

2009 AGM Minutes

Present: John Arbuckle, George Carlton, Peter Cooper, Anthony Feeney, Helen Feeney, Michael Hassan, Marty McGuigan, Maeve McKeever, Columba McLaughlin, Dave Millar, Keith Monaghan, PJ Monaghan, Bonnie Pailing, Valli Schafer, Alan Tees, Margaret Tees, Patrick Tinney, Geoff Thomas.

Apologies: Sandra Kennedy, Bill McGowan, Sandra Monaghan, Pete Smith

President's Introduction. All welcomed and good turn out noted.

Treasury Report: *GT* confirmed a credit balance of £337.

AT confirmed MI fees now up to £23.

MT wondered if balance too high.

PC said it would be useful to have this balance for T-shirt, printing payments or purchasing of awards, it saves individual members having to pay out and then wait for money to come in over long time periods.

Minutes of previous AGM

PC read out and all approved. *PJM* thanked for producing minutes.

Secretary's Report

AF summed up highlights of year: Xmas Abseil, Xmas Dinner, New Scottish Winter route put up by CCC members, Joint Owey meet with IMC members, MI Alpine meet, ClimbFest, Cruit. *KM* now over ½ way through his Monroes ambition. Paul Dunlop's continued valuable work towards a Derry Wall.

Low lights were: *PC*'s fall, *AT*'s broken hand. *AF* noted at one stage this year it seemed as if you could only be on the committee if you were injured.

There was uncertainty as to whether a Youtube clip of *AF* dancing in a 'mankini' was a good thing or not. *PJM*, helpfully confirmed 1,000 hits; so far.

Fees/ Membership Benefits

PC confirmed that subs had not increased in 2 years, a reasonable increase should be considered.

AT Suggested £30 in light of MI fees increase, *KM* 2nd proposal.

PC queried if anyone opposed or wished to comment, noting the IMC currently charge approximately 50 euro. No negative responses.

GT informed members that individual membership of MI = £31.

Motion carried.

Committee Elections

Chair, *PC* voted in again; proposed by *AT* and 2nd by *PJM*.

Secretary, *AF* voted in again: proposed by *PJM* and 2nd by *VS*.

Treasurer, *GT* stepped down after 4 years in post. Thanked, unanimously by all for his good work. *PJM* elected, proposed by *VS* and *KM* 2nd.

Training Officer, *GC* remains in post.

Environmental Officer, *VS* remains in post.

Recruitment Officer, *PC* stepping down due to other commitments to the club, guidebook and current health issues. Adding that recruitment should be a collective effort that can be achieved via club activities and publications, so maybe post should end.

VS noted that there still seems to be a mistaken impression that you need to be invited to join the CCC.

PC & *AT* confirmed not the case, though it does happen with some older clubs; the web site should be amended to promote membership.

Motion Carried, post ended.

Climbfest 2010

AT Provisional venue to be Cruit, if weather good trips to Owey and Gola will be done.

HF Suitable camping and facilities are an issue, she has phone number of nearby resident who may be able to confirm land owner details.

VS said good will important to be maintained.

JA said important to do groundwork and get agreement and necessary permissions.

PJM to contact Gardai in the area.

AT will contact Cruit Golf Club re: facilities and possible camping ground(s).

DM noted attendance down for last year, poor weather forecast may have contributed.

AF queried if there were to be t-shirts this year, as club's, official, 10th anniversary?

MM asked if anybody wore them.

All, definitely.

PC noted many new routes now on Cruit, it would be timely to have a topo to account for this.

Climbfest Committee formed: Chair, *AT* Treasurer, *PJM*, *KM* T-shirts, *AF* Topo, *PC*

First meeting will be arranged by e-mail, after initial contacts made.

AOB

Club Journal PC proposed production of a Club Journal, 10th Anniversary being a good year to start. It should be done each year, as the material and ability there; given as part of membership fee and charged for non-members. He is happy to edit first addition.

Motion carried.

Guidebook PC said progressing well, plenty done and plenty to do. Will publish updates and guidance on how to help contribute to this work. Stressed need to be a club effort.

GC asked if all club meets could be planned around needs of guidebook?

PC confirmed this was the plan, only a summer meets list didn't happen. Agreed meets and ClimbFests are the best way to update the guidebook. Encouraged members to remember to contribute via on-line guide and any ideas welcome.

Planned Climbing Wall for Derry AT & AF discussed projected user figures and that a regional centre badly needed.

AT stressed Paul Dunlop doing great work and has put in a lot of hours, he must be supported in this by CCC members; whenever he requests.

PC queried PT on use of Letterkenny Institute's wall usage, as access is rumoured to be difficult.

PT confirmed it can work out expensive and student night might only get a total of 4 users.

AF will keep members' notified via Paul's updates.

Christmas Abseil 19th/20th December 2009

VS suggested Bluestacks and stay at Bluestacks Hostel.

MT felt that late Dec good as most business/work parties are over by then.

January Dander

AF asked if a good idea?

AT proposed winter camp at Port.

All, brrrrrrr!, just a dander preferred.

Scottish Trip

VS queried if possible early Feb?

KM Aviemore always open

MT Anywhere but Fort William, again.

AT mentioned MI Winter Meet is likely on St Patrick's weekend and venue, probably, Italy.

Awards

- Bonnington's Left Nut (retrieved from Obituary Corner in the Poisoned Glen by A. Tees) was presented to PC as current President. To be passed from outgoing President to incoming in future.
- Iona Stone for Contribution to Club (collected by A&M Tees, decorated by Valli) was presented to AF for his secretarial work last 4 years, Iain Miller for his sea stack antics ran a very close 2nd. Suggested that stone be presented to someone yearly for achievements.
- Iona Mug (donated by A&M Tees) was presented to KM for nose diving off a Mountain! M. Hassan ran a close second for being benighted with AF on Ben Nevis.

PC thanked all for get well messages, cards, texts and those who contributed to a collection; following his accident this summer.

Meeting wrapped up.