

**University of Bristol Expeditions Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes 2021**

Date: Saturday 17 April 2021

Venue: Via Zoom

Compiled by: J. Hill

Verified by: E. Kinsman, L. Pankhurst

Attendees: 36

Voters by email: 8

Chairs Report – Jodie Hill

The spirit of UBES has never been so important with the society being put on complete hold for 12 months. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has meant there has been no in person socials or trips however despite this we have stayed connected through the introduction of the family scheme, online socials, and the Wednesday talk series. I know this is not the year we expected or hoped for, and it has been exceptionally challenging (especially for Ellen and Leila) and I commend the committee and our members for supporting each other through these times. I am sure like myself you cannot wait for things to return to normality, and I hope next year brings brighter days filled with mountain air and all the cheese and pickles sandwiches. Hold on tight, UBES will be united again soon.

UBESter of the Year Winner Announcement

Awarded to **Ellen Kinsman**, ex-social secretary, and current president. Thank you for navigating us through these challenging times and ensuring UBES sees another year. Your bubbly personality and love for this society has shone through.

Treasurers Report – William Hunt

See appendix 1

Let's get started

- UBES external account is closed since around Christmas time
- Money is being safely held by HSBC and we are in the process of reopening it
- Might make parts of this report a bit confusing but I'll do my best to explain

Income

- Memberships were less expensive this year at £5 each to obviously reflect the less active the society would be as a result of the pandemic
- Teaching Block 1 – 223 sales
- Teaching Block 2 – 17 members
- Total income from membership to £1,200

Trips and social

- Sadly, no trips so no in or out for that
- Socials were free to run and participate in, so no in or out for that either

Merch

- For merch we're currently sitting at a loss for the beanies and stickers
- Due to unsold surplus – could be sold or used as prizes etc in future
- UBESwear is where the first complication from the closed account arises
- The number you see is total expense of purchasing it

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- Money placed into account for purchase has not yet been accounted for
- This cannot be done until the account is reopened, and we have access to old statements
- Looks like a big loss but in reality, isn't, if I had to estimate, about £115 of this is already back in the account

Training subsidies

- Subsidies for 4 people to conduction ML training, £100 each

Running costs

Covid PPE – gloves, antibacterial wipes, masks, thermometer

Web services – zoom, domain

Total

Net gain of 95 – this is actually a little higher in reality as I'll explain

Final Balance sheet

- As the account has been closed, there are pending refund payments which will be made immediately upon reopening
- This is what the including pending figure represents
- While we hold this much as of right now, if the account was open, we'd have already provided refunds, so I just wanted to reflect this

So net gain which is impressive for such a strange year.

Motions

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

1. Addition to the Social Secretary role – *Proposed by Ellen Kinsman*

An additional role has been added role to the 'Social Secretary' duties. This role requires the social secretaries to run one social for teaching block one and teaching block two with the sole intent to give the profits made from the socials to a chosen charity.

There will be an addition in section 5.6 of the constitution which states the following: 'Organising at least one charity fundraiser social event each teaching block'.

Approve (30, 96.8%) Disapprove (1, 3.2%)

2. Charity to be decided at AGM every year - *Proposed by Ellen Kinsman*

At every Annual General Meeting, there will be a review of the chosen charity with the opportunity to nominate a new charity for the following 12 months. Suggestions for the next charity can be emailed in advance to the secretary or nominated on the evening of the AGM. The charity elected will be in place for next 12 months.

The charity is strongly encouraged to be related to the outdoors however the charity seen appropriate by most will be accepted.

Approve (27, 96.4%) Disapprove (1, 3.6%)

3. Changing of the society name on the Student Union Website – *Proposed by Ellen Kinsman*

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The name of the society to be changed on the Bristol Students Union page to enable clearer clarification that 'The Expedition Society' is 'UBES' as these are interchanged a lot. This will hopefully make it easier for freshers to find us on the website!

- a. Expedition Society (UBES)
Approve (27, 93.1%) Disprove (2, 6.9%)
 - b. No Change
Approve (2, 6.9%) Disprove (27, 93.1%)
4. Society Associate Committee renewal in 2022 – *Proposed by Jodie Hill*

The Society Associate Committee review date will be pushed back 1 year to 2022 instead of 2021 to rectify a mistake made in the 2020 minutes.

