

Annual General Meeting Minutes 2018



University of Bristol
Expeditions Society

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Date: Saturday 14th April 2018

Venue: Tan Aeldroch Farm, North Wales

Compiled by: M. Clark

Verified by: T. Kilcommons, P. Eccleston

Attendees: 39

Voters by email: 4

Quoracy: Quorate (43 voters meets 33 required)

Welcome

Chair's Report

After two successful summer trips, we had our busiest year yet with more members than ever before. A successful Intro to Climbing and talk by UBES Founder Tony Morrison kicked off the year, with fantastic socials and climbing sessions weekly. Weekend trips ran smoothly, and Scotland was another fantastic success. We ran the Walk Leader Training Series, which has given us a fantastic cohort of new Walk Leaders. After some fantastically snowy weather in the Spring we enjoyed the wintery weather both in the mountains and in Bristol. Thanks to all, particularly Committee, but also to Redpoint supervisors, Walk Leaders, and Drivers!

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Treasurer's Report

Report from Oliver Chapman, Treasurer (read by Philip Eccleston, Vice-President)

Key Details

- Membership remains strong with 311 paying members this year
- Breakdown of trip expenditure (average per person, per trip) – £24 Vehicle Hire and Petrol; £10 Accommodation; £4 Food; £4 on other costs and £3 to wider budget.
- Increased membership fees from £13 to £15 this year, which helped the Society become more financially sustainable and has given an extra £600 to invest into the Society.
- The Society has spent £1880 so far this year on a breakdown of 60% Climbing, 40% Walking and 10% General.
- Largest purchase was £575 into new sets of crampons to replace old and broken pairs.
- More money given out in subsidies this year. 7x£100 Mountain Leader (ML) subsidies and 4x£65 Rock Climbing Instructor (RCI) subsidies (formerly known as Single Pitch Award (SPA)).
- Suggestions from the membership for spending have been sought but they only consisted of a Mitsubishi Delica. More suggestions are thus sought.

Opening Ceremony - UBES Freshers

A suspect version of YMCA using the letters UBES. The Freshers were many in number, and they tried their best to bless them. It was short but fairly effective.

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Motions

See the AGM Agenda and Annexes for full detail of each motion as voted on.

1. Accurate AGM Minutes – *Proposed by Helen Taylor*

Defeated

2. Clarification of quoracy definition – *Proposed by Tom Kilcommons*

Committee size to be defined as all official roles excluding Foreign Correspondent.

Passed with amendment

- Amendment - *Proposed by Catherine Easdon*

Remove Webmaster role from this exclusion (i.e. include them in Committee size definition, and retain their voting rights). – **Passed**

3. Approval of constitutional amendments – *Proposed by Tom Kilcommons*

Passed

4. Process for handling tied Committee votes – *Proposed by Tom Kilcommons*

Passed

5. Clarification of Treasurer role – *Proposed by Tom Kilcommons*

Passed

6. Development Officer Role to replace EEO – *Proposed by Tom Kilcommons*

Passed

- Amendment – *Proposed by Mark Waddoups*

Role to require an Exploratory Expedition – **Defeated**

- Amendment – *Proposed by Mark Waddoups*

Role to continue to be named 'Exploratory Expedition Officer' – **Defeated**

7. Merging of Kit and Safety Roles – *Proposed by Rory Bryson*

Defeated

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8. Making Rock Climbing Instructor (RCI) (formerly SPA) training a requirement for at least one Climbing Officer.

– *Proposed by Megan Clark (Chaired by Tom Kilcommons).*

Passed with amendment

- Amendment – *Proposed by Alice Denning*

Committee to fund the course cost of at least one Officers RCI training at their discretion, in the same way as the BMC Safety Seminar is funded for Kit and Safety Officers – **Passed**

9. Clarification of Associate Membership – *Proposed by Jono Hawkins*

- The Quorum agrees that the term 'Associate Member' is ambiguous .

Passed

- The Quorum agrees that 'Full Member' indicates any fee paying member of the University of Bristol Students Union and the University of Bristol Expeditions Society, and that the term 'Associate Member' is obsolete. Any use of the term 'Associate Member' should be removed from the Constitution.

Passed

- The Quorum agrees that the President, Treasurer and Secretary must be current students of the University of Bristol during their term of office, in line with Bristol Students' Union requirements.

