

Agenda - committee meeting 22nd August 2022

Members	Guests
Gerard O'Sullivan	
Pierse Bishop	
Noel G Caffrey	
John Mansfield	
Colm McMahon	
Ian Lawler	
Donal O'Murchu	

Apologies

Tom Farrell & Ethan both out of country

Meeting location

Jitsi was tested as a free alternative previously for a small group and as planned tonight for a full committee meeting. The meeting was fine until a group of > 5 were in attendance when bandwidth throttling appeared to kick in and there were drop outs and video artifacts that made further use untenable.

As a precaution an alternative zoom meeting had been scheduled/ disseminated to the attendees in case it was needed and the meeting continued via that medium.

Agenda

1. Minutes of July meeting JM 2 Minutes
 - a. Proposed Colm McMahon (Colm had provided previous feedback re some dates)
 - b. Seconded Pierse Bishop
2. Correspondence 10 Minutes
 - a. Glendo Hotel re availability
 - b. Glendo Hotel re room previously used.
 - c. Emails re BBQ invites for prev members and GDPR
 - d. From Indo re A Ryan (Matterhorn death)
 - e. July accounts from Treasurer and correction for minutes
 - f. Membership email re joint members and implications for club portion of revenues for same.
 - g. Banff Round 2 12th Sept. For forum/whatsapp? AP1
 - h. MI training op's
3. Check action log and actions arising - members booklet

- a. Policy review process needs to be in place before October. AP2
- 4. VC testing – Jitsi today- As indicated above this appears to be throttled above 5 users.
 - a. Suitability for AGM type meeting - No!
- 5. AGM scheduling
 - a. Response from Glendo Hotel – rooms and dates available
 - b. Smaller room – Hotel indicated that we used the Coffee Lounge previously
 - c. Avoiding the Moonlight challenge and not going too late in the month the 19th November is the best date. Sec to contact Glendo and book AP3. Hybrid meetings being overly complex we decided on a Face to Face AGM only.
 - d. Event(s) should be organised for day to encourage attendance at AGM. Nav or hike or both on the day. AP4
- 6. Grants
 - a. Sports grant agreement must be signed by trustees – club or hut. If in hut Noel, Donal and Ian to discuss.AP11
 - b. We should have a discussion re trustees at another meeting – legals and should they change. Should we reach out to see if they want to stay. Next meeting
- 7. Treasurer report (if available)
 - a. July reconciliation – presented Surplus 2000 over expenses
 - b. Hut alance is quite high but we have not paid roof repairs; adjusted it is only small amt in black. Still 2.5k outstanding and costs as well . we had 80 hut stays so far – some single but some multiple days.
 - c. Letter re grazing rights for continuance Sec. AP5
 - d. Deferral of membership fees IMC various fees and MI 35 – analysis re breakdown of members and costs – query re whether we need to do the increase. We have reserves in the PTSB and in the Current A/C
 - e. AGM motion will be needed to remove retain deferral or remove as we do not need it. AP6 .
 - f. It was noted that Associates are charged relatively more but do not contribute to numbers when considering MI grants.
 - g. Ian and Noel to check on planned MI fee increases in the next year.
 - h. Progress on BOI charges and PTSB option.cf treasurer email at end. Proposed that we start moving as there is more wriggle room currently – usual anti money laundering process – agreed unanimously . PTSB interface allows multiple accesses, hut warden, membership etc, also easier to deal with. AP7
- 8. Hut officer (if available).
 - a. Electric vehicle – policy needed re using our supply for recharging. Visitors fee would cover cost but member fee would be marginal
 - b. We can contact EV company re re fitting an independent charging post. AP8 Pierse to check costs etc.

- c. Closing off sockets could cause issue; we do not know if there is a chance of overampage and there is a security issue as the windows were left open to allow cable to be fed through with no-one in attendance. ?
 - d. It was noted that most of the shutters are just closed over - they are not bolted as modification would be required to allow for the handles on the windows.
 - e. Potential to isolate downstairs and/or outside sockets to prevent abuse.
 - f. We do need to encourage ev's but must balance that with possible issues.
 - g. Can we have a Code on the gate to prevent opportunist usage, possible but codes get shared.
 - h. The BBQ went ahead and there was about €8 a head in subsidies – lots of newbie attendees - great work!
9. Training officer (if available)
- a. Grant for nav for leaders 10 being trained (250 grant for one) – 2 more arranged due to demand - arranged with Ken Doyle out of training budget (~400)
Reserve list of people for days.
They will hopefully be near the hut.
 - b. The hope is to do Nav on Glendo weekend next year for those not feeling up to multi-pitch yet.
 - c. How to progress newbies to full – Dermot and Ger to see. Do they know they can. AP9
 - d. Feelers for strength and conditioning again with Phil. (Discount too)
 - e. We got a half dozen new members joined via tester sessions at the Thursday nights sessions – Mostly experienced climbers/boulderers who want to try first, a good method for attracting people.
10. Membership (if available)
- a. Covered fees in previous discussions
 - b. Successor required as Gerard was supposed to have left last year – help required.
 - c. Winters talks schedule will need to be brought up with meets
11. PRO report (if available) N/A
12. Environmental officer report (if available) N/A
13. Meets report N/A
- a. Winter talks
 - b. DCC gym area as the location – If we pick a night, Conor will sort access and setup, we can co-ordinate a climb and then talk.
14. AOB

Supplemental Notes

Treasurer supplemental info

You might remember back in February that we discussed possibly changing bank from Bank of Ireland to PTSB.

