

University of Bristol Expeditions Society (UBES)

Annual General Meeting Minutes 2024



University of Bristol
Expeditions Society
— EST 1960 —

Date:	Saturday 13 th April 2024 from 20:00
Venue:	Low Hollows Campsite, Threlkeld, Keswick, The Lake District, CA12 4SZ
Compiled by:	Robyn Franklin – Secretary
Verified by:	Isaac Ogden – Vice President
Full Member Attendees:	55
Full Member Absentee Votes:	18
Quoracy:	Quorate (73 voters exceeds 37)

1. Opening Ceremony

Participants were given their allocated 15 mins warning – headed outside to plan and are due to perform 8.10

Khalid exempted himself but was persuaded to join

Very out of tune droning mostly but enthusiastic (eventually). Very difficult to make the words out and still uncertain what song they chose to perform. Soph also performed a mostly solo (some joining in and a lot of encouragement from fellow freshers) rap with some dance moves, ended in hysterics. Longer than the required 1 minute performance.

2. Welcome – Secretary

Warning for early start tomorrow and pack up, warning that everything still needs doing despite hangovers.

Proceedings and rules laid out by the secretary.

3. President Speech - Eva Livingstone

- Thank yous. Hope everyone is dry.
- Lovely to meet lots of new people and to see friendships forming.
- Successful year – climbing resurrected

(interruption where Raef bashes head on closed stable door and David warns everyone that the door is now closed only on the top half and to duck!)

- Running club set up, expeds lots and varied
- Thank you to committee
- Mention of George and thank you to everyone for sharing joy since.
- Rate my group survey: really good – 100%. Inclusion and wholesome people. Lovely culture and team spirit.
- Extra special thank you to Isaac

4. Treasurer's Report – Josh Saunders

- 285 members
- £5875 generated
- Kit is biggest expense – lots still left to spend – climbing and in reach for summer exped (David still wants a brewery...)
- Subsidies – ML/ first aid/ BMC safety/ RGS explore -£1700 so far
- Socials – wine and cheese/ mendips/ pancake day - £400 so far
- Trip wrap up – so far generated surplus (predicted around 700-800 after following trips) will go to kit
- Brecons was most profitable, Snowdonia 2 was biggest loss, Dartmoor bouldering closest to breaking even
- Isaac expensed most money over the year - £2932.52 (adding in Friday's takes him over £3000)
- Running costs increased slightly to around £800 – additional van costs from last year and website
- Grant money towards PPE inspection (will probably need to replace a lot of kit)
- Will ensure year breaks even despite making profits on a lot of trips – will go to kit
- Raised over £500 for charity (normally don't raise more than £300) – well done!

5. Social Report

No social secs present so let people call out their favourite socials from the participants

- wine and cheese
- mendips
- ceilidh

6. Constitutional Amendments and General Policies

Renew Feedback and Complaints Policy – proposed by Isaac Ogden

- Votes for: 72
- Votes against: 0
- Votes abstain: 0

Passed

Renew Associate Committee Policy – proposed by Isaac Ogden

- Votes for: 67
- Votes against: 1
- Votes abstain: 1

Passed

Amendment: when associate committee is elected the members are announced to the society – proposed by David Exton

- No objections to this being proposed as a motion
- Votes for: 68
- Votes against: 0
- Votes abstain: 1

Passed

Renew Fairness and Inclusivity Lake Bagging Policy – proposed by Isaac Ogden

Amendment proposed to remove the dipping of face as believe people haven't been doing this (originally just removed the dipping of hair to remove the risk of hypothermia).

No objections to the amendment proposed, voting on with amendment

- Votes for: 60
- Votes against: 3
- Votes abstain: 5

Passed

To Add AGM Minutes Publication Policy Formally as a Constitutional Amendment – proposed by Isaac Ogden

David Exton proposes amendment to include this on the GitHub

(lots of questions on what GitHub is and explanations ensure – not 100% sure everyone knows what it is still as there are some confused faces but proceed. Lucas asks if we can delete the GitHub? – apparently not). Votes to include this as an amendment

- Votes for: 19
- Votes against: 15
- Votes abstain: 20

Passed

Voting on Publication of AGM minutes inclusion in constitution with amendment to include publication on GitHub

- Votes for: 43
- Votes against: 7
- Votes abstain: 7

Passed

Charity of The Year – proposed by Isaac Ogden

- Nominated: The Outdoor Guide's Foundation's Waterproofs and Wellies Project
- No alternatives proposed
- Votes for: 67
- Votes against: 2
- Votes abstain: 2

Passed

Break taken to run around the field

7. Committee Elections

President

- Josh – 66
- Khalid – 3
- Beth – 2
- RON – 0

Elected: Josh Saunders

Vice President

- Jane – 71
- Isaac – 0
- Jack – 1
- Josh - 1
- RON – 0

Elected: Jane Williamson

Secretary

- Adam – 27
- Joel – 37
- RON – 0

Elected Joel McGraw

Treasurer

- Beth – 68
- Christine – 1
- Josh – 0
- Gaurav – 1
- RON – 0

Elected: Beth Saunders

Equality and Diversity

- Charmaine – 12
- Praveen– 59
- Khalid – 0
- RON – 0

Elected: Praveen Balasundara Viji

(Meg isn't contesting – just going to the loo)

Climbing Officer x2

- Harry – 55
- Josh – 26
- Ella – 40
- RON 1 – 0
- RON 2 - 0

Elected: Harry Werring and Ella Newmarch

Social Secretary x2

- Stan – 41
- Charlie – 60
- Sophia – 32
- RON 1 – 0
- RON 2 - 0

Elected: Stan Riley and Charlie Hill

(Sophia gives a rap!)

