

**Burnley Mountaineering Club**  
**AGM Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 @ 7:30pm**  
**Old Band Club, Nelson**

**All committee members present**

Chairman	:	Steve Young	Vice Chairman	:	Steve Maden
Treasurer	:	Mike Squires	Membership Secretary	:	Gill Young
Hut Secretary	:	Roy Haythornthwaite	Merchandise	:	Paul Darcy
Librarian	:	John Wilmot	Social Secretary	:	Marie Phelan
Secretary	:	Stuart McDonald	Webmaster	:	Anthony Lord

**43 members present, 7 apologies for absence**

Apologies received:

Bob Sanderson, Maxine Maden, Derek Seed, Sue Squires, Linda Doody, Victor Marcinkiewicz, Colin Rogerson

**Meeting Opened : 19:33**

Copies of the 2008 Minutes and Balance Sheet for 2008 were available for members. The Chairman opened the meeting, and asked if the minutes were a true record of the 2008 AGM.

No comments were received. Proposals requested as an accurate record of events :

Proposed : Paddy Woodcock                      Seconded : Peter Walker

**Matter Arising**

- Pie and peas were back on for the December 2008 coach meet
- Coaches – these would be discussed later by the Bookings Secretary in her report
- The drive for new members continues. Suggestion of club information to be available at the Barley picnic site

**Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer previously made available, to all members present, copies of the Balance Sheet and all other paperwork as per previous years.

Whilst discussing the figures, he advised that the Hut Secretary would advise those figures separately.

Everything had been audited by Max Tattersall, and a vote of thanks was expressed by the committee.

- The profit for the year was £1,340.00
- Coach meets made a profit of £836 (based on 1 large coach and the smaller mini-coach), but if two large coaches had been used, there would have been a potential loss of £698 based upon the same number of members attending. The decision to use the smaller coach had been vindicated.
- Socials made a profit of £98.00
- Sale of clothing made a profit of £117.50, and no purchases were made
- Donations to the Upper Wharfedale Mountain Fell Rescue team was £10.00
- Subscriptions were made to the Pendle Voice to cover our use of studio electricity and for insurance, as well as to the Ramblers Association
- No other donations were made, but this would be discussed in AOB
- Hut accounts showed a healthy balance
- The club had paid coach parking fees at Seatoller but this was a one-off and, in future, the coach companies would pay the fees.

Mike Squires went through all the figures and answered any questions.

Peter Walker raised point about car parking fees, saying that it was normal policy for the coach companies to pay these.

- Steve Maden confirmed the amount (£30.00) and that it had been a one-off payment due to parking attendant attitude at car park.
- A letter had been written to the National Trust explaining the situation.

Proposed as accurate : Keith Sutton

Seconded : Norman Hartley

### **Membership Secretary**

Advised the current membership numbers as at AGM = 128 paid up members.

- Compared to previous years at the same time, this was down (2006 = 170, 2007 = 155, 2008 = 140)
- An explanation was given as to the different types of members the club had.

Advertisements had been placed in libraries

50 extra Christmas cards had been sent out to ex-members in effort to regain their membership

Various magazines had seen club adverts

Led walks had been popular with members and new members

The Lancashire Life led walk had been successful – an article in the magazine would raise the profile of the club

Pub stops and drivers hours was discussed

Fraser Eagle had gone into administration, and our bookings would be honoured by Walton Swift.

The size of the coaches was still dictated by the numbers of members going on trips, but these were sometimes hard to ensure members got places on coaches due to late bookings (some as late as night before). Provided a payment had been received by the Wednesday before, all bookings would be confirmed

A compliment was made regarding the Chairman for his positive attitude through what had been a difficult year for the club.

### **Hut Secretary**

The hut balance sheet was explained

Thanks was given to Barbara Haythornthwaite, Steve & Maxine Maden for their help throughout the year  
A summary of the huts for 2009 was mentioned, as well as some insight of what huts had been booked for 2010.

It was mentioned that there would climbing practices in the near future. All members were welcome

### **Social Secretary**

2008 dinner dance had been popular – venue, food, and disco. 2009 dance had already been booked for the same venue.

Feb 2008 – Grinton Lodge (YHA) had seen 12 members attending

The Spring Social had been cancelled through lack of interest

The Long Distance Walk had been the Mary Towneley Loop

The camping weekend at Buttermere had been a very wet one

The Autumn Social at Rolls Royce had been well attended.

The Oct 2008 hostel weekend at Betws-y-Coed had seen 14 members attending

A comment was made that independent hostels were currently cheaper than YHA, and it helped that these hostels didn't require a deposit. So long as approximate numbers were advised, only those that turned up paid their dues. The YHA, on the other hand, required a full payment in advance, and no refunds are given.