Passed

- The Quorum agrees that the Vice President must be a current student of the University of Bristol during their term of office.

Passed

10. Creation of an Associate Committee – *Proposed by Tom Kilcommons.*

Defeated

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Unofficial Motions

11. Kit and Safety Officers tagging

Passed

(However let it be noted that the current Kit and Safety Officers failed in completing the requirements of this motion)

12. Presidential FanFic

Passed

(and an attempt to read out the FanFic was made, however it was the delivery as much as the content which the Quorum found amusing.)

- Amendment -*Proposed by Rherderi Williams*

Charlie Harding shall henceforth be known as Chardon

Passed unanimously

13. Sea Bagging

Passed

- Amendment - *Proposed by Somebody*

Rivers to count towards Lake Bags - **Defeated**

14. Exploratory Expeditions Official Facebook Page

Passed

15. Google Training

Passed probably

16. Pot Washing Officer

Defeated because we didn't vote on it

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Committee Elections

President

Candidates: Claire Squires, Rory Bryson, Archie Walker

Elected: **Rory Bryson**

Vice President

Candidates: Claire Squires, Archie Walker, John Naish, Jonathan Walsh

Elected: **Claire Squires**

Climbing Officers (x2)

Candidates: Clara Cottet, Harriet Enevoldsen, Will Armstrong

Elected: **Harriet Enevoldsen and Will Armstrong**

Kit and Safety Officer

Candidates: Molly Harrison, Tom Gideonse

Elected: **Tom Gideonse**

Treasurer

Candidates: Molly Harrison, Natalie Minter, Tom Kilcommons

Elected: **Molly Harrison**

Climbing Kit and Safety Officer

Candidates: Cassia Copeland, Alice Denning

Elected: **Cassia Copeland**

Expeditions Officer (x2)

Candidates: Alice Denning, Mark Waddoups, Rhodri Williams, John Naish, Jonathan Walsh

Elected: **Alice Denning and Mark Waddoups**

Development Officer

Candidates: Catherine Easdon

Elected: **Catherine Easdon**

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Social Secretaries (x2)

Candidates: Ashley King, George Rich, Jono Hawkins, Meghan Guy

Elected: **George Rich and Meghan Guy**

Webmaster

Candidates: Charlie Harding, Mark Waddoups, Jonathan Walsh, Rhodri Williams

Elected: **Charlie Harding**

Postgraduate Officers (x2)

Candidates: Claire Noble, James Wheeler

Elected: **Claire Noble, James Wheeler**

(Unofficial) Foreign Correspondent

Candidates: Molly McCarthy

Elected: **Molly McCarthy**

UBESter of the Year Announcement

Winner - Alice Denning, who preceades to talk something suspect about Syria and Russia that we've all fortunately forgotten.

Lake Bagging Points Winner

Winner - Charding and Hazza (Joint)

Tie break moo-off results in Charding winning the Lake Bagging title, while both candidates are the true winners of the real prize: pride and dignity.

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President's Address – Tom Kilcommons

The President addressed the Society membership, thanking everyone for taking the time to take part in our Annual General Meeting so passionately. He thanked the outgoing Committee each for their outstanding commitment, both to their role and to general activities, and remarked on the year's progress. Congratulations were given to our recipients of official training subsidies, wishing them every luck in their courses. Further thanks were given to all those not on the Committee who generously give their time to the Society throughout the year, whether on or off trips, driving vehicles, teaching climbing, leading walks, and informally advising the Committee, to name a few.

The Secretary was thanked tremendously for her extremely diligent preparation for the meeting, and for her courteous but firm chairing.

The President finally congratulated the incoming Committee on their successful election, and wished them the best of luck for the forthcoming year.

Closing Words - Departing UBESers

Closing words were brief due to it being 2:30am and many people already heading to bed.

Rhodri, Phil and Archie assembled on stage. Phil and Archie announced that they had intended to join UBMC 4 years ago but accidentally joined UBES, and were too awkward to backtrack. Next 2 hours were spent tending to the fire.

APPROVAL

I confirm that these minutes are an accurate representation of the proceedings.

Original Signed By

Megan Clark
Secretary

Tom Kilcommons
President

Philip Eccleston
Vice President