At the time I did include slides 3 & 4 in the attached February treasurer report on that.

In Summary the advantages were that we would save some money each month, we could have access for more than 1 person to the online banking, but there would be plenty of admin work to get through the change.

Due to the workload at that time, I was not in favor of changing and we took the approach to reduce our bank fees at Bank of Ireland by returning the Bank Cheques and by cancelling the Banking On Line (10 euros per month).

I did send back all the check books to Bank Of Ireland and did get a refund of the government taxes on the unused taxes.

Bank of Ireland, have not yet cancelled the 10 euros per month fee Banking Online Fee.

Myself and John signed a cancellation form and sent in a cover letter explaining that we did not know who the club Banking Online approvers were back in March (I hand delivered the letter and cancellation form to the local branch in Dundrum).

I did call Bank of Ireland and send emails and I did go again to the local Bank of Ireland branch in June but no success.

Now that I have a well structured excel spreadsheet based system for reconciling the accounts and done this enough times to be used to do that quickly, I feel that I have the time to work through the work of changing from Bank Of Ireland to PTSB the IMC Club & Hut Bank Accounts.

I went down yesterday to PTSB and they were very easy to do business with and provided me with the Mandate form and explained the process that would need to be followed.

The first step is for each officer of the club who will be a Bank signatory to complete a signatory CIF (Customer Information Form) at your local PTSB and once that is done let the Treasurer know what is the reference number they provided you.

Once all officers (e.g. Chairperson / Secretary /Treasurer / Other to be confirmed) have completed a CIF then the Mandate form needs to be completed and signed by Chairperson & Secretary along with the personal address and date of birth details of each officer who will have access to the account.

We also need to provide a copy of the Rules of Association certified by an appropriate party, as designated by the rules (usually the chairperson or Secretary of the Association).

I was going to bring this up at this weeks committee meeting so I wanted to get your feedback.

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Best regards,

Colm Mc Mahon
Irish Mountaineering Club

MI Email
Dear Club Secretary

Hope you are all enjoying the summer season out on the hills and crags. I just wanted to link in to let you know about a number of events and programmes that we are running in the coming weeks that may be of interest to your members and the club diary.

Club Leadership Hillwalking Programme – All clubs that have applied for the hillwalking programme for 2022 have now been allocated their requested number of club leaders to be trained and assigned an instructor – some instructors have yet to hear from their clubs. If you have not made contact with your instructor, please link in with them as soon as possible, as this training needs to be agreed/completed in 2022 and available dates for the instructors are filling up fast.

Happy Hiking – Hill Skills Day – This is a great opportunity for anyone new to the hills or those who want to learn navigation, to join a qualified instructor for a full day's training and gain useful information and skills that will help keep you safe on the hills. This programme is also open to club members. The main focus of the day will be on movement skills, basic navigation, map reading, equipment and safety considerations with a focus on our Happy Hiking information: <https://www.mountaineering.ie/hillwalking/HowToStart/default.aspx> . There are currently over 30 days organised throughout 17 locations. Please share with members that may be interested. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Skills Workshops in Scrambling, Rock Climbing & Teaching Navigation - 1 Day Workshops in 3 Disciplines in 4 locations: Skills training Workshops for individuals, club members, trainers, award trainees and providers. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Club Committee Support Meetings - Join us for this year's Club Committee Workshops.

These workshops are aimed at club committee members that are new to the committee or those who just want to refresh or learn something new. Each of the four workshops will cover a different topic related to running your club. This is a great opportunity to engage and ask any questions that you might have on the specific topics to help support committees to run a club effectively. Click [HERE](#) for more details and to book your spot.

National Walking Day (see attached) – will be held on Sunday the 25th September 2022 – organise a club walk or open day to celebrate! Keep the day – More Information to follow at www.mountaineering.ie

Autumn Gathering – After a long break due to the pandemic we are delighted to announce that there will be a 2022 Autumn Gathering. We believe our members need an opportunity to gather and connect with each other and of course enjoy some fantastic walks organised by our host club. This year's event will be hosted by The Wayfarers Hiking Club from the Glenview Hotel & Leisure Club, Glen of The Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow from the 7th – 9th October 2022. Keep the date. Bookings to open shortly click [HERE](#) for more details.

Valuing recreation in the MacGillycuddy Reeks

The MacGillycuddy Reeks Forum is doing a survey amongst hillwalkers and climbers to put an economic value on what recreation brings to the area. The results of the survey should assist the Forum in making the case for funding to help care for the Reeks and to support the sustainable management of recreation in this important area. Mountaineering Ireland is encouraging members to complete this short survey – Click [HERE](#) . Please share this within your club and with others involved in hiking or climbing.

Please keep dates, share this with your members and we hope to see you all soon.

Kind regards

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Great Outdoors - Mountaineering Kitlist, linked below,

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If you have any questions, or are looking for something specific, please do not hesitate to ask.

My number is 087 349 2770

Thank you for your time.

All the best,

Seán

The Kitlist Team