EGM Minutes
Minutes EXTRAORDINARY General Meeting
IRISH MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
Cumann Sléibhteoireachta na hÉireann
7.30pm Tuesday May 9th 2023
Venue: Awesome Walls

The meeting opened at 7.40pm

Meeting Chair: David Madden President**,**
Chairman's Review Group on Governance Representatives, David Walsh, Noel Caffrey
Club Secretary: Alan Brooks

Agenda:

for the purpose of approving the following resolutions:

1. To amend the Club Constitution by adding a new Article 12 as follows:

   Bye-Laws

   12 The Club in general meeting has the sole power to make Bye-Laws and to amend them. The Bye-Laws shall bind the membership of the Club but shall be subject to the Constitution. In the event of any conflict between the Constitution and the Bye-Laws, the provisions of the Constitution shall prevail.

2. To adopt the revised new Constitution as set out in the document named "*Draft Constitution – Clean Version – for EGM 09.05.2023*" to replace the existing Constitution.

3. To adopt the new Club Bye-laws as set out in the document named "*Draft Bye-Laws – Clean Version – for EGM 09.05.2023*";

Apologies:
Apologies were received from Dermot Shiels, Cathy McGovern, Gerry Moss.

RESOLVED: That the apologies were accepted.

Attendance:
Tony Barry, Pierse Bishop. Alan Brooks, James Butler, Noel Caffrey, Desmond Doyle, John Forsythe, Ronan Garvey, Kieran Kelly, Eanna Ryan, Doug Leith, David Madden, John Mansfield, Mike McCue, Colm McMahon, David Mitchell, Brendan Tyrrell, Patricia Murray, Peter Norton, Donal O'Murchu, Margaret O'Murchu, Peter O'Neil, Gerard O'Sullivan, Sue Packer, Hugh Reynolds, Cillian Russell, David Walsh.

Quorum: Number of those full members in attendance 27, required *quorum 25 full members achieved.*

Amendments to the Club's Constitution (if relevant)

Item1: To amend the Club Constitution by adding a new Article 12.
The meeting opened with an address by Noel Caffrey on the background to the review and need to address anomalies that currently existed in the byelaws and constitution. Meeting chair Dave Madden requested David Walsh to provide a brief overview of the background to these changes. The Meeting then invited question from the floor. The proposal was put to the attendees for a vote. The vote in favour of the proposal as outlined in 1 was unanimous.

Item: 2. To adopt the revised new Constitution as set out in the document named "Draft Constitution – Clean Version – for EGM 09.05.2023" to replace the existing Constitution.

The Chair read out the proposal and put it to the attendees for a vote upon which Patricia Murray requested that the chair go through each of the revisions in the constitution. Each revised section was read out by the chair with the addition of input by David Walsh where by the following comments were received,

Section 3.5 .1 The clubs' officers shall be. The suggestion to remove "and an" from the text. The change was agreed and the text will be updated to reflect this.

Section 5.7 Complaints, Cillian Russell asked if a process document is available regarding the complaints process. David Walsh responded that the process is in the text and is consistent with that of Mountaineering Ireland. The constitution is sufficient in that it is a process.
Patricia Murray suggested that a disciplinary panel be formed from people outside the club as the process could be tainted if processed from within.
Tony Barry commented that putting a rule book in place would not be suitable for the club.
Cillian Russel suggested that the Byelaws need to contain a complaints process not just the constitution.
Proposal Donal O'Murchu to accept the complaints amendments and to make changes at the AGM, the suggestion was supported by Patricia Murray.

The motion moving complaints to the auditor were then put to the attendees for a vote. The proposal was carried with one against Pierse Bishop.

The vote on the constitution changes were put to the attendees upon which the proposed amendments were unanimously accepted.
Note: the complaints to be reviewed by the club committee.

Item3: To adopt the new Club Bye-laws as set out in the document named "Draft Bye-Laws – Clean Version – for EGM 09.05.2023";

Each section of the Byelaws was read out to attendees and the following comments came from the floor,

Section 3, Expedition Grants Policy (e) Patricia Murray commented that grant applications should be reviewed by outside experienced expeditioners and not by club members.

The Byelaws revisions were put to the attendees for a vote of acceptance. The vote in favour of the revisions was carried unanimously.

The President declared the meeting closed.

RESOLVED: THAT the meeting closed at 8.50pm