(Eva is acting as Stan with a photo on her forehead, Elyse is talking for him as he can't be present)

(Lily says she loves UBES more than UBMC)

Postgraduate Officer x2

- Elyse – 36
- Gaurav – 39
- Alfie – 42
- RON 1 – 0
- RON 2 - 0

Elected: Alfie Cross and Gaurav Yadav

(Gaurav does his speech in form of song – though is not singing the answers to questions!)

Webmaster

- Thomas – 43
- Lewis – 30
- RON – 0

Elected: Thomas Hunter

Kit and Safety x2

- Nina – 69
- Aidan – 31
- Barney – 1
- David – 1
- RON 1 – 3
- RON 2 – 6

Elected: Nina Allen and Aidan Johnson

(Secretary accidentally elbows the incumbent Kit and Safety officer in face – is very apologetic!)

(Barney and David give speech in honor of RON 1 and RON 2)

Break taken to run around the field.

Expedition Officer x2

- Joe – 59
- Monica – 60
- Lily – 0
- RON 1 – 0
- RON 2 – 1

Elected: Joe Fawcett and Monica Jones

(The Secretary apologises sincerely for calling Joe Joel!)

(Lily gives speech in honor of RON2)

Development Officer

- Lily – 62
- Isaac – 0
- Khalid – 0
- Ossian – 0
- RON – 2

Elected: Lily Dalkin-Strube

(Isaac, Ossian and Khalid give speech – very short and brief)

Communication Officer

- Charmaine – 50
- Christine – 0

- Luke – 0
- Sophia – 14
- RON – 1

Elected: Charmaine Sew

(Luke and Christine give speech in honor of RON)

Foreign Correspondents - Unofficial Position

- Lauren Spadone – yes
- Lucas Beard – yes
- Christine Clement – yes
- Eva Livingstone – yes

8. UBESter of the Year

Honourable mentions were read out by the President to the following

- Khalid Azirar
- Charlie Hill
- Aidan Johnson
- Jakub Nawala
- Monica Jones
- Praveen Balasundara Viji

Following applause for the honourable mentions and a subsequent buzz of anticipation, the Vice President announced that for the first time the title of UBESter of the Year was a tie!

Further anticipation followed.....

The joint winners of UBESter of the Year were announced by the Vice President to be Max Dereme and Lauren Spadone

Max Dereme - The mystical dutchman is finally coming to the end of his time in Bristol (pause for sobbing) and there will definitely be a Max shaped hole at UBES pub! Having been more dedicated to UBES pub than his degree, and cramming in one last UBES trip when he really should've been writing his diss, he has gone above and beyond for a pint! If only he knew where Mount Kenya was...

Lauren Spadone - she is sandwich president, and probably honorary committee member... literally knows how a trip runs and never hesitates to help out. Was so useful during the joint trip! Probably would have crumbled without her. Lauren is also the epitome of the UBES spirit and never fails to make anyone around her feel welcomed.

9. Unofficial Constitution Motions

Reinstate Article VI (Presidential Locket Forfeit) – proposed by Eva Livingstone

The story of the locket and its previous disposal is told by Eva. David Exton would like to dispute the validity of the destruction of the locket – this apparently needed doing in a larva lake not a volcano, which Iceland doesn't have. David wishes to make an amendment that, in principal only, Eva owes everyone a pint for the next year and can be reminded of this at any point in time

- All in favour say aye – very loud
- No nay

Passed

RON as a tangible being – proposed by Isaac Ogden

For elections going forward, RON must be, not just a figment of imagination, but a figure in the room for future elections. The President will be responsible for the annual safety and procurement of RON. The presentation of RON can change from year to year as the president chooses what they want, this does however need to be humanoid and human size

- All in favour say aye – very loud.
- No nay

Passed

Lake bagging should be allowed to count a waterfall in each National park, this can be unnamed – proposed by Ossian Sydow Elias

It was decided that this was mostly covered already by the ability to bag a river.

- For: 11
- Against: 22

Not passed

10. Lake Bagging winner

The Webmaster announced the winner of this year's Lake Bagging competition. Winner with 46 points is Ewan Craig (has apparently promised to Jim that if he wins he will get a tattoo)

Matt Appleby in 2nd

Jacob Cox in 3rd

Charlie Hill in 4th

11. Incoming President selects mammal

Josh has selected the bat – this can be either dead or alive (secretary clarifies this point) but must have sufficient evidence of the event

Forfeit suggestions:

- Buy a pint
- Lake bag a fountain (college green)

Selected forfeit: lake bag College Green

12. Unofficial Position - James Harris – Royal Bogstalker for the Duchy of Dartmoor

James has sent a video explaining why he can't send donations (David has adlibbed for us). In basic summary: his bowels weren't up to it this year and he will do better next year

13. Vice President's Closing Speech – Isaac Ogden

- Particularly strong societal growth this year, enjoyed watching friendships be made and grow on trips and at socials. Great to see so many faces from the Intro Walks sticking around – nice to see the 8 hour stint at freshers fair pay off!
- We are visibly coming through the other side of the covid skill gap – enormous progress being made in climbing this year
- Thanks to everybody for making UBES what it is – committee have worked extremely hard but really we aren't important at all, it's all the members who return on trips that make the society so special
- Congratulations to new committee, good luck!

Isaac is banned from doing any more UBES work

14. Closing Ceremony

- Eva's hair is cut for the locket and given to Josh very ceremonially
- VP and P to be tied together by K and S officers – new VP absent so the new President was bound to himself by all 4 generations of K&S officers present
- Closing ceremony may or may not have taken place – this is debatable? Secretary went to bed leaving the Vice President to orchestrate this, he might have located comfort on the barn sofa and watched the above proceedings unfold....

Nothing of consequence was said by departing UBESers