

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland

Annual General Meeting – Dunblane Hydro Hotel - 3 September 2011, 16.30

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting

The Chair (C. Townsend, President) declared the meeting open and welcomed members (a list of individual members, and club members' representatives who registered for the meeting is in the attached Registration List). The Chair also welcomed guests L. Callan of sportscotland and A. Goulbourne of Perkins Slade Limited.

The Chair noted apologies from: J. Hutchison; B. Leatherland; T. Leatherland; J. MacKenzie; F. Parker; R. Shirreffs and Stonehaven Mountaineering Club.

At the request of the Chair, the Company Secretary (D. Gibson) advised the meeting concerning voting arrangements. He stated that there would be three agenda items subject to a vote:

- b) the approval of the Minutes of the previous Meetings
- e) the fixing of members' annual subscriptions
- f) the election of the President, Treasurer and Board members

and that items b) and f) (President and Treasurer) would be subject to a show of voting cards; and that items e) and f) (Board Member) would be subject to a poll.

- a) Roll call and appointment of Tellers: at the request of the Chair, the Company Secretary appointed J. Anderson; M. Dales; M. Dodds and A. Ingram as Tellers.
- b) The approval of the Minutes of the previous Extraordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM): The meeting unanimously approved the proposed resolution.
- c) The receipt of the Annual Report: The Chair referred to the Annual Report published in the August edition of Scottish Mountaineer magazine and on the MCoS website on 8 July 2011. The Chair and the Company Secretary made brief presentations concerning the report. The Chair asked for any questions or comments concerning the report. There being none, the Chair then asked the Treasurer to present the Treasurer's report.
- d) The receipt of the annual accounts and reports: The Treasurer presented his section of the Annual Report, including a comparison of the certified profit and loss accounts for the financial years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, and charts showing the application of sportscotland investment, and individual and club members' subscriptions. In response to a question from A. Barnard of the Grampian Club, the Treasurer stated that the percentage allocation of office expenses attributable to members of clubs was made on the basis of the total number of members of clubs compared with the combined total number of members of clubs and individual members. In response to a question from K. Thomson of the Cairngorm Club, the Treasurer stated that a decision concerning the method of presentation to members of the allocation of funds in future years would be for the next Treasurer and Board to consider.
- e) The fixing of members' annual subscriptions: The Treasurer introduced the background to the proposed resolution to fix members' subscriptions at the following levels with effect from 1 April 2012 (the effective date):

e1) Members of clubs:

- The per capita subscription for members of clubs aged 18 years and over to increase from £13.00 to £14.25 per annum (+ £1.25).
- The per capita subscription for members of clubs who are aged 13 years and over and who have not reached the age of 18 years by the effective date to remain at £8.45.
- The per capita subscription for members of clubs who have not reached the age of 13 years by the effective date to be fixed at £3.50 (reduction £4.95).

e2) Individual member categories:

- Individual: to increase from £27.30 to £28.55 (+ £1.25).
- Concession: to increase from £15.85 to £17.10 (+ £1.25).
- Joint: to increase from £45.25 to £47.75 (+ £2.50).
- Family: to increase from £45.25 to £47.75 (+ £2.50) with the additional payment for each family member under the age of 18 years to increase from £3.25 to £3.50 (+ £0.25).
- Youth under 18 years at the effective date: to remain unchanged at £13.75.
- Graduate: to increase from £9.99 to £11.24 (+ £1.25).

e3) Associate members:

- to increase from £60.00 to £65.00 (+ £5.00)

In response to a request from the Chair for questions, B. Shackleton of the Scottish Mountaineering Club (SMC), stated that his club had voted against the proposed resolution to increase subscriptions at the last AGM because the proposal was felt to be both excessive and inequitable; he stated that the MCofS Board now appeared to be taking a more equitable approach with a proposal for a modest increase slightly ahead of the level of inflation, and as such the SMC intended to support the proposed resolution; however, he urged the MCofS Board to look at the possibility of publishing the proposed resolution on subscriptions in the April prior to the AGM, and to clearly map the planned subscriptions from each membership category aligned to the strategic plan and the MCofS' 'wish-list' and related financial projections; the strategic plan should be reviewed on a rolling basis as an aid to better support financial planning and provision of information concerning subscriptions at an earlier stage in the year. J. Moffat, representing the Ochils Mountaineering Club stated that it would be helpful to have information concerning proposed subscription increases earlier as this would enable better communication with the members of her club.

The subsequent vote returned 533 votes in favour and 40 against the proposed resolution, and the Chair announced that the resolution had been approved.

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

The Chair introduced the election for the post of President for which B. Linington, an Individual Member, was nominated by K. Froebel of the Ladies Scottish Climbing Club. B. Linington was duly elected unanimously at a show of voting cards.

