

NORTH EAST MOUNTAIN TRUST

DRAFT Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuesday 23 January 2024 at the Sportsman's Club, Queens Road, Aberdeen

Present: Hamish Clunas**, Mike Duguid**, Morna Harper**, Brian Heaton*, Catherine Lacy-Roberts**, Andy McNicoll**, Alison Mitchell**, Colin Morsley, Donald Thomas*, Ken Thomson*, Dave Windle* (Chair).

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

Apologies: Alistair Beeley, Rob Mackay, David Milne, Roger Owen**.

1. **Draft AGM 2023 Minutes:** These were approved, without correction.
2. **Matters Arising:** None.
3. **Chair's Report:** There were no queries or comments on the Annual Report. The Chair said that, following the visit to RSPB Abernethy in spring 2023, he hoped to arrange a meeting with Cairngorms Connect in late March 2024.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Alison reported that the Independent Examiner had required no changes to the accounts presented to Council in mid-December, and that therefore these and the IE statement could be signed and go to OSCR in short order. In 2022/23, Gift Aid had been claimed for 3 years; the next set of accounts would show only one year's GA. A donation had gone to the Hill of Fare Wind Farm Information Group; the Chair remarked that 2024 might see donations to both HoFWIG and to actions on masts. There were no other comments or queries on the accounts.
5. **Appointment of General Council/Trustees:** These were nominated as for 2023/24, except for Debbie Fielding who had indicated her wish to step down, i.e. as follows: Independent Member Trustees: Brian Heaton, Donald Thomas, Ken Thomson and Dave Windle. Organisations would be invited to nominate or re-nominate their own representatives, currently Alison Mitchell (Ramblers Scotland), Morna Harper (Aberdeen MC), Catherine Lacy-Roberts (Culter HWC), Mike Duguid (Cairngorm Club), Andy McNicoll (MBA), Roger Owen (Stonehaven HWC), Hamish Clunas (AHCW).
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:** Alison proposed that rates should stay at their current levels, i.e. £12 per member, and 0.75p for members of affiliated clubs, subject to the £12 minimum club rate: this was approved.
8. **AOCB:** None.

Ken Thomson, 25 January 2024