

Ptarmigan Hillwalking & Mountaineering Club

Minute of Annual General Meeting, 7.30 pm on Tuesday 16th November 2021 on Zoom

Attendance: Tim Hayward, Tim Featherstone, Adrian Casey, Benedetta Gaetani, Lynn Youngs, Christine Thomson, Kevin Russell, Alex Williamson, Walter Kelly, Eric Brown, Douglas Tullis (11 Members)

Apologies: Richard Love, in whose absence Douglas Tullis chaired the meeting

Minutes of last year's AGM: No minute was available from the 2020 AGM.

Chairman's report: In Richard's absence this was dropped from the Agenda.

Secretary's Report: Kevin who has been joint Secretary for the past year expressed our gratitude to Christine for the assistance she has provided to him. We seem to have lost contact with Dave Law, our other Joint Secretary and it is assumed that he is standing down.

Treasurers Report: Adrian spoke to his written report and produced the accounts for the two years to 31 October 2020 and 2021 both of which had been signed off by Walter as independent examiner. The club's bank account finished the latest year with a balance of £2678.30, an increase of £510 on the start of the year. Net assets are still sufficient at £1357. Membership subscriptions were, understandably, down once again from 44 to 29 which will hopefully correct itself now the club is again functioning. Adrian proposed, and the meeting agreed, that we return to the pre-Covid 2019-2020 level of subscriptions of £25 (£40 for couples, £15 for those who are already members of Mountaineering Scotland, £10 for associate non-walking members). Adrian reported that 29 subscriptions had been paid so far. Future bus hire charges are uncertain but the present fare of £20 remains appropriate for the time being but, to keep things simple he proposed, and the meeting agreed, to suspend the annual ticket for the time being. Adrian confirmed that we will accept cash on the bus, cheques through the post but payment by bank transfer is preferred. He asked that those paying by bank transfer fill in the 'reference' section of their payment with a brief description of the transaction (fare, subs, donation etc.) which would greatly reduce the educated guess work currently involved in preparing accounts!

Webmaster's Report: Tim reported a healthy level of clicks on the website. Now about the same as pre-Covid and a good number of new enquiries.

Auditor: Walter reported that he had signed off the accounts and is willing to continue as our independent examiner.

Election of office-bearers: Richard has indicated his willingness to carry on as our chairman for one more year. The other Committee members are willing to carry on and Douglas offered to take over from Dave as Secretary on the basis that the role would be split with Christine assisting as the membership secretary and Kev continuing to deal with the newsletter. The meeting confirmed the election of the Committee as follows:

Richard – Chairman

Douglas – Secretary

Adrian – Treasurer

Christine – Membership

Kev – Newsletter

Tim – Webmaster

It was assumed that Dave no longer wishes to be a Bus Convener leaving Douglas, Kev and Adrian as conveners.

Draft programme for 2022

A programme for 2022 was approved as follows

02 Jan	No meet
06 Feb	Arrochar/Butterbridge
06 Mar	Lowther Hills/Wanlockhead
03 Apr	Taynuilt
01 May	Loch Arkaig
05 June	Coire Cas
24/26 June	Kintail weekend
03 Jul	Glen Creran
07 Aug	Glen Muick
04 Sep	Kinlochleven
02 Oct	Linn of Dee
06 Nov	Luss/Arrochar (High Tea in Balloch)
04 Dec	Moffat

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A discussion took place about numbers on the coaches in the light of the continuing Covid threat. It was agreed that, for the time being, we should restrict numbers to a maximum of 20 but the Committee will keep the position under review.