

Craven Mountaineering Club
Committee Meeting 229- 09 November 2023. 19.30 – Held on Zoom
MINUTES

8 participants: James Crawshaw, David Canning, Steve Webb, Stephen Gorman, Steve Prior, Andy Barton, , Dick Winslow, Jon Lury. Apologies from Michael Faulkner, Steve Boy.



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Agenda: As Per JLS email dated 08Nov23.



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Members)8-11-23.pd

1. Update on Membership. Andy Barton:

AB circulated a tracking sheet of prospective members and membership enquiries (see attached). 11 people joined as prospectives in 2023 of whom 2 have joined as full members. AB is following up on these and ~6 prospectives from 2022 who have probably dropped out. We are getting at least 1 new prospective/enquiry per month and they usually find us via Google/website/facebook. Website shows 51 full members.

2. Update on Meets:

- a. Whillans hut meet. (Michael).** Good meet. 9 attendees, it made a small profit.
Michael will organise it again for next year.
- b. Tuesday nights (AndyB).** Summer meets went well with ~4-6 attendees on most meets. This winter so far we are getting ~5 members at Ingleton. All present agreed that a Tuesday evening outdoor itinerary is good and we'll do it again for 2024.
SteveW volunteered to ask members if they want different crags included.
- c. Monthly Sunday Socials (James and others).** Usually pretty well attended.
- d. Christmas walk and Meal: Andy and Steve:** 16 December. Meal 4pm at Craven Arms, **Steve is planning a 3h walk.**
- e. First Aid. SteveW:** 12 places of which 9 are booked (7paid). Steve is chasing the remaining payments. Steve has offered the 3 remaining places to the YMC. Steve will investigate running this again in future years but on the understanding that it is put out to other clubs in order to make sure the places are booked and paid quickly.
- f. How is the “member suggested meets” model going? (All).** the Scottish winter and Summer Welsh raid were well attended. Members booked their own

accommodation (avoids problem of club paying, taking financial risk and admin burden).

Gaping Ghyll and Ilkley climbing film did not get much interest.

DavidC commented that members want more weekend meets. **ACTION: All to try to stimulate more members to suggest/coordinate w/e meets.**

g. Other “Committee organised meets”: Dick and StephenG

Patterdale Hut meet end November: Dick and StephenG . 8 of 10 places are booked so it will cover costs.

Hadrians Wall meet for September 2024: StephenG looking into it.

DW reported that a member had asked for a May 2024 meet to Torrion, but the accommodation for these very popular areas and dates needs to be booked a long time in advance with payment upfront – so this is not within our current model of meets (see comments above about successful weekend meets where members book their own accommodation).

End January 2024: DW is looking to book a hut at approximately end of January.

Walking meets: SteveW reported that there does not seem to be much interest among members for walking meets, but that the current model of piggy-backing on YMC walking meets is working well. AndyB asked people to plan a few CMC walking meets so we can offer some in return to the YMC. **ACTION: SteveW to f/u with people who volunteered to lead walks.**

3. Is the current model of the club working for members?

Meets: as above. Some members might want more meets, but very few members volunteer to lead a meet and take on the admin burden, so the current compromise of some Committee organised meets and more member suggested meets is probably the most realistic sustainable model.

Admin burden on Committee: we did not discuss this but I think the burden is less and is more sustainable for the committee – what does everybody think?

