

NORTH EAST MOUNTAIN TRUST

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 7.30pm Tuesday 28th November 2017
at the Aberdeen Grammar FP Club Centre, Queens Gate, Aberdeen
(as approved at AGM 29 January 2019)

* Charity Trustee as Individual Member; ** Charity Trustee as Club Representative

Present: George Allan* (Acting Chair), Alex Brown** (Aberdeen Mountaineering Club), Brian Cornock (Bailies of Bennachie), Catherine Lacy ** (Ind. Mem. & Cults HWC), Susan Matthews (Cairngorms Campaign), Alison Mitchell** (Treasurer, Ramblers Scotland), Ruth Payne, Jean Robinson** (Cairngorm Club), Richard Spencer (Ind. Mem & Mountain Bothies Association), Maureen Stuchbury, Trevor Stuchbury, Donald Thomas*

Apologies: Peter Aikman, Alistair Beeley, Hamish Clunas, James Friend, Brian Heaton, Rob Mackay, David Milne, Carlos Oldani, Ken Thomson, Dave Windle (Chair).

In opening the meeting, George Allan offered to act as Chair; this was accepted unanimously. A brief *tour de table* then took place, with Alex Brown welcomed as the new AMC representative and Trustee, and Richard Spencer as the new MBA representative. Richard has volunteered to become an NEMT Trustee and is awaiting ratification of this by the MBA.

George also noted with regret the unexpected death of MBA representative Alex Scott three weeks ago.

1. **Draft AGM Minutes:** Alison Mitchell proposed and Donald Thomas seconded approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 29th November 2016 after correction of 'Cormack' to 'Cornock'.
2. **Matters Arising:** Donald noted it was pleasing that Carlos Oldani had come forward as Lecture Organiser after the meeting.
3. **Chair's Report** (circulated with agenda): George highlighted the following comments:
 - i) NEMT has promoted engagement with the membership through giving talks to 2 clubs, and Mountain Views continues to appear twice yearly.
 - ii) There have been many poor quality Prior Notifications and many poor quality tracks being put in place; other important issues include moorland management and skiing development at Cairngorm.
 - iii) We are very pleased that another club has joined us, making 13 in all.

4. Treasurer's Report

There have been problems getting the accounts finished in time for the AGM. We intend to have them ready as soon as possible and will send out to the membership once they have been checked by the independent examiner. Members will be invited then to raise any queries with us.

- 5. Appointment of General Council & Charity Trustees.** George reminded the meeting that NEMT's Trustees have invited all club and organisational representatives who are not trustees to attend Council meetings.

NEMT currently has 4 Trustees representing clubs - Jean Robinson: Cairngorm Club; Alison Mitchell: Ramblers Scotland; Catherine Lacy: Cults Hillwalking Club; and we are very grateful to Alex Brown who has agreed to become a Trustee representing Aberdeen Mountaineering Club. The following were nominated by Catherine as individual trustees: George Allan, Brian Heaton, Donald Thomas, Ken Thomson and Dave Windle.

- 6. Independent Examiner.** Malcolm Lamont will be approached again.

7. Fixing of Subscriptions of Trust members

The current subscription is £12 for an individual member, 75p per member for clubs and £25 for affiliated organisations. Any change agreed tonight would be valid from 1st October 2018, it being agreed that the membership year runs from 1st Oct – 30th Sept, following the financial year (although nearly all individual subscriptions are collected in January).

Donald proposed that a new minimum charge for clubs of £12 (equivalent to one individual membership) be introduced – agreed by the meeting.

8. AOCB:

- (i) George thanked the various office-bearers for their work over the year.
- (ii) Alison recommended that the AGM be held further from the end of the financial year. George replied that the date of the 2017-18 AGM would be fixed at the Jan 2018 General Council meeting.

Ken Thomson (pp. Catherine Lacy-Roberts), 1 February 2019