

Minutes of the National Committee meeting

Held in Nant Peris, North Wales on Saturday 4 July 2009

Present: Andy Bateman Colin Knowles Jan Lancaster (minute taker)
 Barbara Segal David Symonds Steve Wright Pam Case
 Dave Doody Pat Durrant Janet Saunders Becky Bates
 Sherry McLiver Damien Connor

Apologies: David Barnes, Pravin Patel, John Dickie

Chair: Pat Durrant

1. Minutes of the meeting held in London on 28 Feb 2009 were agreed except for No 8 – amended to read:

“CK says other clubs had used Standing Orders as a method of payment and have found it problematic”.

2. No matters arising.
3. Reports from Officers:

Treasurer: AGM 08 broke even. Deposit for AGM 09 has been paid. Manchester RR have promised to pay £300 back to National, being the amount in excess of £500 in their account. Hut Fund is approx £5,406.

Discussion: Although NC meetings are expensive, it was agreed that 3 per year is the minimum to keep the Club running efficiently. Works out at £5 per member per year. Presently, expenditure exceeds income by £238.35 but June membership renewals have not yet been included

Trip Treasurer: Current Balance is £2,500. Trips so far in 08/09 have averaged a small surplus.

Invercroft: Oct 08 - minus £232.90 (due to low band profile)

Onich: Feb 09 - minus £316.18 (largely due to a number of cars going with only two people and getting paid for 3 - also a lowish income band profile)

Strawberry Cottage – April 09 – plus: £173.01

Skye – May 09 – plus £344.94

Dundonnell/Elhine – June 09 – awaiting accounts. Thanks John.

National Trips Secretary: Booking form needs to be amended.

Action: David D will redo form; send to Becky for approval.

Transport matrix is being used and is on website.

Action: Becky will submit article to Bulletin and mention Matrix. The Cap on number of people travelling in car has BEEN WITHDRAWN.

Discussion re emails from Arthur regarding 'behaviour in huts'.

Action: Becky and Arthur will write an article for Bulletin re trips and sharing huts. Also insert in Trip Organisers Pack.

Membership: Same number of members as last year – 296.

Discussion re 'trends' in membership – how to attract new members.

It was agreed that Quorum for AGM will be 30 (based on the above).

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Bulletin: David has already received some materials for July issue (deadline 30 July)

Action: Article to be written re AGM – directions etc by David S.

Action: Jan will send in motions for inserting in Bulletin. Motions will also be placed on Website.

Motions for AGM will be accepted up to July 25 by email to National Secretary
325 copies to be printed.

MIS: Thanks Mark, sterling job.

IT: Action: Steve and David D will meet to discuss.

Training Officer: First Aid Training Course Oct 10/11. Agreed to run as a National Trip. 12 Places. Open only to members. Payment will be band x 3 (nightly rate) – rest subsidised by RR

Other possible courses include: Rock Climbing; Weekend Navigation course and Winter Skills. Agreed to see how the FA course runs.

Action: Steve will publish info re FA course and book Weekend Nav course for 2010 (subject to above)

BMC: Report will follow

Ramblers/Campaigns: No report

6. Banding Review: Janet S handed out a summary of the work done. Discussion ensued.

Agreed: That the top subscription for membership would be £40.00.

Agreed: Change of bands

Agreed: Abolition of Council Tax/Housing allowance.

Action: Janet will submit article to Bulletin re the above.

Action: A sentence outlining the concept of wealth and income – need for a Socialist viewpoint to underline the principles behind the bands. Will be inserted also onto the membership form.

Trip Charges: Principle is based on a target income for E bank (£12 pp). A pays 50%; H pays 150% - early booking discount makes E band = £13 pp.

Implementation: for two years starting 24 Sept 09 on both trips charges and membership.

Revised banding was accepted.

Thanks to Janet, John D, Becky B and Dave J for all their hard work.

6a Public Transport: Drivers will be paid for passengers in car. Public Transport should be an option and approved by Trip Organiser.

Trip organisers should fill cars. We need collective action for weekend/national trips to work. Policy stands – travelling on public transport.

