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The main piece of information in this edition of News4Clubs relates to the forthcoming General Meetings at Glenmore Lodge.

General Meetings: 4 September 2010

Glenmore Lodge is once again the venue for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) and the Annual General Meeting – both will be held on 4 September 2010 - the same day as the [Members' Annual Meet](#).

The AGM will be preceded by an EGM with registration for both meetings commencing at 16.00. The EGM will start at 16.30 and will be immediately followed by the AGM.

Full details of General Meetings including notices, agendas, resolutions, information concerning elections for the MCoS Board, and voting procedures may be found on the [General Meetings 2010 Home Page](#) on the MCoS website.

Extraordinary General Meeting – 4 September 2010

Agenda

The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be asked to consider, and if thought fit to pass as a Special Resolution, a resolution put forward by the

Board to amend the Articles of Association. Members are advised that the amendments to the Articles relate to minor alterations recommended by the Board to correct inconsistencies, and to provide clarification of text in line with the implementation of the Companies Act 2006. If you wish to compare the wording of the current Articles, with the wording of the resolution, click here to refer to an [annotated copy of the current Articles](#).

We remind members that Article of Association 4 states: 'No amendment to the Company's Memorandum or Articles of Association shall be made unless by means of a Special Resolution passed by not less than three-quarters of the members entitled to vote and voting at a General Meeting called inter alia for the purpose of which due notice has been given'. Therefore, members must be present in person to exercise their vote at the EGM and postal votes are not permitted. Members are also advised that under Article 6.3, the final date for receipt of any counter proposals to the resolution to be put to the EGM is 6 August 2010.

The full notice and agenda of the EGM may be found on the MCoFS website [here](#).

Annual General Meeting – 4 September 2010

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held immediately following the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). The resolution put before the EGM will introduce amended Articles of Association which include some minor changes to the standard business agenda of the AGM. If the resolution is approved by members at the EGM, the AGM Agenda will be as follows:

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- (a)** Roll Call and appointment of Tellers;
- (b)** The approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any subsequent Extraordinary General Meetings;
- (c)** The receipt of such reports as the Board may consider appropriate to bring before the Annual General Meeting for approval or information;
- (d)** The receipt of the annual accounts and reports;
- (e)** The fixing of members' annual subscriptions;

Resolution:

The Board proposes a resolution to revise membership subscriptions with effect from 1 April 2011 (the effective date).

Club per capita subscriptions will increase from £13.00 to £15.00 per annum. The subscription for members of clubs who have not reached the age of 18 by the effective date will increase from £8.45 to £10.00 per annum.

Where stated, other subscriptions will be revised as follows: Individual £27.30 (no change); Concession £17.85 (increase £2.00); Joint £45.25 (no change); Youth (under 18) £10.00 (reduction £3.75); Associate £65.00 (increase £5.00); Family £45.25 (no change), family members under the age of 18 enjoy free membership, with the exception of an insurance charge which will be increased to £3.50 per individual (increase £0.25); Graduate £9.99 (no change).

The age of members registering with MCofS is taken as at the date of registration.

(f) The election of the President, Treasurer and Board members;

(g) The consideration of and taking of decisions on any duly notified proposals for the adoption of any new Policies or the amendment or revocation of any existing Policies;

(h) Any other competent business where notice has been given as specified.

Notes to the AGM agenda:

Item (b) Please click here for the [draft minutes of the EGM 2009 and AGM 2009](#).

Item (c) We will publish the Annual Report and Accounts 2009-2010 in Scottish Mountaineer issue 48, which will be posted to all members on 12 August 2010. The Annual Report and Accounts will also be published on the MCofS website in the [Annual Report](#) section on 12 August 2010.

Item (f)

Current directors John Irving, Brian Linington, Martin McCallum, Ron Payne, and Chris Townsend are eligible and wish to stand for re-election. Chris Townsend wishes to stand for re-election as President and John Irving wishes to stand for re-election as Treasurer. The Board proposes these directors for re-election en-bloc, and for the offices stated.

Rosie Goolden was co-opted by the Board as a director in May 2010 and the Board proposes her for election; Rosie replaced Graeme Morrison who resigned in May 2010 and she has acted as director for Mountain Safety and Training since joining the Board.

Richard Spencer resigned from the Board in May 2010 and Brenda Clough is not standing for re-election at the AGM.

Assuming that none of the current directors are challenged in an election, there are a minimum of two vacancies. Nominations for election to the Board may be made to the Company Secretary up to and including 6 August 2010.

We will publish details of [candidates for election to the Board](#), and for [voting procedures](#) related to resolutions and elections on the MCofS website and in News4Clubs on 9 August 2010. Please note that votes may be exercised by post for resolutions put to the AGM but that such postal votes must be in the hands of the Company Secretary by no later than 2 September 2010 to be valid.

Item (g) The Board will not propose any new policies or policy changes.

All communication concerning General Meetings should be addressed to David Gibson, Company Secretary, MCofS, The Old Granary, West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP.

Train the Trainer

Can we remind club members that the Train the Trainers' course will be held over the weekend of 14/15 August in the Central Belt. Please visit our website at: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/train-the-trainers.asp> for further information. This is a two-day course, provided free of charge, for those wishing to gain further skills in teaching navigation and handling an incident when out on a club trip.

Mill Cottage and Braemar Navigation courses.

There are still places on the MCofS Navigation courses being run at Mill Cottage (Glen Feshie) and Braemar. These one day courses cost £25 and are excellent value for anyone wishing to improve their navigation skills. The Mill Cottage courses are on September 11th and 12th and the Braemar courses are on September 25th and 26th. Further details can be found at: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/navigation-courses.asp>.

The following letter was sent to the MCofS by John White, an individual member of the MCofS. We are passing it on in News4Clubs in order to inform club members of the sad risks of leaving cars parked in remote car parks.

Dear MCofS

I would like everyone to be aware that there is a very high risk of cars being broken into at Linn of Dee car park. I was an unfortunate victim on the 28th May when my car was broken into (despite having nothing on show) and had items to the tune of £1200 stolen (you don't realise how much kit you carry about until you count it up for the insurance!). I had been parking here overnight for many years without incident but now my advice would be to not leave your car unattended overnight at this car park as 'nothing on show' is clearly not going to stop them. Upon speaking to the shop staff at Braemar

Mountain Sports, they said that this used to be a problem and had stopped, clearly not, based on my experience. The incident was reported to Grampian Police immediately but I am in no doubt whatsoever that they will be able to do nothing about it. If visitors must park overnight, please advise them to check home and car policies to make sure they are covered (I, incidentally, will be about £500 out of pocket). Otherwise, don't bother leaving it there overnight and save yourself £££ on insurance excesses, a ruined holiday, loss of personal and irreplaceable gear and all the hassle of having to get your car repaired and kit replaced. This incident has really spoiled something very special for me as my wife and I loved nothing better than popping up at the weekend and spending a couple of nights under canvas in Glen Derry. I, for one, will never leave my car there and more than likely will never visit Braemar again as all the wonderful memories have been replaced by bitterness and regret. It should also be noted that there is no public transport or Post Bus from Braemar to Linn of Dee so there is no option but to leave your car there and take the risk. Please can you ensure visitors to the area are made aware of this real risk as I would hate anyone else to suffer what I have just experienced.

Mike Dales
Membership Development Officer