

UBES Annual General Meeting 2017 minutes

Members present: 44

Members voting by prior email: 6

WELCOME

CHAIR'S REPORT – *Alasdair Robertson*

- We had two highly successful summer trips in 2016 to Norway and Slovenia.
- Our membership has increased to possibly its greatest number ever – we have been pleased to welcome a great many great new people to the society.
- We have enjoyed a wide variety of creative and fun socials thanks to Declan and Luise.
- A couple of emergency situations have reminded us that we do undertake dangerous activities, but we are all happy and well.

TREASURER'S REPORT – *Tom Kilcommons*

- We currently have a surplus of £3,500 which, after covering subsidies and AGM losses, will likely be reinvested in resources/kit/etc. for the society.
 - The committee welcome any suggestions via email or in person for how this reinvestment might be made.
- Our 'net assets' are currently £13,985, up from £10,768 on 1st June 2016.
- Our trips (excl. Portland and AGM) made an average surplus of £121.
- We have 310 paying members, with £4,020 taken in membership fees.
- Turnover for the year to date is £24,338, also not including Portland or the AGM.

OPENING CEREMONY – *UBES freshers*

The freshers treated us to a vocal cover of "UBES Beautiful" – Original music by James Blunt, lyrics by UBES freshers. There may have been an attempt to sing a second song, but it was lost to giggling.

MOTIONS

1. Create a third Expeditions Officer committee role – *proposed by Catherine Easdon*
Defeated
2. Counter-motion to 1. Create a new role on the committee under the name of "Exploratory Expeditions Officer" – *proposed by Ashley King*
Passed
3. A. Change the phrasing of "Associate member" in the official constitution to "Associate"
Passed

B. Add to section 3. Membership the item: "Only society members with full membership (i.e. fee paying to, and members of the University of Bristol Students Union) are able to take part in trips in an official capacity (driving vehicles or otherwise). Associates are welcome to take

part in trips but do so at their own expense and should agree any shared costs (accommodation, food, transport) before the trip leaves."

Passed

C. Addendum to 8. General Meetings: "Only full members, not associates, should be counted during any AGM or EGM or in the process of calling for an EGM". – *A, B and C proposed by Jono Hawkins*

Passed

4. Add to the constitution that there can be two positions of postgraduate officer to reduce the workload of the position – *proposed by Jono Hawkins*

Passed

5. Create a grant to be awarded to one member annually for the purpose of helping to fund an ambitious exploratory or solo expedition – *proposed by Val Ismaili*

Defeated

6. Create an emergency fund to be used to bail UBESTers out of prison in the event of arrest for indecent exposure – *proposed by Archie Walker*

Defeated

7. Decide what to do with the controversial stuffed toy commonly known as "Goaty McGoatface"

- a. Officially pass it on to James Wheeler as its owner and protector – *proposed by Archie Walker*
- b. Burn it and be rid of it once and for all – *proposed by Alasdair Robertson*
- c. Rename and rebrand it – call it "Duncan Junior" in the hope that people are more sympathetic towards it and to highlight the unusual nature of the relationship that certain UBESTers have with it – *proposed by Alasdair Robertson*

Option a. passed

8. Enforce consistency in the naming of Welsh mountain ranges during signup so that we refer either to eg. "Glyders and the Carnedds" or "Glyderau and Carneddau", but under no circumstances a mixture of both – *proposed by Oliver Wing*

Passed

9. Introduce a 5-point difficulty factor scale to route descriptions, ideally by referring to them as:

1. Bimble – a short, flat walk
2. Ramble – a long, flat walk
3. Himble – a short/easy mountain day
4. Rumble – a long/hard mountain day
5. Timble – an insane/epic mountain day – *proposed by Helen Taylor*

Passed

10. Independence of the climbing section of the society, with devo max – *proposed by Ashley King*
Defeated
11. Introduction of a deluxe membership with an increased fee for those members who wish to engage in physical or emotional relations with other members – *proposed by Ashley King*
Defeated
12. Name Tim Lewis “UBESter of the Years / UBESter of the Blynnyddoedd” – *proposed by Lydia Dashley Giddings and Oliver Wing*
Passed
13. Get a giraffe mascot – *proposed by Ollie Chapman*
Defeated
14. Make Emily Grout “Interior Design Officer” – *proposed by Emily Grout*
Passed

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Secretary

Candidates: Helen Astle, Megan Clark

Elected: **Megan Clark**

Expeditions Officer

Candidates: Archie Walker, Rhodri Williams, Rory Bryson

Elected: **Rhodri Williams, Rory Bryson**

Exploratory Expeditions Officer

Candidates: Nathan Masters, Val Ismaili

Elected: **Val Ismaili**

Climbing Officers

Candidates: Archie Walker, Chloe Brooks, John Naish, Peter D. Rosso

Elected: **Archie Walker, Chloe Brooks**

Kit and Safety Officer

Candidates: Alice Denning, Peter D. Rosso

Elected: **Alice Denning**

Climbing Kit and Safety Officer

Candidates: Claire Squires, Jono Hawkins

Elected: **Claire Squires**

Social Secretaries

Candidates: Ashley King, Faye Latham, Peter D. Rosso, Rory Bryson Zoë Richmond

Elected: **Faye Latham, Zoë Richmond**

Treasurer

Candidates: Catherine Easdon, Ollie Chapman, Ollie Wing

Elected: **Ollie Chapman**

Around this point the Secretary decided to take a break from chairing proceedings to lie on the grass and the President briefly took over.

Webmaster

Candidates: Lucy Courtnall, Ollie Chapman, Sam Huguet

Elected: **Lucy Courtnall**

Postgraduate Officers

Candidates: Archie Walker, James Wheeler, Nathan Masters, Sam Huguet

Elected: **James Wheeler, Sam Huguet**

Vice President

Candidates: Phil Eccleston, Emily Grout

Elected: **Phil Eccleston**

President

Candidates: Alasdair Robertson, Ashley King, Tom Kilcommons, John Naish

Elected: **Tom Kilcommons**

Foreign Correspondent

Candidates: Catherine Easdon & Darius Azadi, George Caren, Rhodri Williams

Elected: **Catherine Easdon & Darius Azadi**

UBESTER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

- Awarded to **James Wheeler**, Climbing Kit and Safety Officer and Postgraduate Officer-elect.
- Mr Wheeler knocked over an emergency bucket of water while approaching the stage and declined to make an acceptance speech.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – Jono Hawkins

- Mr Hawkins expressed his gratitude to his committee, thanking them each personally for their help and support in a moving speech. He also called the Climbing Officer, one Mr King, "a little bitch".
- In return, the Vice President, Ms Grout, thanked the President effusively for all his hard work and excellence. A round of applause was held and an unidentified audience member was heard to express a desire to bear Mr Hawkins' offspring.

CLOSING WORDS – *Departing UBESTers*

- Nothing of consequence was said.

PHOTOS



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Ollie Chapman and Sam Huguet stand onstage to run for Webmaster. Credit – Peter D. Rosso



The outgoing and incoming committees together before leaving the campsite in glorious sunshine the morning following the AGM. Credit - Claire Noble