

# Ibex Virtual Committee Meeting Minutes – 4th June 2024, via Teams

Attendees: Karen G, Maggie M, Heather McG, Mags R, Patrick T, David W, Jan O'B, Peter R

Apologies: Natalia D-B

KG welcomed everyone.

## Actions from last committee meeting

- **DW:** to close down the old website in August/September, and then ask David M to cancel the two payments for Net Host. *DW: plan to close the old website remained as before.* **ACTION DW**
- **KG:** to take forward social media issues, including getting admin rights to the Ibex Facebook page. *KG had discussed with Edna C, who would add events to the Facebook page, and arrange for KG to have admin rights.* **ACTION KG**
- **KG:** to aim to organise an informal climbing event for Ibex members at The Castle. *KG would try to arrange an informal climbing event for Ibex members* **ACTION KG**
- **KG:** to inform people who organised weekends in 2023 that they would need to pay the full membership rate, but that we would be offering them the £5 payment that had been available under the previous weekend organiser reduction, though they might want to donate this. *It had not yet been possible to progress this, but it would be taken forward.* **ACTION KG**
- **KG:** to do a note on use of Meet Up to publicise day walks and club nights. *It had not yet been possible to progress this, but it would be taken forward.* **ACTION KG** *In related discussion, noted that people often made a short notice decision to attend a day walk. Agreed that the deadline for booking for a day walk could be Thursday rather than Wednesday.*
- **PR:** to put minutes of Ibex committee meetings on the new website, in the "Downloads" section. *PR: action in hand, in consultation with DW. To be completed* **ACTION PR**
- **NDB:** to include in weekend organiser guidance material the agreed arrangements on where a weekend organiser had to drop out for exceptional reasons. *Not yet done, but in hand* **ACTION NDB**
- **KG:** to take forward arrangements for the 40th anniversary event in November *No further recent developments, but main aspects of the event were in hand. Planning group to meet again in next month or so.* **ACTION KG**

- **DW:** to raise the problems identified with the new website with WebCollect, and ask whether solutions were available. *Not discussed.*
- **MM KG:** to send further emails to people who had not yet responded on renewing membership. *Not discussed*
- **MR:** to take forward plans for bookings for 2025. *Discussed below.*
- **JO'B:** to provide details of the useful communications arrangement used on a recent walk, for the next newsletter and for the day walk guidance material. *JO'B: details provided in newsletter and to be included in guidance material.*
- **HMcG:** to experiment with different formats for the newsletter. *HMcG was experimenting with different formats, aimed at making the newsletter an email, with links to the website. There had been no adverse comments on this. On content that had been in the newsletter, agreed that the list of committee members could go on the website (though with email addresses rather than phone numbers).*
- **HMcG DW KG NDB:** to prepare updated guidance for weekend reports to make them more in blog format. *Work was on hand on this, so that write-ups could be put directly onto the website, in line with the above*
- **PT:** to check with David M whether Ibex had YHA membership. *Noted that YHA had discontinued group membership. Agreed that, if we needed to make use of YHA membership, we could use MR's.*
- **KG All:** to start considering new people for the committee to take on the roles of the 5 standing down at the AGM in November. *Discussed mainly under the "President" item below.*

## President

- Minutes of 16 April approved.
- No further recent developments on 40th anniversary, as above.
- There was discussion of the committee vacancies to be filled at the AGM, and of people who might possibly be suited to them. A number of names were suggested. Agreed that the president's position was likely to be the most difficult to fill. It would probably best be filled by someone who had been on the committee. KG would email members about the vacancies to be filled, inviting expressions of interest. **ACTION KG**

## Club nights

- **KG:** arrangements made for all club nights through to November.

## Treasurer/Financial Position of Club

- **PT:** updated figures provided. There was currently a fairly healthy balance.
- We planned to close the HSBC account, as before.

## Website/Social media

- No specific updates

## Membership

- **MM:** report provided.
- The membership arrangement for part-year was built into the website, and would apply automatically.
- The arrangement whereby people joining after 1 December would pay the full fee but would then get membership up to the end of the following December was not currently built into the website, but would be considered nearer the time.
- The membership secretary was checking for prospective members from people attending day walks and weekends.
- It was noted that BMC were currently facing serious financial difficulties. We would want to keep an eye on the position.

## Weekend Co-ordinator - 2024

- **NDB:** report provided.

## Weekend Planner - 2025

- **MR:** update provided.
- Discussed bookings for 2025 and agreed further venues. MR would circulate the spreadsheet showing these. **ACTION MR**
- a booking for Easter 2026 at St John in the Vale (Lake District) had been made
- It was noted that the costs of some venues were increasing. It might be necessary to re-consider the 35pppn cap, but we would keep a watch on this.

## Day Walks

- **JO'B:** report provided.
- Arrangements made for walks for the rest of the year (apart from September). JO'B would also plan walks ahead for 2025 to provide for handover.

## Newsletter Editor

- **HMcG:** report provided.
- As discussion earlier in the meeting, we were aiming for the newsletter to be an email with links to the website, which would have weekend reports in blog format. HMcG would continue with work on this. **ACTION HMcG**

## AOB

- The previous discussion on a possible revamp of the club nights was noted. We might want to return to this. There had been a recent instance of the pub manager claiming they were not expecting us that we had not booked.
- It was noted that three people had paid subscriptions but had not put their details on the website, despite several reminders. Agreed we would delete their memberships. We would inform them of this and ask if they wanted a refund of their payments  
**ACTION MM**

## **Date of next virtual committee meeting**

- Tuesday 6 August 2024 - 7.30pm

## **Summary of actions following meeting**

- **DW:** to close down the old website in August/September as planned
- **KG:** to get admin rights to the Ibex Facebook page.
- **KG:** to try to organise an informal climbing event for Ibex members at The Castle.
- **KG:** to inform people who organised weekends in 2023 that they would need to pay the full membership rate, but that we would be offering them the £5 payment that had been available under the previous weekend organiser reduction, though they might want to donate this. **ACTION KG**
- **KG:** to do a note on use of Meet Up to publicise day walks and club nights.
- **PR:** to complete work on putting minutes of Ibex committee meetings on the new website
- **NDB:** to include in weekend organiser guidance material the agreed arrangements on where a weekend organiser had to drop out for exceptional reasons.
- **KG:** to continue to take forward arrangements for the 40th anniversary event in November
- **KG:** to email members about the committee vacancies to be filled at the AGM, inviting expressions of interest
- **MR:** to circulate the spreadsheet of bookings for 2025
- **HMcG:** to continue work on the new format of the newsletter
- **MM:** to inform the three people who had paid subscriptions but not put their details on the website that their membership was deleted, and asking if they wanted a refund of their payment.