

Ibex Virtual Committee Meeting Minutes – 10th October 2023, via Zoom

Attendees: Karen G, Viv&Jim N, Maggie M, Jan O'B, David M, Natalia D-B, Peter R

Apologies: Edna C, Heather McG

KG welcomed everyone.

Actions from last committee meeting

- **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 would be discussing this with HMcG*
- **EC:** to re-issue guidance on use of new Facebook page for the newsletter. *Done*
- **KG:** to do a note about the cost of Meet-up. *KG had deferred doing a note on this, pending the consideration of the extent to which day walks (a likely topic for Meet-up) would be open to non-members*
- **KG:** to explore with Jenn Li if she could take on the social media role. *KG had emailed Jenn and was awaiting a reply. The role could be left vacant for the time being.*
- **KG:** to discuss with Siobhan O'Shea the possibility of restarting some climbing activity. *KG had not yet discussed this with SO'S, but would be doing so.*
- **All:** to consider further whether to hold some data on leavers (probably name; email address or phone; and date left), and to retain this for three years. *Covered later in agenda*
- **All:** to consider further the arrangements for prospective members *Covered later in agenda*
- **MM KG:** MM to draft an email to BMC for KG comments on what "triggers" their three-month period for insurance for prospective members. *Covered later in agenda*
- **DM:** to draft a resolution to the AGM to retain the weekend participant contribution for a further year, but avoid implying it would be permanent. *Done*

President

- Minutes of 22 August meeting approved.
- Arrangements for the AGM were in hand. We had sent out templates for any resolutions or committee nominations by members, and also food menus. Subject to any other resolutions there would be three - by DM on the weekend participant contribution; by KG recommending that the membership fee stayed at £35 (which

we agreed), and by J&VN recommending an increase in the £35 pppn cap for (just) the Christmas booking, particularly given the increase in YHA charges. **ACTION KG J&VN** [*now done*] KG would mention the website new website in her report, and would also email members in November about arrangements to stagger submission of membership renewals around 1 January. **ACTION KG PR** would produce a draft agenda for the AGM. **ACTION PR**

- arrangements for the 40th anniversary event in November 2024 were in hand, with the venue booked. Quotes had been obtained for a possible Ceilidh band but the cheapest so far was £650, which might be hard to justify. We would consider other possible quotes, and alternative arrangements. JO'B would be able to be a caller.

Club nights

- **KG:** Arrangements for the club nights were in hand, with the new programme due to be announced on 11 October

Website/Social media

- DW would be a full member of the new committee as webmaster. However we should aim to transition to an arrangement whereby each committee member carried out their own role in maintaining the website. Arrangements were set out in the manual prepared by DW, and committee members were encouraged to read this.
- It was noted that there appeared to be a problem in attaching documents to emails sent out via the "all members" email group. KG had raised with James H.

Treasurer/Financial Position of Club

- **DM:** Report provided
- Bank balance= £4,790.09; PayPal=£923.50; Total=£5,713.59
- DM had produced accounts for 2022 (which had been audited), and also figures to September 2023. Bank balances had generally been higher in 2022 than in the previous year.
- DM had also drafted the resolution on the weekend participant contribution.
- Money had not yet been transferred to the new Metrobank account, in part given some negative publicity to Metrobank over the last few weeks. These appeared to have been resolved and it would still be appropriate to go ahead with the transfer; but in the circumstances it would be prudent to do a short note to the AGM explaining the position
- We would email members about renewal of membership, making clear what methods were permissible.
- DM was making arrangements for the handover to PT.

Membership

- **MM:** report provided.
- Further to discussion at the previous meeting, it was agreed that we would retain some basic data on members who leave Ibex, in order to prevent their "gaming the system" by seeking to rejoin as a prospective member after some time. We would hold just name; email address or phone; and date left), and would retain this for three years, though not longer. MM would make arrangements for this. **ACTION MM**

- In the light of the advice from BMC that they would regard the start of the three-month insurance cover as starting with the first actual contact (eg attendance on a weekend or walk) it was agreed that the arrangements for prospective members would be (as proposed): "*Prospective members can take part in one weekend and one day walk within three months of each other. To take part in any events after that three months you will need to join as a member*" and that this statement would be put on the appropriate part of the website.
- the update of the earlier analysis of participation in weekends confirms that earlier finding that about 20-25% of members do 7+ weekends a year, about 25% do none and the rest are in between.
- one member had raised concerns about the preponderance of women on weekends, and analysis had confirmed this preponderance. In discussion though it was felt that this was not an issue, and also not generally in our control. While there might be a case at some stage for asking all members via the newsletter if the type of Ibex weekends and activities met their preferences, there was no call to pursue this particular matter.

Weekend Co-ordinator - 2023

- **NDB:** No major developments. The last of the 2023 weekends had been advertised.

Weekend Planner - 2024

- **J&VN:** Report provided. No further comments

Day Walks

- **JO'B:** report provided.
- JO'B was considering a day walk just before New Year's Eve, probably Saturday 30th December.

Newsletter Editor

- No report

Date of next virtual committee meeting

- Tuesday 28 November 2023 - 7.30pm

Summary of actions following meeting

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[Actions done]

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PR: to produce a draft agenda for the AGM.

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