

Agenda - committee meeting 9th January 2023

Members	Guests
Donal O'Murchu	
Dave Madden	
John Mansfield	
Colm Mc Mahon	
Tom Farrell	
Ethan Edwards	
Noel Caffrey (most of the time)	
Gerard O'Sullivan	
Keith Johns	

Apologies

Meeting location

Zoom

Agenda

1. Minutes of October meeting JM 2 Minutes
 - a. Proposed Ger
 - b. Seconded Tom AP1 Put on Site
2. Correspondence 10 Minutes
 - a. FRCC Sec address
 - b. FRCC - Address for distro of their journal
 - c. FRCC Journal received – Donal
 - d. Texaco Support for Sport (sent to Ian)
 - e. Hut Insurance (several)
 - f. Ben Lettery Hostel details (from Membership).
 - g. Paddy O'Leary's Book (paddy's email)
 - i. Notice on Forum and emailed to members
 - ii. Query re financial request
 - h. My Therephy Physio clinic's emails
 - i. Pre AGM full members list.
 - j. D Walsh query re 2021 AGM minutes (Clarified)
 - k. Website ssl certs etc.(Whatsapp)
3. Check action log and actions arising (deferred)
4. Committee replacements _ membership Ger may have a bite??, Chair, Sec to see.
5. Check if Tom F and Ethan E are on committee mailing list. AP2 Check with Bren re Tom and Ethan
6. Governance review 14th January, The Hut.

- a. A discussion ensued re the status of the various, rules , policies et al that the club has. There was a meeting in September to look at how to shape these to be more accessible, structured and current which need to be followed up.
- b. The more people the better so another meeting at the Hut is scheduled for the 14th. More involvement = more credible.
- c. D Walsh has proposed a structure and so on. Constitution then reg/byelaws.
- d. The hut is not the best access wise for some members so we may have a session re same at the next committee meeting in DCC (scheduled [John M and Ger O'S AP3] 31st Jan or 7th Feb to coincide with club night or elsewhere is needed). The chair is out of the country soon for recreation in Canada so meeting needs to be by 9th.
- e. Sat meeting to go ahead (with whoever is available) and then present with next committee for next physical meet

7. 75TH Anniversary sub group

- a. Currently proposed items include;
 - i. Recreate the initial walk up sugarloaf – Will need a suitable leader and organisation.
 - ii. Exhibition Display in hotel/ photo exp – Review of the archives and photo's . Dave AMdden has said he will look at this.
 - iii. A celebration dinner in the hotel. Has been booked but will need organisation/cooordination with Hotel and ticketing etc.
 - iv. Journal – editor and a team – we have a decent template for a similar eveny fro the FRCC journal recently received. Enquiries for an editor have been made but with few response. We need to consider who could do it and see if they have any interest. The organiser of the 50th is available for advice but will not undertake the work.
 - v. Dermot Shiels can run a bouldering meet for those not wanting to troop up Lug in November 😊
- b. We can setup an email for people to send in photo's/stories etc if need and this may be useful. Brendan – are there storage issues with same? AP JM - BS
- c. Whether we can hire a a project coordinator was asked but there is a question of finances. Tom Farrell has said he will look at how the project management could be done as he work on the same but will need a team to assist.

8. AGM Matters

The Secretary was informed that one of the new Full members did not volunteer at the AGM as they were not aware they had been made a full member. We should inform Informing new full members (Alan Brooks). AP Ger to send email.

9. Grants

- a. MI Grant 6th December cut off but Dermot handled. We are not intending to use it as per purpose but we may be okay. If there are issues then Noel will query internally in MI.

10. Treasurer report (if available)

- a. Accounts presented
- b. Doing okay with money in paypal and some still arriving.
- c. Hut slightly neg, insurance and heating oil pushed things down. We have the a/c's split out for esb/gas/oil to track against current energy fluctuations.
- d. Financial Policy was reviewed for start of year
- e. Land rent cheque issue
 - i. The cheque for the land rent had some irregularities and was rejected
 - ii. To ensure not legal issue we should return and ask for a properly written one. AP Letter/Text to Valerie. AP.
- f. Change of bank.
 - i. Will generate small savings
 - ii. Makes operation of account easier for membership/hut etc to verify payments.
 - iii. BOI are being uncooperative so anything that removes them from our operations will ease admin burden on treasurer.
 - iv. Process of paperwork is needed but that should happen annually anyway.
 - v. Proposed John M seconded Donal O'M – agreed unanimously
 - vi. Colm to bring doc's to DCC for sig.
 - vii. CIF for all signatories in local PTSB
 - viii. All officers to email DOB etc to Colm for PTSB form.
 - ix. Mandate needed to change membership/ hut officer as viewers and Treasurer as operator with Sec(as a backup to treasurer).
 - x. Excellent Donal proposed and Dermot second. No objections Carried.