Approve (29, 100%)

Unofficial Motions

- 5. TKC's Zoom name to be "John Naish"
Approve (23, 82.1%) Disapprove (5, 17.9%)
- 6. Committee position for sock wrestling secretary – *Proposed by Megan Clark*
Approve (23, 82.1%) Disapprove (5, 17.9%)
 - a. Training sessions for sock wrestling
Approve (23, 82.1%) Disapprove (5, 17.9%)
 - b. Best-practise seminars for sock wrestling
Approve (21, 75.0%) Disapprove (7, 25.0%)
 - c. Secretary to establish canonical type of sock and which foot
Approve (20, 71.4%) Disapprove 8, 28.6%)
- 7. Name Bristol fountains counted for lake baggins during a UBES event – *Proposed by Rory Bryson*
Approve (26, 92.9%) Disapprove (2, 7.1%)
- 8. The Frubes house to be the new UBES house – *Proposed by Crispian Morris*
Approve (17, 58.6%) Disapprove (12, 41.4%)
- 9. President to attempt to convince UBESers to repopulate the UBES house – *Proposed by Ellen Kinsman*
Approve (25, 89.3%) Disapprove (3, 10.7%)
- 10. If no UBESers reside in 23 Highbury vaults, the Frubes house is the interim UBES house –
Proposed by Claire Naveh
Approve (22, 95.7%) Disapprove (1, 4.3%)

General Policy

- 1. Scotland Mountain Rescue to be the next years chosen charity to support – *Proposed by Ellen Kinsman*

** To be reviewed in April 2022

Social secretaries will award the charity donations from the two-charity fundraiser social events in the year of 2021-2022 to the 'Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team'. This will last for 12 months.

Approve (25, 92.6%) Disapprove (2, 7.4%)

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2. Publication rules for AGM and EGM minutes – *Proposed by Tom Kilcommons*

****This is to be reviewed in 2 years' time (April 2023) with intention to officially add to the constitution.**

Following any General Meetings of the Society, the Secretary is required to record and publish minutes of that meeting as follows.

The minutes must contain the exact text of any constitutional changes and/or general policy motions passed. Where motions or amendments were not proposed with such text initially, the Secretary should make reasonable endeavours to confirm an appropriate wording with the proposer to ensure that their motion and the decision(s) of the General Meeting are represented faithfully.

Approval by Committee:

The quorate incumbent Committee must approve the content of the minutes prior to their publication to ensure their accuracy.

Publication method:

The minutes must be published on the public Society website.

Publication date:

The minutes must be published (having been duly approved) no later than 30 calendar days following the date of the General Meeting. The Secretary is therefore responsible for ensuring the minutes are written and approved in a timely fashion.

Approve (24, 100%)

Committee Elections

President

Candidates: Ewan White, David Exton, Re-open nominations

Ewan White (23, 69.7%), David (10, 30.0%)

Elected: Ewan White

Vice President

Candidates: Jodie Hill, Jack Kanutin, Re-open nominations

Jodie Hill (27, 79.4%), Jack Kanutin (7, 20.6%)

Elected: Jodie Hill

Secretary

Candidates: Alex Parry, Aaron Larkworthy, Megan Clark, Re-open nominations

Alex Parry (28, 100%)

Elected: Alex Parry

Treasurer

Candidates: Ben Taylor, Megan Clark, Claire Naveh, Re-open nominations

Ben Taylor (28, 96.6%), Megan Clark (1, 3.4%)

Elected: Ben Taylor

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Kit & Safety Officer (General)

Candidates: Merryn Matthews, Charlie Harding, Re-open nominations
Merryn Matthews (21, 95.5%), Charlie Harding (1, 4.8%)

Elected: Merryn Matthews

Kit & Safety Officer (Climbing)

Candidates: Edgar Crassier, Crispian Morris, Re-open nominations
Edgar Crassier (20, 95.2%), Crispian Morris (1, 4.8%)

Elected: Edgar Crassier

Climbing Officers (x2)

Candidates: Max Ellis, George Leigh, Claire Naveh, Aaron Larkworthy, Re-open nominations
Max Ellis (25, 100%), George Leigh (22, 88.0%), Re-open nominations (1, 4.0%)

Elected: Max Ellis, George Leigh

Expedition Officers (x2)

Candidates: James Harris, Sian Thorpe, Re-open nominations
James Harris (11, 100%), Re-open nominations (6, 54.5%), Sian Thorpe (1, 9.1%)

Elected: James Harris, Re-open nominations

*An EGM will be held to appoint a second expedition officer at the start of the next academic year (2021/2022)

Equality Officer

Candidates: Bronwen Hall, Ellen Kinsman, Re-open nominations
Bronwen Hall (19, 86.4%), Ellen Kinsman (3, 13.6%)

