorary member on the site list. AP5
- 7. Hut officer.
 - a. Insurance claim – quotes required , we asked for 3 and 1 turned up
 - b. We have received 2 Quotes 1 written 2100, 1 verbal 1200 . insurers asked for more detail and written report pre repair.
- 8. Training officer (if available)
 - a. 56 on site for first week of I2T ~35 beginners
 - b. Ran well on the night.
 - c. If anyone else is inquiring – there is no prob if others want to attend.
 - d. Meets will keep interest.
 - e. Headtorches for the routes will be needed as the newbies are eager 😊
 - f. The training officer has put word out re refunds 10-15% for training courses. Receipts to be sent to the treasurer.
 - g. Rope rescue and navigation lined up with some trainers
 - h. Poss REC courses in autumn.

9. Membership

The following questions were asked in relation to the contacts list;

- a. The club use publish an annual contacts lists; this was last done in 2017 but not since due to GDPR concerns?
 - a) is there value to starting it again
 - b) if so how to do so? (while everyone ticks a box on membership application from saying whether they are happy to share email/phone/home address that might not be enough for GDPR)

If b) then suggestion would be to email all members to explain what consent is being sought and that the default is name and no other personal info; the responses would be collated and the list (pdf?) would be compiled with contact data from those who replied; no names for those who requested anonymity and names only for everyone else

Currently new members check okay as part of the membership form. However repeat members usually renew by sending funds and may not necessarily have done so. Also even if you ticked okay at time of joining you could have changed your mind. Some members have specifically requested that their contact data be held only on paper.

It was noted that then contact list as published was used to facilitate networking in general and to aid in networking for meets. Some of this has been offloaded recently via Whatsapp and other smart phone apps where joining (and user control of leaving) is considered to constitute 'Consent ' for data protection purposes.

The chair had asked MI re the same and they indicated that it is okay to publish but the club need to get consent and it must be a specific consent for that purpose per member.

We would need to write to everyone and request same. Anyone who wants to be listed MUST respond, lack of response is not consent. It may be possible to do so via a renewals process but as above the renewal process is not always handled in a manner that eliminates the possibility for including data without consent. AFAIK one new member joined this year (at the last minute from the Intro2Trad) without a complete form and had to be chased for details.

It was also suggested that the email could have a google form (ala meets during covid) with details what the member wants added. A select list, all, just name and number, none

The membership officer asked if the contact list was of sufficient value to warrant the effort

Donal has used it for such and very useful.

#There was broader discussion and the following points were raised

1. It may be stick to beat us with.
2. It has been useful in the past but may be overtaken by tech
3. Useful as a club item
4. If we force renewals and new joins via the website then we can force completion as a part of the process.

The archivist and the webmaster to see if this is a valid option

AOB

The hut officer mentioned the following with respect to GDPR and data protection; .

An ex member was using hut without permission. They had an issue with being sent a text in relation to the same. As they had supplied the said number as their contact there is no issue. They were informed of such.

We need to look at what we are storing on Google drive as the protections are not comprehensive, We need to review what is there and how we have secured it. Noel, Pierce and Brendan to chat re same.

Privacy statement and GDPR needs update too.

Ian Lawler who is a normal committee member is now a director of MI – after a selection process from 40 expressions of interest.