**Colmcille Climbing Club**

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| **Meeting No** | **Date** | **Time** | **Venue** |
| AGM | Thursday 15th Oct 2020 | 8pm | Zoom in the Room |

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
3. **Secretary’s Report**
4. **Financial Report**
5. **Election of new committee**
6. **Discussion, Cimbfest, Awards, etc.**
7. **AOB**
8. **Close of Meeting and date for next meeting.**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Neil Machon, Valli Schaffer, Anthony Feeney, PJ Feeney, George Carlton, Geoff Thomas, Alan Tees, Séan Convery, Andrew Tees, Sarah Steer, Neeku Shamekhi, Damien Connolly.

1. **Apologies:** Alfie Conn, Finbarr Mullin, Dennis Golden, Ivan Krella
2. **Minutes of last AGM**: Approved by George.
3. **Secretary’s Report**

A copy was circulated in advance.

1. **Financial Report**

Geoff produced a financial report for the Club. Currently there is a grand sum of £1884.20 in the bank account. We had 45 members this year. Our expenditure included £958 in subscriptions to Mountaineering Ireland and £683 for the Clubs’ 25th Anniversary Magazine. Our income is £450 down on last year.

1. **Election of new committee**

The existing committee was elected unopposed. This drew comparisons with the state of affairs in Belarus.

1. **Discussion**

Membership Fees

A fee of £35 was agreed for membership fee for the incoming year. Andrew suggested that we set up a Revolut payment service or Paypal to help with the paying of fees in Euros. Mountaineering Ireland are in the process of streamlining the membership system which removes the need for the club secretary to input the members details. In future, when you pay the Club treasurer, you’ll be straight onto the MI system. Action: Geoff

Paid members ‘Whats App’ Climbing Group

It was noted that some paid members – including the chairperson! – was not included in this Group. We might be worse than Belarus.

This matter to be rectified. Action: Geoff

Club Facebook Page

Andrew proposed that we make this private to ensure data protection and avoid others from commenting on our activities if they don’t agree with them. Belarus doesn’t have a look in. Neeku suggested both a private group (for members) but a public page for other interested climbers to hook up with the group or receive news about events such as Climbfest. This was agreed and Andrew to action.

Club Website

The club webpage experienced something of a meltdown during the year. Andrew has rectified this and everyone is encouraged to take a look at it and suggest recommendations to Andrew or the secretary. The website covers Crags, routes, events, travels and other activities. Séan proposed that Andrew raises an invoice for his work and this was agreed. Action: Andrew to send invoice to thetreasurer.

Climbfest

Everyone expressed their disappointment that this didn’t happen. It was proposed and agreed to hold Climbfest on May bank holiday weekend (regulations permitting) in Maghery as was the intention in 2020.

We had an agreed sponsor for the Climbfest T-Shirts – Solo Fuels - for 2020. Alan suggested that Séan contact the sponsor and see if they are able to provide this sponsorship for 2021 instead. Action: Séan.

Anthony made a speech about fossil fuels but he was totally ignored.

Other Meets

Geoff hoped to organise half day training courses for members through Damien O’Sullivan. Suggested courses to include safe abseiling and crag rescue.

Neil mentioned the Wintermeet – it was agreed that this was difficult to envision at the moment but that the Club should tag along with the Scottish Mountaineering Ireland trip if it occurred.

Given the present circumstances, it was agreed to generate a provisional meets list. Alan was tasked to do this though he was keen to point out that he was not a member of the provisional’s – we heard that one somewhere before. Action: Alan

1. **AOB**

Awards

It was agreed that Dennis retains the Iona Stone award and that Finbarr likewise retains the Bill Magowan Ice Climbing Award. Everyone present found the latter amusing.

The Donegal contingent became rather smug at this stage of the proceedings and suggested that, given current restrictions, we northerners stick to climbing in the Sperrin’s (our oldest, largest and once tallest mountain range). It was pointed out that it was disrespectful to scorn that which is old, humpy, wrinkled and stooped so we left the Donegal contingent alone.

Séan mentioned that Finbarr was ideally placed to be a Sperrin’s guide as he knew of a few good parking spots in farmers backyards.

1. **Close of Meeting**

It was all agreed that it was good to see each other even if it was online. The meeting was closed with a stirring rendition of My Belarusy (pre 2002 version).