

# Ibex Virtual Committee Meeting Minutes – 18th December 2024, via Zoom

Attendees: Susan W, Patrick T, David W, Clive S, Karen W, Viv P

Apologies: Heather McG, Cathy C, Mags R

SW welcomed everyone.

## Actions from last committee meeting

- **ALL:** To attend the January new members club night (if possible).  
*PT & CS can attend. ACTION CS PT MR & CC to attend if possible. ACTION CC MR*
- **HMcG:** To continue to experiment with the format of the newsletter. **ACTION HMcG**

## Actions from AGM:

- Improve google ranking for website. *DW will look at this during the year. ACTION DW*
- Newsletter feedback- The initial reformatted version - consisting mainly of weblinks - was somewhat off-putting, but the November format was better.  
- Something closer to the format of the old newsletter would be desirable to give a sense of community, perhaps with the inclusion of some personal news. *DW is looking at Canva. It is prettier and can be downloaded to google. He will continue reviewing this and pass details to HMcG. ACTION DW*
- Weekend organisers will be asked, when they return the expense form, whether they wish to receive a £5 refund, and if so to provide bank details. *CS will update briefing notes to inform weekend organisers how to request £5. ACTION CS*
- Consider future arrangements for club nights and particularly the frequency. *This was discussed under club nights.*
- Monitor BMC value for money. *Discuss further at next meeting. ACTION ALL*
- Membership up to £42, half year £27.50

## President

- Minutes from last meeting (15 October), and from AGM *Agreed by David and Patrick.*
- AGM - any feedback *Agreed.*
- Handovers – shared folder on google drive. *Handovers complete.*

- OS Maps. OS Maps no longer do group membership. Warn everyone to download their maps before subscription runs out in August. SW to discuss with Cathy the effect on day walk planning. **Action SW**

## Club nights

- Arrangements for forthcoming Club Nights
- **PT** to host January new members club night. Panel volunteers – **CS**
- New members presentation.

Suggestions included reduce meetings to 6 a year, re-energise meetings, invite expert speakers or equipment suppliers.

SW to pass new members club night presentation to PT using Google Drive. **ACTION SW**

SW to email people to volunteer for panel. **ACTION SW**

SW to add new members event to Facebook. **ACTION SW**

DW to add new members event to website homepage. **ACTION DW**

HMcG to add new members event to Newsletter. **ACTION HMcG (DW now doing this)**

Send email to push people to attend new members club night. **ACTION SW**

Co-opt a new member (less than 2years in club) on to committee. **ACTION SW**

Discuss club night program and frequency at next meeting. **ACTION ALL**

## Website/Social media

- A few people had trouble booking Ribble head. This was just a glitch and is now resolved. Google ranking ongoing,

## Treasurer/Financial Position of Club

- Bank balance = £4500      PayPal = £240      Total = £4740

## Metro Bank

**Actions relating to IBEX Mountain and Hill Walking Club - Metro Bank account No. 4988 3048, S/C 23-05-80, Customer No. 117132470835**

The committee resolved that:

**Patrick Kieran Tehan, Club Treasurer** and Metro Bank authorised signatory is authorised to sign a **Metro Bank Business Account Mandate**:

1. To appoint Club President **Susan Jane Watts** as an authorized signatory with signing rule “One to sign”, Debit Card Permitted and Access to Online Banking including the Metro Mobile banking app for the purposes of making all deposits and withdrawals/payments, up to any amount, to and from the bank account referred to above
2. To remove the following retired committee members from the banking mandate:
  - (i) David Merry
  - (ii) Karen Goepfert

## Membership

- One new member application has been received to join in January.
- Arrangements for annual renewals of membership is not due until after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. KW to send text on membership renewals to DW before 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. **ACTION KW**
- Recruitment ideas. KW will write proposal on recruitment ideas to be discussed at next meeting. **ACTION KW**

## **Weekend Co-ordinator - 2024**

- All handed over. 10 people for Ribble head, need 2 more. Edale 5 need 18. Google diary for 2025 events. List in newsletter would be easier. Keep it running and inform people how to access it **Action CS**. CS to send emails to all members and prospective members when low attendance on weekend events. **ACTION CS**. Weekend Expense sheet has been updated to remove £2.50 weekend charge following AGM.

## **Weekend Planner - 2025**

### **Day Walks**

- 26th April (Matt Moore: Dorking area)
- 7th June (Karen Ward: Kent/East Sussex)
- 19th July (Yvonne: Guildford area)
- 16th or 17th August: Sue B: TBA but likely North Downs)

### **Newsletter**

Discussed under AGM Actions.

### **AOB**

Everyone's documents must be available on google drive and shared to all. **ACTION ALL**

Incident - Weekend in Brecon with Storm Darragh. All got there safely. Power cut Saturday morning. There was a gas cooker but no lights, internet, or signal. Owner provided candles, torches, lanterns, and bottled water. Several members walked for about an hour in the morning and again in the afternoon. Dinner was cooked successfully. SW to document in incident log **ACTION SW**.

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

19.00 Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## **Summary of actions following meeting**

- **PT CS:** to attend new members meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **MR CC:** to attend new member meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> if possible.
- **DW:** to continue to experiment with the format of the newsletter.
- **DW:** to improve website ranking
- **DW:** to continue reviewing Canva for newsletter and pass details to HMcG.
- **CS:** to inform people how to access Google Diary.
- **CS:** to update weekend briefing notes to inform people how to claim £5 refund.
- **ALL:** to discuss whether BMC membership is value for money at next meeting.
- **SW:** to discuss with Cathy the effect on day walk planning with OS Map subscription ending in August.
- **SW:** to pass new members club night presentation to PT using Google Drive.
- **SW:** to email people requesting they volunteer for panel at new member's Club night.
- **SW:** to add new members event to Facebook.
- **DW:** to add new members event to website homepage.
- **DW:** to add new members event to Newsletter.
- **SW:** to send email to push people to attend new members club night.
- **SW:** to coopt a new member (less than 2 years in the club) on to committee.
- **ALL:** to discuss club night program and frequency at next meeting.
- **KW:** to send text on membership renewals to DW before 1<sup>st</sup> Jan.
- **KW:** to write proposal on recruitment ideas to be discussed at next meeting.
- **CS:** to send emails to all members and prospective members when low attendance on weekend events.
- **SW:** to document Storm Darragh Brecon weekend in incident log
- **All:** to add club documents to Google Drive and share to all.