

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
Perth & District Hillwalking Club
held on Friday 8th March 2019 at 7.30 pm
at Craigie Hill Golf Club, Perth**

There were 32 members in attendance

Charles Evans (Chairman) thanked the committee and for Susan Duguid's work now she is stepping down from the committee. Charles then stood down from the committee and position of Chairman. George Smart led the meeting from then on.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Andrew Glebocki Chris Bonomy, Joyce Logan, John Stirk, Fran Stirk, Pete Lodge, Lynn Rankin, Stuart Nickerson, David Wood, Stewart Neilands

2 Minutes of 2017 AGM

These had been circulated by email. They were passed as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Ian Swan and seconded by Jack Holiday.

Matters Arising

None

3 Proposed Changes to the Club Constitution

As published in the February Bulletin, George Smart proposed the maximum and minimum committee numbers be reduced from 12 & 8 to 10 & 6 respectively. The meeting quorum was proposed to reduce from 6 to 5.

The majority of the room agreed and this motion was passed.

4 Committee Report

George Smart delivered the Committee's Report and gave a summary of the 2018-2019 monthly walks, the weekend meets and Slides night.

Recruitment

The Club lost 14 members and gained 20 new ones with a current membership of 76, up from 70 in previous year.

Good exposure of the club continues in the PA.

Most new member enquires come from the website or word of mouth.

Monthly walks

There was an average of 32 per month, up from an average of 30/month last year, with a total of 357 booking made. There were 8 months with one bus, three months with two buses and one month all walks were cancelled due to snow.

Weekend meets

May 2018 – Ratagan 13 members

September 2018 – Ullapool 7 members

February 2019 – Glen Nevis 6 members

The bookings for weekend meets are a mixture of booking via the club or direct to the hostel. Club in the past has lost out financially due to cancellations hence this approach.

Slides and buffet night

Held on 16th November at Craigie Golf Club was attended by 35 members it was agreed it was a great venue with great food and great slides (photos).

5 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated by email and presented at AGM by George Smart.

This was Proposed by Stephen Ross and seconded by Margaret Band

Perth & District Hillwalking Club – Treasurer’s Report to the 2019 AGM

We had an average monthly walk turnout of 32, compared to our budget level of 30. Also, our membership increased by 6, after losing 14 members, but offset by a very good recruitment of 20 new members. Hence subscription income increased by £120. We cancelled our coaches in March, due to adverse weather. We ran 8 combined coach outings, and 3 outings with 2 coaches. We finished the year with a surplus of £610, and an end of the year cash balance of £2743. This is certainly a very healthy position to be in, and better than recent years.

We have significantly reduced our operating costs over the last few years, and it is unlikely that we can make any further reductions.

For next year, we are budgeting on the same membership, and turnout for monthly walks. We assumed 8 combined coach outings for monthly walks, and 4 outings with 2 coaches. As always, the number of combined coach outings is subject to a review of our walk bookings, as the year progresses.

Summary (Cash on Hand)

Balance at 1st March 2018	<u>£2133.26</u>
Net Surplus for the year	£609.87
Year End Balance at 28 th February 2018	<u>£2743.13</u>

Income

Subscriptions	£1520.00
Walk Payments	£5272.00
Slides Night	£408.00
Other Income	£500.00
Total Income	£7700.00

Expenditure

Bus Hire	£6130.00
Hostels W’end Meet	£170.00
Insurance	£146.27
Internet	£131.86
Meetings	£104.00
Slides Night Costs	£408.00
Total Costs	£7090.13

Neil Sandilands, Hon. Treasurer
28th February 2019

Alex Winter, Independent Examiner

6 Committee for 2019/2020

Susan Duguid and Charles Evans will be standing down from the Committee. George thanked them for their time on the Committee.

Committee for 2019/2020 Andrew Glebocki, Peter Lodge, Neil Sandilands, Alan Davidson, Margaret Band, Elsie Wilke, George Smart, Stephen Ross, Ali Thornton which meant there is one vacancy for the 10 member committee.

7 Weekend Meets for 2019/2020

George gave a summary of weekend meets during 2018/2019 and thanked Margaret Band for her work on this.

Numbers are lower than previous years but decided still to adopt current format of having 3 weekend meets decided by committee and with some venues booked via club and some directly via members.

Future meets are: May 2019 Torricon SYHA this is now fully booked, September 2019 Inchnadamph, members to book via M Band.

George asked for any suggestions for future weekend venues at approved hostels.

The Club’s current approved list of hostels was provided as;

Ratagan, Ullapool, Torridon, Inchnadamph, Blackwater (Kinlochleven), Great Glen (Loch Lochy), Bearnock Centre (reports are this centre needs some TLC), Aviemore SYHA

8 Monthly walks

At the 2017 AGM, it was agreed to run the Arran trip as a normal combined coach outing every second year. As the turnout for 2018 was low it was agreed that this would not be repeated within three years.

9 Social Events

It was agreed to hold a slide night with buffet supper again in November 2019.

Monthly walks

Monthly walks were running as budget for 2018/2019.

Remain with eight combined bus outings in 2019.

Suggestions for walks were requested.

10 Website and Facebook

George thanked both Margaret Band and Andrew Miller for their work Andrew has now stepped down from Facebook admin role and Tony Jackson has been given admin rights. Margaret continues to maintain the website.

It was suggested by Margaret that the Facebook page is opened up for all people to add posts. When set up initially by Margaret the committee had requested that only administrators could add posts. It was agreed that Margaret could make the change to allow anybody to add posts. Margaret will monitor the posts and can revert if inappropriate posts are being added.

11 AOCB

Nil

Minutes taken by M Band