Suggestions were requested for the 2010 socials.

### **Librarian**

Whilst a list was available on the club website, he advised that he could only bring a limited number of books and maps with him on each trip.

### **Secretary**

Stuart McDonald apologised for his late arrival, then continued with his report.

He advised that advertisements continue to be placed in all local papers and that members should advise the committee if anything they normally expect to see, is missing.

He also advised that he will continue to lead walks in Rossendale in his efforts to develop new members.

### **Vice Chairman / Newsletter Editor**

Steve Maden advised that the club had been short listed for an award in the Burnley Action Partnership, with a presentation to be made on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Members of the committee would be in attendance.

He advised that the photocopier that the club used, hadn't been serviced for a few years, and a decision needed to be made as to how this should be progressed (the volume of printing the club does, classifies us as a 'light user'. The options are :

- Buy a new one at an unknown cost, and get a service contract in with the price;
- Take out a service contract for approx. £51 per quarter

He went on to say that he felt the newsletter had a place in the club and felt that it added a lot of diversity for members to read.

Several questions came from the floor :

- Lindy Gardyne : asked how much a new photocopier would cost;
- Barbara Haythornthwaite : asked if the relevant parts were still available when it got serviced;
- Glyn Evans : asked if the idea of leasing a machine had been thought of;
- Peter Walker : suggested that all of this should be a committee decision, and made outside the AGM;

### **Webmaster**

Antony Lord advised the following :

- the website was receiving approximately 200 hits per month;
- the photo section needed more from members, hence not being updated for some time;
- he mentioned the idea regarding links to social-type website memberships, e.g. Facebook;
- He asked for any links that members thought might be of interest; Peter Walker suggested Craven Mountaineering Club and Upper Wharfedale Cave and Fell Rescue, as we had a longstanding relationship with them;

Steve Young advised that the club had received several good membership enquiries from the website.

### **Merchandise**

Paul Darcy advised the current stock availability :

- 21 sweatshirts (various colours);
- 15 polo shirts;
- 4 club ties;
- 6 badges;
- 5 pairs of tracksters (more on order)

He went on to advise that the club were trialling the idea of a fleece jacket with the club badge on them.

**MID SESSION BREAK : Just prior to the mid-session break, Steve Young advised the membership in attendance that the entire committee was going to stand down, thus allowing anyone else a chance to be elected onto the committee.**

### **Election / Re-election of Committee Members**

Before the re-election process could be started, **Peter Walker** proposed that the current committee all be re-elected and this was seconded by **Glyn Evans**

The full committee was re-elected.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Lindy Gardyne** suggested that walks graded according to ability should be advertised prior to the monthly coach meets, thus allowing new members to pick something suitable to their ability.

- **Steve Young** advised that he already led walks when done outside Lakes;
- **Glyn Evans** suggested that that was the idea of the route book, for all members to see who was walking where and make their decision based upon that.

**Norman Hartley** mentioned that there had been no events advertised in the Colne Times.

**Richard Gilbert** said that there had been a great improvement on the topic of people bringing gear onto the coaches; a particular annoyance when space was at a premium on busy coach meets. He added that it appeared to be the same people that put their bags on seats, and suggested that perhaps a charge should be made. **Steve Maden** said he would put a note in the next newsletter.

**Peter Walker** mentioned the Fraser Eagle situation (see earlier comment from Membership Secretary), and wondered if drivers' hours might be affected by the new company's business location of at Walton Summit. **Steve Young** advised that this was being looked into.

**Steve Young** advised that the Buttermere trip would be using 2 full size coaches

**Peter Walker** advised that the club's most valuable asset (the seat at Barley Picnic Site) was in need of some TLC. **Dorothy Heaton** advised that she would volunteer to clean it. He went on to ask if there was a list of the club's assets and their value.

**Norman Hartley** thanked the committee for the presentation made to him at the Dinner Dance

**Roy Haythornthwaite** asked what the normal time for the Club President was. **Steve Young** advised that it was 4 years.

## **DONATIONS**

- **Mike Squires** said that as we now had the cushion of the profit that the current coach situation put us in, there was some leeway as to donations that could be re-instated :
- The last donations to the various Mountain Rescue organisations had been in 2006;
- **Richard Gilbert** proposed that the Clarion received £20.00, this was seconded by **Gill Young**. **Roy Haythornthwaite** suggested that **Peter Walker** write an article for club members regarding why a donation was to be made to something that some members might not know about;
- **Glyn Evans** suggested that the Lake District Mountain Rescue Teams get £40.00
- **Norman Hartley** proposed the re-instatement of the 2006 donations for all Mountain Rescue teams

The committee would discuss at their next meeting.

**The Chairman thanks everyone at the AGM for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 21:15.**