

NORTH EAST MOUNTAIN TRUST

Approved Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuesday 24 January 2023
at the Sportsman's Club, Queens Road, Aberdeen

Present: Alistair Beeley (SNHC/LINK rep), Hamish Clunas (AHWC)**, Mike Duguid** (CC), Debbie Fielding* (CC), Morna Harper (AMC)**, Catherine Lacy-Roberts (CulterHWC)**, Andrew McNicoll (MBA), Alison Mitchell (RS)**, Allan Moore (MBA), Roger Owen (SMHC)**, Ruth Payne (CC), Donald Thomas*, Ken Thomson (CC)*, Dave Windle* (Chair).

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

Apologies: Brian Heaton*

- 1. Draft AGM 2022 Minutes:** These were approved without correction.
- 2. Matters Arising:** (i) HC asked that Council agendas etc. emailed to Frank Kelly (AHWC) be blind-copied; (ii) AMcN agreed to be the organisational representative of the MBA in place of Simon Birch.
- 3. Chair's Report** (circulated in Annual Report with agenda): This was received without comment, apart from a typo under "Structure, ...".
- 4. Treasurer's Report** (ditto): This was considered without comment, apart from a column heading error in the "Financial Review" table.
- 5. Appointment of Council/Trustees:** The following were nominated and approved as Independent Member Trustees: Debbie Fielding, Brian Heaton, Donald Thomas, Ken Thomson and Dave Windle. The following were approved as Organisational Representative Trustees: Hamish Clunas (Aberdeen HWC), Mike Duguid (Cairngorm Club), Morna Harper (Aberdeen MC), Alison Mitchell (Ramblers Scotland), Catherine Lacy-Roberts (Culter HWC), Andy McNicoll (MBA), Roger Owen (Stonehaven M&HWC).
- 6. Appointment of Independent Examiner.** It was reported that Malcolm Lamont was willing to continue as the Independent Examiner, and this was approved.
- 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:** It was noted that the Work Plan envisaged winding up the Trust in a few years' time unless more support for its work was forthcoming, even while hillwalking seemed more active than ever before although participants seemed to prefer courses to clubs. It was agreed that Council should discuss this issue at its March 2023 meeting.

Ken Thomson, 24 January 2024