11. Hut officer (if available).

- a. Approx 4K booking so far for 2023

12. Training officer (If available)

- a. Intro2Trad
 - i. Dates to Cathy.
 - ii. Mentors meet in Glendo to address challenge for leaders and leading new people.
 - iii. Ambrose to focus on newbies 1st weekend in April. Ambrose observes and advises and works with mentors. Usual review of technique/ processes etc ala SPA.
 - iv. 4 weeks in Dalkey then bank holiday weekend is free (optional) followed by Glendo for Multi pitch for those interested and Single for those not.
- b. Capacity is based on who can help as mentor – usually covered but some are already on the list..
- c. Training – refunds is as for last year – Inform , provide receipt and should be okay.
- d. Increased this year to 20% (since 1st October technically)

- e. Dermot said that an item for next year is to consider extending to guiding fees, i.e. Chamonix, the Alps etc. This being to go to a mountain to learn how to climb it not be dragged up it.
 - f. MI winter meet Scottish course requests already.
 - g. Approve Dermot's budget and 20% refunds for 2023
 - i. Proposer Dermot Shiels Second John Mansfield no objections
13. Membership (if available)
- a. 194 currently but some have not renewed who should (previous discussion covered this too)
 - b. Lot of late payments – the database removes non renewed on 1/1 and need to be updated.
 - c. This caused some emails to be sent that shouldn't.
14. PRO report (if available)
- a. Will we be promoting Intro2Trad on SM.
 - b. No prob to put it up on SM even if it increases the numbers.
 - c. Also internally – so we have the ones who might not have done it last year.
 - d. We may go full on closer to the time and note that 'club members' only.
 - e. Pro asked for Extra content – climbing walls group photo's etc for the feed.
15. Environmental officer report (if available)
- a. Nothing to report
 - b. Recently sick.
 - c. Foraging followup with cooking and possibly a geologist.
 - d. Could we Repeat for 75th, would be dependant on weather as foraging fare in November is quite sparse, could run with geologist..
16. Meets report
- a. Draft Calendar underway. Whatsapp and emails have provided a lot.
 - b. Calendar – updating at the moment, dependant on Cathy's availability.

AOB

Expeditions support per Paddy O'Leary's AGM comments – what can we do to look at doing this. We have an Expeditions committee and grant.

The term Expeditions may be an issue, some members may not feel they have the experience to an "expedition". What levels do you go to. Not necessarily to the great ranges but could be lesser areas with unclimbed routes; Like Norway as one of the committee is going there soon 😊. Or other undeveloped areas – We should review exped doc in current review and cover that there.

Add to agenda for next meeting.

Donals points.

Journal – editor and editorial teams.

Paddy's book – link to where to sell it and advertising has been done but not sure if funding directly is appropriate.

Tom F to talk to him re interview for SM and to drive advertising. API9

D O'M it is better for Paddy if ordered via great outdoors as this will promote them to reorders. Currently we are in the post Christmas slump and prob not a great time to have a stock of his book.

The Social Media thing also opens options for talks /podcasts.

Careful to be seen to do all these SM options with others too, Claire?.

Guide books for newbies.

Donal re Archiving

Donal was at the Lynam lecture talking with K Higgins, Irish Mountaineering and Exploration Historical Society who - publish a journal – . Kevin and the late Joss Lynam deposited early FMCI/Mountaineering Council of Ireland material with National Archives many years ago. Donal contacted National archive just before xmas and awaiting a reply. This may be a way to securely conserve the archive material.

Light at end of tunnel.

Additionally John Forsythe - life member got in touch and has a few boxes of stuff from Belfast section which he will get to Donal

New full members list

Sean Lonergan	Martin Tran	Michael McCue	Alan Brooks
Deylan Nestorov	Daire Palmer	Charlie Conridge	Neil Corrigan
Gareth McGrath	Brian Hamilton	Eoin Meany	Kevin Killick
Brian Palmer	Javier Monedero	Steven Hanney	Cristina Faura Cuenca
Brice Dubois	Basia Gorna	Mark McDevitt	David Homan
Joseph O'Sullivan	Liam Collins	Bradley Yates	Billy Breen
Rory MacPherson	Zdenka Durajova	Kat Sleptsova	Joe Purser
Barry O'Sullivan	Anthony Quinn	Robert Stanton	Corrine smith

Training Budget

IMC Training fund for 2023					
Fee	Discount	IMC % discount	Participants	Fund	Course
€300.00	€50.00	20.0%	8	€400.00	Strength and Conditioning
€150.00	€25.00	20.0%	10	€250.00	Mountain Navigation
€100.00	€20.00	20.0%	6	€120.00	Self Rescue
€100.00	€20.00	20.0%	6	€120.00	REC 3
€500.00	NA	NA		€480.00	Intro2trad - Train the trainer fee
Total				€1,370.00	

Dermot will be applying for training grants of €500 from Mountaineering Ireland in 2023 to supplement the above