



AOAC Committee Minutes

17 February 2010 - 8pm @ Renatos

Present:

Richard Hiscoke (RH), Nick Walker (NW), Richard Simms (RS), Roland Allen (RA), Liz Catchpole (LC)

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Carrie Stone (CS), Ali Hobbs (AH), Richard Silsby (RSil), Sarah Gay (SG), Phil Taylor (PT), Alex Gibbons (AG)</p>	
2.	<p>Actions outstanding from previous minutes</p> <p>New Members' weekend</p> <p>RA advised that a bunk house had been booked in the Brecon Beacons for the end of March.</p>	
	<p>Feedback from the AOAC Membership</p> <p>The questionnaire prepared by AG and approved in December 2009 has not yet been circulated to the membership. AG to LC to liaise and circulate.</p>	AG & LC
	<p>AOAC Flyer</p> <p>The flyer that was approved in December 2009 is to be email to members for circulation in larger organisations e.g. Roland at Airbus, Ali at Wessex Water and Richard at PwC.</p> <p>Liz Catchpole has sourced costing information for publishing glossy A4 flyers and is to circulate this to the committee.</p>	RA, AH, RS LC
	<p>First Aid Course</p> <p>LC is to send an email requesting expressions of interest from members in renewing their first aid certificate</p>	LC
	<p>Badminton</p> <p>RA has contacted Colston Girls School. The refurbishment of the school is still on-going and as such the sports hall remains unavailable for use by the public.</p>	
	<p>Llandoger Trow</p> <p>RH has met with the management regarding use of the Trow. The outcome is that the Trow doesn't want the club to use the Jacobean Room unless we have paid for exclusive use. The</p>	

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	Trow will, however, retain our notice board, but requests that we use a part of the pub together with other users.	
	BMC Membership RS was waiting for Royston Smith to return his call regarding our BMC membership.	RS
3.	Update on club accounts RS took the committee through the monthly accounts (which are prepared on a cash basis). The club finances are in a reasonably healthy position at present. RS advised that the relevant forms to close the NatWest accounts have been re-signed and sent to NatWest by recorded delivery (in the hope that they will not be lost on this occasion). Note - Since the committee meeting, Gwen Tanner has had confirmation that the accounts have been closed and the balance has been transferred.	
4.	AGM RH confirmed the booking has been made with the Llandoger Trow for the AGM on 8 March. The agenda was agreed and Liz will circulate / advertise	LC
	Given the reduction in numbers attending the Llandoger Trow, the committee approved an additional process for nominations for committee positions. The candidate is would be able to email Liz Catchpole, copying the persons nominating and seconding that candidate. Liz will include details on the AGM email.	LC
	Proposals from Gavin Spittlehouse to improve interest in the club AGM and the quality of candidates. We agreed to adopt a number of Gavin's suggestions including: a) accepting nominations by email (see above) b) RON (re-open nominations) will stand against every candidate, so weak candidates are not voted into office due to a lack of competition. c) allowing the membership to question candidates about why they wish to stand for the position and what they can bring to the role. Liz to include details in AGM email.	LC
5.	Training grant application Katie Wiltshire had submitted an application for a 2 day first aid training course, which she needs to renew in order that her mountain leadership qualification remains valid. We approved paying for 50% (~£60) of the training cost (~£120) which can be reclaimed by Katie in 3 instalments. Carrie to update the training grant spreadsheet.	CS.

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6.	<p>Bollywood charity night</p> <p>Sam Gaudion presented her idea for a Bollywood Charity Night on 23 October 2010 with band RSVP Bhangra. Sam will be holding a fund raising raffle and already has a team in place working to secure prizes for it. The ticket price will be about £20 and will include a few nibbles. The committee approved the idea, and authorised Sam to book Toto Rothchild's on the Waterfront in Redcliffe Street, and the band.</p> <p>The charities are likely to be the Calvert Trust and another charity, possibly one with a connection to Indian slum areas. Sam Gaudion to provide more information on the second proposed charity.</p>	Sam Gaudion
7.	<p>Kayaking programme 2010-2012</p> <p>Keith Chant explained the kayaking development plan for 2010-2012 and presented the training programme to September 2010. It is likely that the club will be losing many of its qualified and more experienced leaders over the next few years due to moving away from the area, starting families etc. Therefore the aim of the training programme is to start training now for the next generation of kayaking leaders.</p>	
8.	<p>AOB - Scotland winter walking - decision ratification</p> <p>On 3rd Feb (1 week before the Scotland winter walking trip), it was apparent that the club would be unable fill all the places. Rob Giles wished to advertise the remaining places to the Avon Mountaineering Club to try to reduce the financial loss the that club would suffer. After discussion on 3rd Feb between RH, NW, LC and PT agreed Rob could advertise to the AMC, with temporary membership for the week only being offered to AMC members.</p> <p>The committee agreed to ratify the decision, albeit that nobody from the AMC participated in the trip.</p>	
9.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Renatos 8pm - 17 March 2010.</p>	All