Elected: Bronwen Hall

Post Graduate Officers (x2)

Candidates: Julian Hird, Bronwen Hall, Jodie Hill, Re-open nominations
Julian Hird (19, 100%), Bronwen Hall (17, 89.5%)

Elected: Julian Hird, Bronwen Hall

Development Officer

Candidates: Francis Tocher, Ellen Kinsman, Rory Bryson, Tom Kilcommons, Re-open nominations
Francis Tocher (28, 96.6%), Tom Kilcommons (1, 3.4%)

Elected: Francis Tocher

Social Secretaries (x2)

STV by request of voters

Candidates: Jack Kanutin, David Exton, Benjamin Hughes, Raef Coles, Re-open nominations
(Benjamin: 7),(David: 5),(Jack: 11),(Raef: 0),(RON: 0)
(Benjamin: 8.090909090909092),(David: 6.909090909090909),(Jack: elected, 8),(Raef: 0),(RON: 0)
(Benjamin: elected, 8),(David: 6.977528089887641),(Jack: elected, 8),(Raef:
0.02247191011235955),(RON: 0)

Elected: Benjamin Hughes, Jack Kanutin

Webmaster

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Candidates: David Exton, Charlie Harding, Re-open nominations

David Exton (19, 95.0%), Charlie Harding (1, 5.0%)

Elected: David Exton

Foreign Correspondent

Candidates: Barnaby Emmens, Cat Easdon, Charlie Harding, Monika Chaulagain

(Barnaby : 6),(Cat: 0),(Charlie : 3),(Monica: 3),(RON: 0)

(Barnaby : elected, 3),(Cat: 0),(Charlie : 5.5),(Monica: 3.5),(RON: 0)

(Barnaby : elected, 3),(Cat: 1.81818181818181),(Charlie : elected, 3),(Monica: 4.1818181818182),(RON: 0)

(Barnaby : elected, 3),(Cat: 3),(Charlie : elected, 3),(Monica: elected, 3),(RON: 0)

Elected: Barnaby Emmens, Cat Easdon, Charlie Harding, Monika Chaulagain

Presidents Address – Ellen Kinsman

The President addressed the Society membership, thanking everyone for taking the time to take part in our Annual General Meeting. She thanked the outgoing Committee, in particular Leila her support, dedication, and commitment through the challenging year. This included listening to Ellen cry down the phone many times. Further thanks were given to all those not on the Committee who had offered their expertise and guidance.

The Secretary was thanked tremendously for all her hard work and support throughout the year, and for all the preparation undertaken for the meeting.

The president finally congratulated the incoming committee quoting “I had two goals this year. One was to run successful trips which unfortunately did not happen. The second was to ensure a great committee was elected and I feel I have done this”.

Closing Words

Jodie thanked all those who attended and to those who helped run the voting system. Further thanks were given for everyone’s patience with the sometimes-temperamental voting system. To everyone’s relief they were able to head to bed quite a few hours earlier than the previous year, although not as drunk as traditionally seen. It was a quick sign off with hope we can meet up and see each other soon.

APPROVAL

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

Original Signed By

Jodie Hill
Secretary

Ellen Kinsman
President

Leila Pankhurst
Vice President

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Appendix 1

UBES Treasurer Report

UBES External account (HSBC) is closed – in the process of reopening. The money is being held by HSBC.

Income		
Membership	£1,200	TB1 – 223 TB2 - 17
Total	£1,200	
Trips		
	No trips 😞	
Total	£0	
Socials		
Total	£0	
Merchandise		
NUBES	£14	
Stickers	-£78.51	Surplus can still be sold/ used as prizes.
Beanies	-£29.22	
UBESwear	*-£496.92	*Not all losses, income not yet accounted for.
Total	-£590.65	
Training Subsidies		
ML training	-£400	
Total	-£400	
Running costs		
COVID PPE	-£87.39	
Web services	-£26.38	
Total	-£113.77	
Total	£95.58**	

Final Balance Sheet

	End of year 19/20	AGM 20/21	Change
HSBC Community account	£11,641.84	£10,745.88	-£895.96
HSBC after pending+	£11,641.84	£10,546.15	-£1,095.69
SU account	£1,672.14	£2,978.14	£1,306
Cash Holdings	£88.40	£88.40	£0
Total	£13,402.38	£13,812.42	£410.04
Total after pending	£13,402.38	£13,612.69	£210.31**

+ Pending payments which will be executed once the account is reopened

** Remaining discrepancy from unaccounted for UBESwear income. A full report will be completed upon account opening.