

# Annual General Meeting Minutes 2019



University of Bristol  
Expeditions Society

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<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 27 April 2019
<b>Venue:</b>	Eric Jones Bunkhouse, Tremadog, North Wales
<b>Compiled by:</b>	H. Astle
<b>Attendees:</b>	40
<b>Voters by email:</b>	4
<b>Quoracy:</b>	Quorate (44 voters meets 33 required)

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## Chair's Report – Helen Astle

The spirit of UBES has shone through and defined our activities of the 2018/19 academic year. The summer saw a new cohort receiving Mountain Leader and Rock Climbing Instructor training and a handful of UBESers are to be congratulated for passing their assessments. Following two international summer expeditions to Albania and Iceland, our calendar was jam(pickle?)-packed. Creative socials and interesting talks by UBES alumni accompanied regular climbing sessions, all of which provided the means for a fresh generation of UBESers to embed themselves in our community. This year has been exceptionally challenging and I commend the committee and our members for supporting each other through everything.

## Treasurer's Report – Molly Harrison

### Key points:

- Total income from membership this year was £4076 as we kept the cost of membership at £15 and member numbers dropped slightly to 270, a decrease of 41 from last year.
- Total expenditure on new equipment was £1012.18 and the majority of this was on climbing gear and kit, but included new headtorches and survival bags required for all weekend trips. In addition to this we were awarded a grant of £400.03 by the SU for 10x new climbing harnesses.
  - We will hopefully have around £1400 to spend on new kit once the accounts have been finalised – suggestions from the membership are welcome!

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- Our aim is for the trips to pay for themselves. This was almost achieved, only making a small loss of £298.30. The cancelled Brecon Beacons trip at the start of the year was the biggest contributor to this, as this trip made a loss of £675.20 due to refunding trip participants.
- Socials were handled independently and made no impact on UBES' finances. However, a small profit of £225 was made from Ceilidh ticket sales.

**Opening Ceremony – UBES freshers**

The most impressive Opening Ceremony of recent years, UBES elders were treated to a creative mash-up by a throng of insulated-jacket-clad fresh. Key lyrics included 'Get down low, get Alpine Lowe', 'I'm gonna walk some hills, only got cheese n' pickle in my sandwich', and 'headin' to the Highbury instead of the library'.

**Motions**

*\*See the AGM agenda and Annexes for full details of each motion that was voted on\**

1. Wednesday Walks – *proposed by Will Gompertz*

**Defeated**

2. Clarification on the participation of non-members – *proposed by Tom Kilcommons*

- The Quorum agrees that any involvement of non-members should be decided upon by the Committee on a case-by-case basis and they do not have a right to participate.

**Passed**

- The Quorum agrees that non-members should only be allowed to participate in a trip without registering if they "operate with substantial independence" from the main trip logistics.

**Passed**

- The Quorum agrees that the Committee can occasionally make exceptions as it deems appropriate.

**Passed**

- The Quorum agrees that the Committee can also disallow anyone from participating in an activity if they so decide.

**Passed**

- The Quorum agrees for the following constitutional amendment to be made:

REPLACE ALL OF 3(b) with: *3.b. All other persons who are interested in the aims and objectives of the Society may request to associate as Friends of the Society, subject to the sole discretion of the Executive Committee. Only Society members with full membership (i.e. fee paying to, and members of the University of Bristol Student's Union) are able to take part in trips in a full capacity. Friends of the Society may request to take part in some aspects of trips (e.g. by organising their own transport and/or accommodation) but must do so with substantial independence, at their own expense, and should agree to contribute to any shared costs (such as any shared accommodation, food or transport) before the trip leaves. The quorate Executive Committee reserves the right to disallow any person or persons from participating in any activity*

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*for any reason, except where it would be unlawful under discrimination laws or contrary to Union byelaws. In exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee (including but not necessarily limited to alumni who have given substantial benefit to the Society), the Executive Committee may occasionally permit Friends of the Society to take part in trips in a full capacity.*

**Passed**

3. Official Ceilidh name – *proposed by Claire Squires*

- The Quorum agrees that the annual Ceilidh shall henceforth be known as 'Fenja's Ceilidh'

**Defeated**

- The Quorum agrees that the annual Ceilidh shall henceforth be a fundraising opportunity for Mountain Rescue

**Passed**

4. Johnathan Walsh to be appointed as an Honorary President – *proposed by Helen Astle*

**Passed**

**Unofficial Motions**

5. *Wives and Girlfriends Officer* – *proposed by Tom Gideonse*

**Defeated**

6. *Outgoing Presidential mascot* – *proposed by Sir James Wheeler*

**Defeated**

7. *Euphoria's place in UBES* – *proposed by Claire Squires and Will Gompertz*

i. Enforcement

**Passed**

ii. Replacement

**Defeated**

**Committee Elections**

Secretary

Candidates: Aaron Larkworthy, Molly McCarthy

Elected: **Aaron Larkworthy**

President

Candidates: Cassia Copeland, Will Armstrong, Alice Denning, Tom Gideonse

Elected: **Cassia Copeland**

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Vice-President

Candidates: James Wheeler, Will Armstrong, Rory Bryson  
Elected: **James Wheeler**

Expedition Officers (x2)

Candidates: Jodie Hill, Janine Alexander, Charlie Harding  
Elected: **Janine Alexander, Charlie Harding**

Climbing Officers (x2)

Candidates: Clara Cottet, Will Armstrong, George Rich  
Elected: **Clara Cottet, George Rich**

Social Secretaries (x2)

Candidates: Tessa Kilpatrick, Ellen Kinsman, Meghan Guy,  
Elected: **Tessa Kilpatrick, Ellen Kinsman**

Development Officer

Candidates: Danai Osmond  
Elected: **Danai Osmond**

Kit and Safety Officer

Candidates: Siân Thorpe, John Naish  
Elected: **Siân Thorpe**

Climbing Kit and Safety Officer

Candidates: Leila Pankhurst, Claire Leonie Squires  
Elected: **Leila Pankhurst**

Treasurer

Candidates: Ewan White, Edgar Crassier  
Elected: **Ewan White**

Postgraduate Officer (x2)

Candidates: Axel Montout, James Wheeler  
Elected: **Axel Montout, James Wheeler**

Webmaster

Candidates: Charlie Harding, Tom Gideonse, Alice Denning  
Elected: **Charlie Harding**

Foreign Correspondent

Candidates: Camille Bays  
Elected: **Camille Bays**

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**UBESter of the Year Winner Announcement**

Awarded to **Cassia Copeland**, Kit and Safety Officer and President (Queen)-elect. The most gracious and humble UBESter of the Year of recent times.

**President's Address**

The President commendably fought off interruption to provide a sincere and well-rounded overview of the membership and committee's successes and challenges this academic year. Heartfelt and detailed thanks were given to each committee member, as Mr President acknowledged individual strengths in each individual. The address ended with a toast to our friend Fenja and the spirit of UBES.

**Closing Words – departing UBESers**

After the excitement of the newly elected Kit and Safety Officer showing her sadness that the AGM was reaching its end by flinging herself (face-first) off the top shelf of the bunkhouse onto an Asda crate, the closing words were somewhat anti-climactic. Nowt important was really said.