4. Discussion of Club Communication: Website / FB / Instagram:

Several cttee members admitted they could not do simple tasks on the website. **ACTION: AndyB might be able to find and circulate Andy Hudsons old “How to...” notes. ALL: to experiment with website and contact David with problems.**

DavidC: Instagram and FB are the most useful for the club to be found by the public in searches, also they are easier to keep up to date than the website. **ACTION: DavidC to set up link from website to Insta and FB so that meet reports get shared from the website to Insta and FB.**

CMC Flyer: **ACTION AndyB to circulate so that cttee members can pin them up in gear shops etc.**

5. F/u on Tasks from previous meeting:

1	<p>The previous points about members map / new members experience and interests. Have all been grouped here because they all concern website functionality.</p> <p>Interactive group members map for FB/website (needs adding the new photos disclaimer to the club application form, these are both to be opt-out).</p> <p>(was 8) Members profiles on website with interests etc. (should at least have cttee ones)... with links to below... Location Picture Key interests Level of experience</p> <p>(was 9) Members directory - link up with other members based on location/interests/climbing styles/other interests. E.g. increase the functionality of the members listing on the website?</p>	<p>Map of members: AndyB did a quick prototype. Not clear whether it is worth the effort.</p> <p>JamesC and DavidC to check whether we can add extra functions to the members list on website. E.g. add profile picture, add key interests etc. Ongoing.</p>
2	<p>Membership/renewal form updates (disclaimer for photos/members map, "do you approve for your pictures and name to be shared on social media...")</p>	<p>JonL. Not done yet.</p>
3	<p>Andy's phone mentoring Buddy Calls. Andy has sent out and excel sheet of names to the volunteers.</p>	<p>Not all cttee members were able to complete this, but when done these have worked well. All present agreed to continue doing these with the list of members they were originally allocated by Andy.</p>
4	<p>Chair succession</p>	<p>JamesC</p>
5	<p>Item 3.3 from 17MAR objectives list (Proposing Meets Guidance doc) – the consensus of thos present was that this is still required.</p> <p>Advice on how to tell attendees what level of experience they must have, or to make meet coordinator aware of the attendees lack of experience. Or should this be put somewhere else?</p>	<p>IanD: Draft done: ACTION JonL to resend to Cttee members for approval and then decide where to publish it.</p>
6	<p>List of local relevant training providers for website -try get discounts/group bookings - Olly Roberts is def one for the list, a couple of us had a great winter trip with free guiding from him to up his logbook for his quals. Shops/walls where we get a club discount. Several cttee members expressed interest in first aid training (either 2 days to gain a certificate or just an evening for general knowledge).</p>	<p>First Aid: SteveW has done (see above).</p> <p>Providers list: SteveP has circulated a draft for review.</p>
7	<p>Merch (car stickers/mugs/beanies?). 6 years ago there was no interest in hoodies and baseball caps.</p>	<p>SteveB will send out some ideas. SteveW volunteered to look in to this.</p>
10	<p>Communication to members about results of cttee discussions about future club and Cttee strategy.</p> <p>Motivation of members to attend meets and propose their own WhatsApp meets.</p> <p>Need to f/u on our promise to have a F2F meeting of members.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jon to draft a message to all members: Not done 2. SteveB and JamesC to make a video to share with members. Not done. 3. Aim for a F2F members pub

		<p>meeting in ~July-Aug. Probably as part of the regular social meets. Not done – now planning to do a F2F AGM.</p> <p>All present agreed that it makes sense to do a F2F AGM where we can report on how we have changed the club and what progress we are seeing.</p>

6. AOB:

Club Membership fee for 2024: BMC Adult Club Membership will be £23.90, therefore JL suggested that the CMC fee could be £28 (with the CMC only keeping £4.10). All present agreed with this, with the proviso that MichaelF confirms it will generate enough income for the club. **ACTION: JonL to check with MichaelF.**

BMC liability insurance and advice about sharing experience with less experienced members: **ACTION JonL to recirculate the summary to all members.**

lanD is no longer on the Committee.

SteveB is v v busy so not able to do much cttee work for the foreseeable future.

7. AGM Planning:

All agreed that we would like a F2F AGM in March, potentially at one of the regular Sunday Socials. **ACTION: JamesC to check whether we can combine F2F with online meeting from the pub.**

8. Next Committee meeting:

End of January or early February, in advance of the AGM: **ACTION JonL to send out a poll to gauge best date.**

Meeting ended 21.15h

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