

Ibex Virtual Committee Meeting Minutes – 20th June 2023, via Zoom

Attendees: Karen G, Viv&Jim N, Maggie M, Jan O'B, David M (part of the call), Natalia D-B, Edna C, Peter R

Apologies: Heather McG

KG welcomed everyone.

Treasurer/Financial Position of Club

- **DM:** Bank balance=£4,676.64 PayPal = £301.34 Total = £4,977.98
- The balance was fairly healthy, despite paying a number of deposits for weekends.
- Regarding the move of the bank account to Metrobank, the minutes from the previous meeting had been accepted by the bank, and DM had signed the relevant forms. KG would go to a Metrobank branch with ID and also to sign the opening account forms.
ACTION KG
- The weekend participant contribution would need to be discussed at some stage before the AGM, probably August

(DM then left the meeting)

Day Walks

- **JO'B:** report provided.
- Walks had been held each month, and future walks were planned
- JO'B asked leaders to let her know of any prospective members so that the information could be passed to MM.
- The navigation weekend would be in February 2024. Although it would be cold then, this would fit in best with the weekend programme.

Actions from last committee meeting

JO'B: to prepare some general guidance for day walks leaders. *JO'B was providing guidance for each walk on an ad hoc basis, and would be developing this further*

KG: to take forward establishment of the subgroup to consider 40th anniversary event. *A subgroup (JN/VN/KG/MR/SW) had been established. and would be meeting the following week, giving priority to finding a suitable venue. VN had suggested a couple of possible venues and any comments would be passed to her.*

HMcG: to allow non-Ibex trips to be advertised in a "classified" section of the newsletter provided the trip did not clash with an Ibex weekend, and that it was limited to Ibex members. *KG would suggest to HMcG that the possibility of advertising such trips be mentioned in the covering email with the newsletter* **ACTION KG HMcG**

KG: to investigate possible venues for the 2023 AGM. *KG had identified a potentially suitable venue for the AGM on 28 October and would be looking at it further the following week.* **ACTION KG**

KG: to discuss possible use of Instagram with Jenn Li *KG had discussed with JL who was willing to help set up an Instagram presence. We would need to decide who would be authorised to update the material. KG would contact JL again on taking Instagram forward.*
ACTION KG

EC DW: to continue work on the new website. *DW had done some further work on the new website. EC had done some instructions on booking for an event. We would want to do some testing of the new site, including of arrangements for payment, which would probably need to involve James H.* **ACTION EC DW**

KG: to remind members to use the public Facebook page. *Noted that very few people were using this. EC would prepare some guidance for doing this and send to HMcG for inclusion in the next newsletter. KG would also remind members on this saying more information would be in the newsletter.* **ACTION EC KG**

PR KG DM: To provide a further signed extract from the minutes to Metrobank to confirm the decision to move the account to them. *Done, as above*

NDB: to amend the form on offering lifts for weekends, and to ask organisers to check with drivers a month before the weekend to confirm their plans. *NDB would update the organiser notes to reflect this*

President

- Minutes of 19 April approved, subject to any comments.
- 2023 AGM - discussed as above
- Arrangements for Ibex 40th anniversary event in 2024 discussed as above
- Attracting new members. One way would be by Instagram, as discussed above. KG would also do a note about the cost of Meet-up **ACTION KG**

Club nights

- **KG:** Thanks to MM and HMcG for leading the June club night
- Arrangements made for club nights up to November. KG would prepare a note on forthcoming clubnights for the website. **ACTION KG**

Website/Social media

- Discussed as above.

Membership

- **MM:** report provided.
- Membership numbers were holding up, with perhaps a slight growth
- Where people sign up as prospective members but don't then join immediately, MM provides a gentle reminder

- Indications were that the previously noted pattern of attendance on weekends continued, with (only) about a quarter of members attending many weekends, and a considerable number not attending any.

Weekend Co-ordinator - 2023

- **NDB:** report provided.
- It was not clear that the notice period of three months for advertising weekends was working. It meant a lot of weekends being advertised at the same time, and some information could get lost. Two months should suffice to get cheaper train tickets. It was agreed to return to the two month notice arrangement. NDB would do a report for the AGM recommending this. **ACTION NDB**
- Some of the documents used for organising weekends were quite long and could do with redrafting. NDB would review the documents accordingly, and do some redrafting where appropriate. **ACTION NDB**
- Among other things, some of the references to Covid needed amendment. It was agreed we would discontinue the refund for people cancelling because they had Covid. We would also update the guidance notes to remove most of the Covid-related material.

Weekend Planner - 2024

- **J&VN:** Report provided.
- A cautious approach was being taken, given the relatively lower level of bookings on weekends.
- The bookings proposed in the report work were agreed. Following discussion, agreed on balance that YHA Minehead rather than Coed Owen bunkhouse would be best for Christmas.
- VN would email Viv Palmer to check on the possible camping trip from 12 to 14 July. **ACTION VN**
- Noted that YHA Youlgreave might be suitable for the 40th anniversary event, or for consideration for a weekend for the following year

Newsletter Editor

Date of next virtual committee meeting

- Tuesday 22 August 2023 - 7.30pm

Summary of actions following meeting

KG: to go to a Metrobank branch with ID and to sign the opening account forms.

KG HMcG: KG to suggest to HMcG that the possibility of advertising certain non-Ibex trips be mentioned in the covering email with the newsletter

KG: to investigate the potentially suitable venue for the AGM on 28 October

KG: to contact Jenn Li on taking Instagram forward.

EC DW: to continue work on the new website, including testing of arrangements for paying.

EC KG: EC to prepare guidance for use of new Facebook page for the newsletter. KG to remind members on this saying more information would be in the newsletter.

KG: to do a note about the cost of Meet-up

KG: to prepare a note on forthcoming clubnights for the website.

NDB: to do a report for the AGM recommending the return to a two-month notice period for weekends.

NDB: to review the documents used for organising weekends, and do some redrafting where appropriate.

VN: to email Viv Palmer to check on the possible camping trip from 12 to 14 July.