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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 27/02/17
Time: 19:30-21:00
Location: Library Room 4A

Attendees:

(AF) Alex Field – Chair
(MRT) Maddie Ryan Tucker – Secretary
(JR) Jake Robinson – Treasurer/Vice Chair
(KG) Katie Greene – Trip Secretary
(AV) Alessa Voigt – Trip Secretary
(JH) Jess Hancock – Publicity Secretary
(MH) Matt Hart – 1/3 Social Secretary
(AZ) Alkistis Zervous – Kit Secretary

Apologies: None

Absent: None

N.B.: Actions to be taken by committee members appear in **bold type**.

1) Minutes and Actions

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- The last minutes of the meeting dated **20/02/17** were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- All actions recorded in the minutes from that meeting were completed by the stated deadline save for those listed below.
- ALG is still encountering the google issue. Probably for the best to just **mark this in permanently as an action.**
- None of the old committee have paid, **JR will chase them up.**
- Some committee members haven't sent ALG their profiles, **those who have not yet done so need to send them to ALG and he will put them up.**
- DPA **everyone try and sign it**, although not all of committee are officially recognised yet.
- Nevis sport haven't been in touch so AF can't do anything in that regard.
- JH has set a high standard for sweets 😊

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2) Previous Trips

Lake District - 17/02/2017-19/02/2017

- A few people filled out the survey which is great.
- Good things included the driving, tarn bag, (mostly) breakfast, and everyone was happy and impressed with the dinner (BL couldn't even finish his there was so much).
- There was a problem with people not bringing enough snacks for walks and wanting more alcohol, even though it is stated on the emails that people should if they want. Perhaps next trip it should be stated more explicitly that snacks and/or alcohol should be bought and brought if that's what people want to do.
- Not enough maps to go around, the club needs more compasses and routes on trips.
- The trip suffered from the terrible weather, with some phones passing away over the course of the weekend (although some were resuscitated).
- To reduce the chances of this happening again the **pre-trip email could suggest members put plastic bags inside their backpacks to keep electronics** (and clothes) **safe and dry**.
- People underestimated the challenge of Lake District especially in harsh weather conditions.
- A call for extra rations of nuts/cereal/chocolate bars. There's usually a sign put up stating that people are rationed 2 penguin bars but this was not put up, so ethical people took 1 and shadier people made off with the rest. Next trip the sign should be put up.
- Suggestions to bring board games to the trips.
- Everyone who responded to the survey would go on another trip.
- Everyone wants the hiking club dog to come on trips.

Castleton – 26/02/2017

- Mixed opinions on the day trip, but in agreement that Castleton and the Peak District in general may be overused and that there's a need to mix it up.
- Maybe Sherwood forest or weekend trip to Dorset.

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- KG drove instead of Ben Aldridge and hasn't yet got receipts for petrol, **JR said he will knock it off KG's debts**

3) Upcoming Trips

Lathkill Dale - 05/03/2017

- Lathkill Dale is all good to go, plan to use this trip to introduce the buddy system to encourage navigation.
- 4 navigators will be on the trip.

Snowdon – 10/03/2017 – 12/03/2017

- Snowdon is filled!

Other

- In semester three very few people attend trips because of exams. The 28th May bank holiday trip is right before exam season starts.
- Suggestions for trips include Pembrokeshire for a weekend trip, the Cotswolds which would be nice for a day trip, and maybe a coastal trip. It's suggested that day trips to Leicestershire would be good because the walk could be longer since it's closer.
- MH has worldly relations.
- AZ brought up the online booking system, which in theory is ideal but using it would result in us having to pay a fee to a payment service. If we went through the Union we would lose flexibility, and couldn't prioritise members or not let someone come on a trip. Bookings evenings are also a good chance to get everyone together, especially when elections are on. The last bookings evening was better because people spread out across the room so there was less of a mad dash to the front.
- To try and give more hikers the opportunity to get involved, JR suggested putting on more trips or increasing the number of spaces per trip. To do this we need more people to be skilled navigators.
- MH suggests a buddy system for navigating, so experienced navigators can show newbies the ropes and give them a hand. If we make it obvious to non-navigators (sheep) that the more navigators we have the more trips we can go on, it is

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expected that they will be interested in learning. If that is not enough of an incentive, we can offer small prizes for best navigator.

4) Socials

- "We got things..."
- Everything ready for pancake and waffle social.
- KG is going to get vegan friendly ingredients.
- Club might get a waffle maker, it is currently being polled on the committee group.
- If an event is hosted at someone's house/flat it's only fair that everyone pitches in a bit to tidy, next social if everyone on committee can do their bit we can hope others will follow suit.
- Pub golf – meeting at union around 3ish on the Saturday, go to Nottingham, pub in Nottingham, then golf, food, pub, and then maybe rock city?
- Thursday pub club will remain on Thursday, although MH and co will be unable to attend.

5) Publicity

- JH is drafting logos and should have something in about two weeks.
- Suggestion to offer incentives for people to write up trips, perhaps a free pint at pub club. The club is doing well so we don't need to carve out an allowance for it.
- JH has put some good pictures taken by JR up on the website and facebook page.
- Aidan is going to do a write up.
- Website stuff has been put on the backburner till April.
- People still want club stickers and pants.
- Newsletters are kind of hidden on the website so their visibility could be raised but it is not urgent, they tend to be circulated at Christmas and the summer BBQ anyway.
- Proposal of having two t-shirts, the standard one and then a more hiking appropriate/technical material one that people can pay for since it's likely to be more expensive.

6) Treasurer

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- We are pushing ~£8000.
- Bus payments and bunk house payments are going to come out.
- We can afford to give prizes for people that contribute to the club, such as pints or sweets for writing up trips and navigating.

7) Webmaster

- **Everyone to send Arthur committee profile**
- ALG can use KG's old one
- **ALG needs to give JR new password for vice chair role**

8) A.O.B

- JR is still not officially treasurer in the eyes of the Union.
- Decision to **buy a safe.**
- **AD needs to transfer stuff to AZ.**
- Looking at emergency storage since AZ has no room for the stuff.
- ALG has connections.
- JR had a look into walkie talkies, about £150 for 4 weatherproof walkies.
- JH asked about getting a map of everything on the website, and getting someone professional to design the whole thing. At present, it costs about £56 a year to run, getting a professional would cost a fair amount more. There are some holes in the website, but it is functional enough so this is not a decision we need to conclude on right now.
- Moving committee meetings to 7pm from now on.
- There is an uneven spread of funds allocated to events that involve drinking and those that don't. Socials like the punch party have a larger budget since they need alcohol, but it is a bit unfair to reduce the funds for sober socials, so it is decided that buying pizza for sober socials is a good idea to spread the funds more equally.

9) Actions

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Name	Action	Completion Deadline	Done
AF	To download the app that he can approve purchases on	ASAP	
JR	To approve pancake money	ASAP	
All	Everyone who hasn't yet done so must send ALG their profiles.	ASAP	
JR	Chase up old committee for money	ASAP	
All	Try and sign the DPA	ASAP	
JR	Will knock the money KG is owed for driving receipts off her debt	ASAP	
AV/KG	Include on next trip email a more obvious statement about bringing snacks and drinks if people want.	At time of next trip	
KG	To get vegan friendly ingredients	28/02/2017	
JR/AF	Buy a safe	ASAP	
AD	Needs to transfer the role to AZ	ASAP	
ALG	To give vice chair passwords to JR	ASAP	Done
ALG	Work on the google issue	27/02/2018	
MRT	Bring sweets	06/03/2017	
MRT	Book room for next meeting	ASAP	Done