The Chair then introduced the election for the post of Treasurer for which R. McMurray of the Braes of Fife Mountaineering Club was nominated by his club. R. McMurray was duly elected unanimously at a show of voting cards.

The Chair then advised the meeting that under Article of Association 5.5, and in the absence of competing nominations, there were 5 directors eligible to serve and continue until the next (2012) AGM without the need for a vote:

- R. Payne, first elected 2009, term expires 2013
- M. McCallum, first elected 2009, term expires 2013
- G. Boyle, first elected 2010, term expires 2014
- K. Froebel, first elected 2010, term expires 2014
- R. Goolden, first elected 2010, term expires 2014

The Chair advised the meeting that the Board comprises eight elected members and that there is one vacancy for which an election is required. The Company Secretary informed the meeting that M. Anderson, an Individual Member, had been nominated by R. Cockburn (Individual Member), and that G. Copland of the Aberdeen Mountaineering Club had stated his interest in the vacancy but that no nomination had been received from a voting member for his candidacy.

Following discussion, the meeting agreed by a clear majority that G. Copland's candidacy should stand. The result of the election which included votes cast by proxy, was M. Anderson 504 votes, G. Copland 72 votes, and the Chair declared M. Anderson duly elected as a director of the MCofS.

P. Willimott, Individual Member, asked that the thanks of the meeting be communicated to G. Copland for his interest in volunteering for the MCofS Board and that his help in other areas of MCofS business would be appreciated; this proposal was endorsed by the meeting, and the Company Secretary undertook to advise G. Copland accordingly.

- 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: The Chair advised the meeting that no business was tabled under this item.
- h) Any other competent business where notice has been given as specified: The Chair advised the meeting that no business was tabled under this item.

The Chair then handed the ceremonial gavel to the President, B. Linington, who expressed his thanks to C. Townsend for his work as President of the MCofS during his term of office, offering him his best wishes for the future and for his work with the Access and Conservation Advisory Group.

The President then declared the formal business of the AGM closed but recorded the thanks of the MCofS Board to the following:

- Retiring Treasurer J. Irving who served for the last 4 years and who intends to continue his association with MCofS trusts
- Club and Individual Members for their continued support
- All volunteers who work with and for MCofS, including elected members, those working on advisory and working groups, those who work on our kids competitions and events, those who have offered advice and the many others who have contributed to the work of the MCofS in the last year
- sportscotland for their continued investment in Scottish mountaineering

- The BMC & the Scottish Mountaineering Trust for their grants for access and conservation work
- Glenmore Lodge for their support for mountain safety and other initiatives
- The mountain instructors who make our mountain safety events and lectures possible
- Members of the Scottish Climbing Wall Network for their support for climbing competitions and events
- Many others who have made voluntary donations during the year
- Other sponsors and supporters including Silva, Buff, Garmin, and Tiso

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

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AGM 2011 – Registration List

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D Pinches, Cairngorm Club
A Pinches, Cairngorm Club
D Foster, Lomond MC/Glasgow Glenmore Club
M Anderson, IM
N Kempe, IM/ Red Rope MC
C Townsend, IM
R Payne, Glasgow Ski Touring Club
D Gibson, Grampian Club
G Smart, IM/Grampian Club
M Dales, IM
H Thomson, IM
M Dodds, Grampian Club
J Leftley, IM
M McCallum, Lomond MRT
K Tolmie, Glenrothes Hillwalkers Club
J Irving, Forth Valley MC
E Roberts, Aberdeen MC
K Froebel, Ladies Scottish CC
A Gail, Quickdraw CC
L Callan, Sportscotland (Observer)
D Gordon, Ochils MC
P Willimott, IM
H Willimott, IM
R Goolden, SMC
B Shackleton, SMC
R Forest, Inverness MC
A Sked, IM
J Bowyer, Dundee Mountain Club
G Boyle, IM
A Young, Scottish Midweek MC
L Potts, Ladies Scottish CC
D Sime, IM
A Barnard, Grampian Club
J Anderson, IM
F Reid, Edinburgh MC
J Edwards, XXL Hillwalking Club
M Koers, XXL Hillwalking Club#
A Carr, Quickdraw CC
J Moffat, Ochils MC
J Donohoe, IM
C Campbell, Edinburgh Ski Touring Club
S Montgomery, Edinburgh Ski Touring Club
N Annan, USMC
A Morrison, Ferranti MC
H Brown, Dundee MC
B Rendall, ATMC
G Muir, ATMC
A Young, IM/SMMC
B Linington, IM
A Ingram, Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland
J Ingram, Carn Dearg MC
R McMurray, Braes O'Fife MC
E Brawn, Ochils MC
B Park, IM
L Anderson, IM