Recommendation: A working party to look into this: (Action: Becky)

7. Standing Orders: Finally agreed to drop this as impractical.

What Club needs is an IT strategy and a review of existing club IT.

Action: To be announced at AGM – strategy not technology.

8. Hut – Colin Knowles

Discussion of Hut Survey in detail. 115 returns - results are robust and reliable. Strong pessimism as to what the club can achieve. Clear balance if we have safeguards – we could share a hut. Can put survey on website. Can also do ‘cross analysis’ if and when we require.

Steve presented West Midlands Regions opinion on survey - Too long winded, difficult to complete, don't need a hut, want a postal ballot. – This was noted.

Action: Will present to AGM 09 with NC's position on way forward. Lancashire Mountaineering Club is still interested in sharing hut with RR. They have continued to develop their ideas and have moved on. Possibility of sharing with other clubs too. Aware of our different approach compared with other Clubs.

Several actions were discussed and voted on. 50% in favour of continuing to pursue the working with and joining with LMC.

Action: Colin will draft a resolution for presentation at AGM and will contact LMC to see if we can process this further.

9. Publicity: Car stickers now being circulated.

Actions: Get all Regions to bring their publicity to the AGM for a display. (Janet)

Action: Janet will draft a leaflet for all new members.

10: AGM 09

Jan produced a schedule (see attached) setting out tasks to be done. Andy B will follow up on all volunteers/regions etc.

Motions: Will be published in Bulletin.

Action: Colin will contact Dermot re their motion.

Any other Business:

Action: Barbara will write article requesting all group to pay National all monies in excess of £500.

Regional Subsidies are part of policy.

AGM 2010 – will approach Ty Fan Nant Peris to see if we can get the whole hut for weekend in Sept. Action: Colin will approach their committee.

Action: Jan will submit article on work of National Secretary for Bulletin.

Next Meeting: November 2009 in Leicester.

AGM Lockerbrooke Centre, Sept 29 2009

Typed July 6 2009

Lockerbrook AGM 2009-07-03 Duties that need to do done:

	<u>Volunteer/ Indiv. Or Regions</u>	<u>What is involved</u>
Registration of attendees	Barbara Segal	Registration form to be circulated (Jan) Receipt of forms Tally of attendees inc. Children/childcare needs
AGM Treasurer	Colin Knowles	Working with Registrar re payments. Collection of money over the weekend. Completion of the necessary treasurer forms – sent to RR Treasurer
Child care	Linda /Malcolm Adrian/Laurence to be approached.	Finding out how many children will be attending; discussing with parents their requirements – providing necessary child care
Chefs: Dinner Sat eve	Sheffield (Pat D)	Menu of meal, list of food requirements to buyer, Preparation and overseeing of sat eve

		meal (with helpers)
Sat eve meal – preparation	Sheffield and others	Assisting in the preparation of Sat eve meal
Buyer of food for Sat eve	Sheffield	Co-ordinate with chefs req food requirements, purchase of same (remembering economy and fair-trade)
Food for breakfasts	Bristol (Barbara S)	Purchasing food for two breakfasts
Breakfast – Sat am	Warwick/Cov (Janet S)	Set out and clean up breakfast
Breakfast – Sun am	Bristol (Barbara)	Set out and clean up breakfast
Food for Lunches	Leicester (Becky)	Purchasing of all necessary food for 2 lunches
Lunch – Sat	Leicester (Becky)	Set out and clean up lunch prep
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Walking Activities	Sheffield (David D)	Planning several small and medium walks – finding leaders for each walk. Publicising walks.
Climbing Activities	Andy B and others	Planning climbs. Publicising climbs
Bar	Jan	Buying of booze and soft drinks cups, providing float. Advertising bar.
Quiz	Arthur Bowling	Light entertainment after dinner.
Disco	David S	Music, fun, dancing and drinking

Arrival: Friday eve and/or Saturday

Saturday Time Table: AGM 2pm till 6:30pm

Relaxation time at Bar

Dinner 7:30pm.

Quiz and Disco.