

Ibex Virtual Committee Meeting Minutes – 15th February 2023, via Zoom

Attendees: Karen G, Viv&Jim N, Maggie M, Jan O'B, David M (during part of the call), Natalia D-B, Heather McG, Peter Ramell [PR]

Apologies: Edna C

KG welcomed everyone.

Actions from last committee meeting

JO'B: to prepare some general guidance for day walks leaders. *This was in hand.*

ACTION JO'B

ALL: To consider how to attract younger members

JH: Complete the coding for the transfer of PayPal fees for membership to members. *Done, though had proved more time-consuming than expected*

PER: Amend 4.3 of the Constitution as agreed and delete 4.4 and 4.5. *Done*

EC: Take forward development of new website in consultation with David W, and share with the committee intended plans for the infrastructure of the new system. *To await update from EC*

MM: check with BMC whether prospective members could be notified to them so as to be covered by insurance. *Discussed later in agenda*

KG DM: Circulate a link to the BMC webinar on insurance; DM to consider. *Link circulated*

JO'B: Ask people attending day walks to let the leader know in advance, preferably by the Thursday. *To be covered in general guidance*

NDB: Email Club members asking for a volunteer for the late May Bank Holiday in weekend in Pembrokeshire. *Done*

DM: Set-up new bank account with Metrobank. *Discussed later in agenda*

President

- Minutes of AGM and of 7 December meeting approved. PR would circulate AGM minutes and amended Constitution to Club members. **ACTION PR**
- HMcG had received from SW for the newsletter notification of a Scotland trip from 14-20 October, which would clash with the planned Ibex weekend on 20-22 October. Agreed that KG would raise this clash with SW. **ACTION KG.** On the more general issue of a possible "classified" section in the newsletter, KG had sent DM

and others the link to the BMC webinar on insurance. Discussion on the general issue was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

- Viv Palmer was interested in organising an Alpine trip in July 2023 and a camping trip in Exmoor in June.

Treasurer/Financial Position of Club

DM:

- There was currently £8,899.55 in the Ibex accounts (PayPal £4,518.96, bank account £4,380.59), but a good deal of this was already earmarked for specific payments coming up.
- DM was happy with the extract from the minutes of the 7 December prepared by PR for sending to Metrobank to set up the new account. KG would sign and scan it and send to DM to pass to Metrobank. **ACTION KG and DM**

Membership

- **MM:** report provided, covering membership renewal, the definition of treatment of Prospective members and BMC insurance issues.
- There had been some complications to 2023 membership renewals, requiring work in resolving, including several people who did not wish to pay via PayPal and had sought to pay by bank transfer. Following discussion, agreed that we should keep to the use of PayPal. For next year, we would say that people should pay by PayPal, but if they did not wish to, they should contact MM or DM, with a view to paying by cheque (cheque being a more transparent means of payment). We would not provide bank details. **ACTION MM**
- DM would respond to MM's email on a number of specific issues on renewals **ACTION DM**
- Coding for the transfer of PayPal fees for membership to members had been completed, though had taken longer than expected.
- Noted that prospective members are only covered by BMC public liability insurance for three months, rather than six. Following discussion, agreed we would not treat a new person as a "prospective member" until they were due to go on their first weekend, when MM would put them on the BMC list and they would then therefore be covered for three months. This would though require the membership secretary to be careful to get people onto the list at that point. **ACTION MM**
- for day walks, JO'B would name the prospective members attending and copy to MM. We would not notify BMC of these people but we would have a record of them, which would meet BMC's requirement for cover. **ACTION JO'B**
- on a related point, agreed that climbing events should be restricted to Ibex (full) members. **ACTION KG**
- MM would check with BMC as to their policy on people joining in December. **ACTION MM**
- The suggestion made by Chris Phillips at the AGM to give more support to new members could be considered at another committee meeting.

Club nights

- **KG:** Arrangements had been made for forthcoming Club nights. May would be a 'round table'.

- JO'B would be happy to do OS training for a Club night in future

Weekend Co-ordinator - 2023

- **NDB:** Generally all in hand.
- Covid was still an issue. Agreed that NDB would remind people attending weekends, shortly before they attended, to do a Covid test **ACTION NDB**

Weekend Planner - 2024

- **J&VN:** Report provided.
- There was consideration of the three venues/weekends (Hardingsdown, Coed Owen and Fylde) referred to in the report in the context of several weekends not reaching break-even point. Following discussion, agreed to go ahead with each of these bookings.
- It would be good to have an event away for the Club's 40th anniversary in October 2024. We would probably want somewhere relatively more comfortable (not too basic), although we would ask members' views on this when writing to them to gauge interest in a 40th anniversary event. **ACTION KG.** One possibility was The Derwent (www.peakvenues.co.uk): committee members would take a look. **ACTION ALL.** We would discuss plans further at the next meeting in order to keep things moving. It would also probably be good to have a small subcommittee to work on this.

Day Walks

- **JO'B:** no major issues to report.
- Currently the website said that day walks were open for booking three months in advance: agreed that this should be changed to 1 month. KG would raise with JH **ACTION KG.**
- It would be useful if, when people signed up for a day walk, they were asked if they were happy for their email address and mobile phone numbers to be shared.
- 'Meet Up' might be used to advertise day walks. KG would look into the cost **ACTION KG.**

Newsletter Editor

- HMcG: report provided.
- Now issued two newsletters. A couple of people had not been able to open the link and it had therefore been necessary to send the newsletter as a pdf. HMcG would check with Peter Roxburgh whether this issue that had arisen for him
- Main points in the newsletter would be highlighted in the covering email

Website/Social media

- Held over to next meeting. EC would be circulating a plan for the website work **ACTION EC.**

AOB - none

Dates of next virtual committee meeting

- Wednesday 19 April 2023 - 7.30pm

Summary of actions following meeting

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KG: to ask Club members' views about a 40th anniversary event in October 2024, including type of accommodation.

ALL: To consider The Derwent or other www.peakvenues.co.uk venues for 40th anniversary event.

KG: to ask JH to amend reference on website on day walks booking from three months to one month.

KG: to look into the cost of 'Meet Up', to advertise day walks.

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