

Ibex Virtual Committee Meeting Minutes – 6th August 2024, via Teams

Attendees: Karen G, Maggie M, Mags R, Patrick T, David W, Jan O'B, Natalia D-B, Peter R

Apologies: Heather McG,

KG welcomed everyone.

Actions from last committee meeting

- **DW:** to close down the old website in August/September as planned. *Action in hand.*
- **KG:** to get admin rights to the Ibex Facebook page. *KG had discussed with EC, and would be getting admin rights shortly. EC would add existing events to the FB page.*
- **KG:** to try to organise an informal climbing event for Ibex members at The Castle. *It had not yet been possible to progress this but it would be taken forward. ACTION KG*
- **KG:** to inform people who organised weekends in 2023 and 2024 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. *KG had started to contact the people involved, as above, and would aim to complete this shortly. 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*
- **PR:** to complete work on putting minutes of Ibex committee meetings on the new website. *DW had established a location for committee minutes and added the main minutes. PR would complete this. 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. *This had been done*
- **KG:** to continue to take forward arrangements for the 40th anniversary event in November. *Good progress was being made, with another planning session due the following week. There were now only 7-8 spaces left. Consideration would be given to the amount of financing of the event that would be needed from Ibex. This was unlikely to be more than about £500-600.*
- **KG:** to email members about the committee vacancies to be filled at the AGM, inviting expressions of interest. *KG had emailed members, and there were now expressions of interest for each of the committee posts becoming vacant, apart from the President. It was agreed that hiving off some of the President's responsibilities might make the President's role more appealing. It was agreed that hiving off club nights as a separate responsibility would be useful.*

- **MR:** to circulate the spreadsheet of bookings for 2025. *MR had circulated the spreadsheet. Discussed later in the agenda (below)*
- **HMcG:** to continue work on the new format of the newsletter. *In discussion, some initial feedback was shared to the new format and KG would solicit more feedback on the newsletter and would inform HMcG of this discussion. We would discuss again at the next meeting.* **ACTION KG**
- **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. *The 3 people had been informed. One had not replied. One had not renewed membership, and one had finally put their membership details on the website.*

President

- Minutes of 4 June approved.
- Good progress being made on 40th anniversary, as above. **ACTION KG**
- There were expressions of interest for most of the committee vacancies at the AGM, as above.

Club nights

- **KG:** Arrangements had generally been made for all forthcoming club nights, apart from December. On the possibility of a revamp, this was something the committee might wish to consider next year.

Treasurer/Financial Position of Club

- **PT:** updated figures provided.
- Arrangements for the Metrobank account were running well.

Website/Social media

- Website: **DW:** no points to raise
- Social media: **KG:** position on Facebook covered as above. Progress was fairly slow.

Membership

- **MM:** report provided. No major issues.
- Agreed that the members of the committee needing access to the BMC database were the President, Treasurer and Membership Secretary

Weekend Co-ordinator - 2024

- **NDB:** work progressing as planned. Relevant documents had been updated.
- NDB was writing a handover note for her successor, and would circulate this for any comments.
- Discussion of period of time for which individual member details and emails should be held. Agreed that the Weekend co-ordinator did not need to hold these for five years. The Membership Secretary would hold personal details for three years, but MM would consider whether some clarification of the Privacy Policy was needed, and

come back to the next meeting. **ACTION MM**

Weekend Planner - 2025

- **MR:** Discussed bookings and agreed venues for remaining dates for 2025. MR would circulate the spreadsheet showing these. **ACTION MR**
- Discussed JO'B's proposal for Ibex's organising a week away, and agreed this was a good idea, and that there could well be interest. A possible time might be the second week in September 2025. KG would email members to see if there was interest in a week away, at a European destination, and if someone was interested in organising it and finding accommodation. **ACTION KG**

Day Walks

- **JO'B:** report provided. A walk was scheduled for each month apart from 28 September: DW had kindly offered to lead a walk then if there are no other volunteers
- Noted that trainees from the training organised by DW had not replied to a request to lead a walk, either to DW or JO'B. The terms for this training should be clarified for the future to indicate that there was an expectation that those receiving the training would lead a walk. **ACTION DW**
- JO'B was preparing a handover note for her successor

Newsletter

- Discussed as above

AOB

- KG would send an email to members to remind about the photo competition for the Ibex 2025 calendar. **ACTION KG**

Date of next virtual committee meeting

- Tuesday 15 October 2024 - 7.30pm

Summary of actions following meeting

- **KG:** to try to organise an informal climbing event for Ibex members at The Castle.
- **KG:** to complete action on informing people who organised weekends in 2023 and 2024 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.
- **KG:** to do a note on use of Meet Up to publicise day walks and club nights.
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- **KG:** to solicit more feedback on the newsletter and inform HMcG of the discussion at the meeting.
- **KG:** to continue to take forward arrangements for the 40th anniversary event in November
- **MM:** to consider whether some clarification of the Privacy Policy was needed, in respect of the length of time that personal details of members were held.
- **MR:** to circulate the completed spreadsheet of bookings for 2025
- **KG:** to email members to see if there was interest in an Ibex week away, at a European destination, and if someone was interested in organising it and finding accommodation.
- **DW:** to clarify the terms of the navigation training to indicate that there was an expectation that those receiving the training would lead a walk.
- **KG:** to send an email to members to remind about the photo competition for the Ibex 2025 calendar.