

# NORTH EAST MOUNTAIN TRUST

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuesday 29 January 2019

at the Sportsman's Club, Queens Road, Aberdeen

**Present:** George Allan\*, Alex Brown\*\*, Brian Cornock, Robert Dawson, Debbie Fielding, Brian Heaton, Alison Mitchell\*\*, Carlos Oldani, Ruth Payne, Donald Thomas\*, Ken Thomson\*, Dave Windle\* (Chair).

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

**Apologies:** Alistair Beeley, Catherine Lacy-Roberts, David Milne, Catherine Lacy-Roberts, Richard Spencer, Maureen Stuchbury, Trevor Stuchbury.

1. **Draft AGM Minutes:** George proposed and Brian seconded approval of the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 AGM minutes after correction of 'Cormack' to 'Cornock'.
2. **Matters Arising:** Donald asked if:
  - i) the MBA Representative (currently Richard Spencer) was prepared to be a NEMT Trustee: this was unknown; Rep to be asked at next Council meeting.
  - ii) the £12 minimum charge for clubs and other organisations had been implemented: this was also not known, but thought unlikely: Catherine to check.
3. **Chair's Report** (circulated with agenda): no questions.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Alison reported (as per Notes to Accounts) that: (i) £373 had been received from Sandy England's funeral donations; (ii) the 2017/18 and 2018/19 LINK, and the ACVO, subscriptions had been paid; (iii) donations had been given to: Save Bennachie (£150), Hill Track Campaign (£150) and Mend Our Mountains (£200). The 2017/18 accounts had been examined by Malcolm Lamont, whose certificate was available. She thanked Donald for his assistance in dealing with the accounts. There were no questions.
5. **Appointment of General Council:** George nominated the following: George Allan, Brian Heaton, Donald Thomas, Ken Thomson and Dave Windle; these were approved. The following had been nominated by clubs as their representatives: Alison Mitchell (Ramblers Scotland), Alex Brown (Aberdeen MC), Catherine Lacy-Roberts (Culter HWC), Debbie Fielding (Cairngorm Club), Richard Spencer (if confirmed) (MBA).
6. **Appointment of Independent Examiner.** It was reported that Malcolm Lamont was willing to continue as the Independent Examiner, and this was approved. It was agreed that Malcolm's long service to the Trust in this capacity should be recognised via voucher or similar gift to the value of around £50: Dave/Alison to progress this.
7. **Fixing of Subscriptions of Trust Members:** Dave proposed that rates should stay at their current levels, subject to the £12 minimum club rate: this was approved.
8. **AOCB:** The recent death of Adam Watson was noted with great regret; Dave would write an obituary for *Mountain Views*. The question of a commemorative event was discussed; it was agreed that a one-off special NEMT lecture or similar in autumn/winter 2019/20 would be discussed at the March Council meeting.

Ken Thomson, 1 February 2019