



Mountaineering Scotland

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Annual General Meeting

Glenmore Lodge - 23 November 2019

Approved minutes of the meeting

The Chair, Mike Watson, declared the meeting open at 11.20am on Saturday 23 November and welcomed members (a list of individual members and affiliated clubs' representatives who registered at the meeting is in the attached Registration List). The Chair also welcomed Megan Griffiths from sportscotland and Mike Farrell from Howdens insurers.

Apologies were noted from:

- Simon Fraser, Lochaber Mountaineering Club
- Alan McCaffery
- Strathspey Mountain Club
- Henry Thomson
- Alfie Ingram
- David Gibson
- Morag Dodds, Grampian Club
- Forfar and District Hill Walking Club
- Nick Kempe

a) Roll call and appointment of tellers:

At the request of the Chair, the Company Secretary appointed Jane Anderson and Helen Gestwicki.

b) The approval of the minutes of the previous AGM and of any subsequent EGM:

The meeting approved the resolution by a show of hands.

c) The receipt of such reports as the Board may consider appropriate to bring before the AGM for approval or information:

The Chair referred to the Annual Report which had been published in the August edition of Scottish Mountaineer magazine and was available on the Mountaineering Scotland website.

d) The receipt of the annual accounts and reports:

The Treasurer presented the financial report and referred to extracts from the Financial Statements. She said 2018-19 had delivered a £5k surplus which was a better than budgeted position. It was noted that income had increased by 3% to a total of £598k including positive growth in membership income of 1% which was higher than budget. The treasurer reported that this represented a good year for Mountaineering Scotland in attracting and retaining members with potential to build on this in the future.

Additional investment income had been secured from sportscotland which would result in a 3% increase in for 2020 from £215k to £221k. Overall the percentage of support from sportscotland had decreased to 36% of total income in 2018/19 compared to 37% for 2017/18.

As well as membership subscriptions and donations, external funding has been gratefully received from a number of other organisations which has supported the activities of the company. Particular thanks to were noted to sportscotland, British Mountaineering Council, Scottish Mountaineering Trust and The Munro Society.

The Treasurer went on to report that this position was despite additional expenditure as a result of employing a full-time access and conservation officer and also an additional part time Mountain Safety Advisor post. The proposed subscription increase should assist in meeting inflationary rises and to maintain the current level of service at reasonable cost to the membership.

Questions were posed by members about the purpose of taking into account depreciation of assets on the balance sheet, the level of depreciation and the period of time over which it was being applied. The Treasurer explained that depreciation was a technical accounting practice and was a standard approach however it was agreed to look into the period of time over which the depreciation was being applied in the accounts.

e) The fixing of members' annual subscriptions:

The Chair introduced the motion to increase the membership subscriptions by 8% to all individual and club membership categories which would be applied from 1 April 2020.

Stuart Younie (CEO and Company Secretary) explained the voting process which had been used at the 2018 AGM following advice from the Company's legal advisors Harper MacLeod. Clubs wishing to split their allocation of block votes were asked to record these on the forms provided and hand them to one of the appointed tellers at the beginning of the voting process. Votes would then be taken for and against the motion starting with individual votes and then club block votes in ascending order. These votes would then be added to the proxy votes submitted prior to the meeting to provide the final results.

SY went on to explain the background to the motion which was to meet increased costs based on the current rate of inflation over the next three years and also the additional cost of increasing the level of civil and public liability insurance cover from £10m to £15m. It was noted that the last increase in fees was in 2016 and the intention was that this increase would fix the membership fees for the next 3 years.

Following the vote, the results were declared as 367 votes for and 43 votes against the motion.

f) The election of the President, Treasurer and Board members:

Under Article of Association 6.5, and in the absence of competing nominations, there were 6 directors eligible to serve and continue until the 2020 AGM without the need for a vote: Treasurer Jennifer Cardno; Directors: Jonathan Binny, Steve Gough, Ron Neville, Jo Dytch and Kat Jones. None were challenged and all will continue until the 2020 AGM.

There were three vacancies on the board as the following directors come to the end of their term of office: Mike Watson (President), David Monteith (Mountain Safety) and Avril Gall (ClimbScotland) The following nominations were received:

- **Election of President** - Brian Shackleton (nominated Tom Prentice on behalf of the SMC & Tony Kinghorn on behalf of Ferranti Mountaineering Club)
- **Election of Director for Mountain Safety** – Nigel Clark (nominated David Monteith)
- **Election of Director for ClimbScotland** – Lucy Fraser (nominated by Avril Gall)

The Chair invited the candidates to deliver a short presentation to the floor outlining their relevant experience in relation to the positions and how they could support the work of Mountaineering Scotland.

None were challenged and the meeting approved the appointment of all three new directors by a show of hands.

g) The consideration of and taking of decisions on any duly notified proposals for the adoption of any new policies or the amendment or revocation of any existing policies:

There was no business tabled under this item.

h) Any other competent business:

There was no business tabled under this item.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

Issued by Stuart Younie, CEO & Company Secretary

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List of attendees

Name	Role
Jane Anderson	Staff
Sandor Asztalan	Member
Jonathan Binny	Member
Davie Black	Staff
Inken Blunk	Ladies' Scottish Climbing Club
Viktor Bogdan	Member
Ali Borthwick	Edinburgh JMCS
Moira BROADHEAD	Ladies' Scottish Climbing Club
Jennifer Cardno	Member
Nigel Clark	Member
Penny Clay	Member
Keith Cocks	Edinburgh Ski Touring Club
Richard Cross	Member
Koralia Daskalaki	Edinburgh JMCS
Simon Dear	Member
Janice Drew	Member
Jo Dytch	Member
Richard Elliott	Member
Mike Farrell	Howdens
John Fowler	SMC
Lucy Fraser	Borestone Climbing Club,Glasgow Silverbacks
Avril Gall	Member
Helen Gestwicki	Staff
Ben Gibson	Member
Stephen Gough	Member
Neil Gray	member
Megan Griffiths	SportScotland
Tim Hall	Member
Brian Harrison	Glasgow HF
Barry Homer	Member
Helen Homer	Member
jean hunter	Ladies' Scottish Climbing Club
Michael Hurst	Edinburgh Ski Touring Club

John Irving	Forth Valley Mountaineering Club
Christopher Jack	Member
Andrew M JAMES	Scottish Mountaineering Club, Inverness Mountaineering Club
Kat Jones	Member
John Leftley	Member
Brian Loudon	Member
Robert MacKenzie	Staff/member
Camille Mateos	Member
Michael McAnenay	Lomond Mountaineering Club
Paul Millar	Member
Monty Monteith	Member
Heather Morning	Staff/AMI
Graeme Morrison	Ferranti Mountaineering Club, Scottish Mountaineering Club
Lynne Murray	Argyll Mountaineering Club
Dr R G Neville	Grampian Club
Richard Nimmo	Member
Stan Pearson	SMC
Derek Pinches	Cairngorm Club
Patricia Ramsay	Member
Bob Reid	SMC/Honorary
Iona Rendall	Member
Iona Rendall guest 1	Guest
Iona Rendall guest 2	Guest
John Rosenfield	Member
Brian Shackleton	Scottish Mountaineering Club
Frank Souter	An Teallach Mountaineering Club
Alison Stewart	Member
Ian Stewart	Member
Sandy Stoddart	Member
Catrin Thomas	Edinburgh JMCS
Donald Thomas	Aberdeen Mountaineering Club, Cairngorm Club
Kenneth Thomson	Cairngorm Club
Alistair Todd	Member
Mike Watson	Scottish Mountaineering Club
Birte Weiss	Edinburgh JMCS
Heather Willimott	Kirkintilloch Mountaineering and Walking Club

Peter Willimott	Kirkintilloch Mountaineering and Walking Club
Kees Witte	Cairngorm Club
Andrew J L Young	Member
Stuart Younie	Staff/member