PCC AGM 09/10/2021 18:00 at Awesome Walls

Agenda

1. Present / apologies

Greg Bristol,Trevor Wilson, Andy Burgess, Krzysztof Czeckowicz, Jason King, Chris Brown, Andy Jobling, James McMann, Stephen McKenzie, Rob Shoosmith, Joe Hiley, Sarah Dixon, Helen Dunnett, Rosa Vilaseca, Becky Hammond, Graeme Hammond, Julian Sorrell, Lucy Nelson, Ling Hwang, Maia Hunnex, Sameer Bhat, Steve Lismore, Kate Hutchence, Cherry Usborne, Simon Mee, Matt Kiggins / Colin Densom, Maggie Skelton, John Skelton, Gareth Jones, Jenifer Maxfield, Dawn Birram, Rachel Woodrow, Matthew Fennelow, Louise Hawson

1. Chairman’s address
2. Previous minutes

Agreed

1. Matters arising

Dealt with in committee

1. Reports
2. Treasurer (AJ): As per report, PCC has a balance of about £4800, an increase of about £500-600 on the previous year. Money available to fund activities beneficial to PCC. Proposals are welcome for using it.

SL - no training sessions last year, could there be more than normal training in 2022? TW clarified, this would be extra subsidies for training courses.

AB clarified again that subsidies last time were minimal.

BH asked would there be more more training?

SL confirmed.

SB asked what kind of training? What about winter/alpine training?

GB suggested SB research it and put it to committee.

AB suggested running smaller groups which would be more accessible for members. JK doesn’t want it to be to the detriment of mountain rescue and bolt fund donations.

SB proposed more for bolt fund. KC seconded.

GH suggested giving a donation to Gary Gibson as it was more applicable to members. DC seconded.

GH suggested using some of the surplus for an 80th anniversary celebration. JS said use it for publicity as well.

1. Membership (SL). PCC finished last year with 143 members and now has 142 members, which seems fairly steady . Asked why some members did not attend meets, could more be done? What barriers are there? Invited discussion. Membership is pretty balanced. Approx ⅓ are women and this seems to be a steady upward trend. Oldest member is 98\* and youngest is 24. Majority are between 30-40. Full details in report. More members interested in sport than previously, bouldering is not so popular. TW noted other clubs tend to be smaller with less women, and a generally older membership. SL will start asking for subs after AGM and asked for people to pay by standing order.

JK asked what happened when members joined with new members. SL confirmed if someone joined in the last three months, they were covered for the following year.

CU asked how many people come to one meet but don’t then join. SL said people often don’t join straight away but come back.

1. Meets (KC) as per report. Noted it had been an odd year. No trips abroad, but some in UK. Hoping to travel abroad next year. Data gathered for evening meets which told us how popular a venue is. Curbar and Bamford most popular. Trad more popular than bouldering i.e. Thursdays more popular than Tuesdays. (Data does not account for weather.)

KC asked do we want to change Tuesday to trad venue? Proposed KC, seconded TW. Confirmed this applies to outdoor climbing.

GH suggested adding sport instead on Tuesday (seconded SL)

JK noted two trad meets should provide more diversity in the meets list. GB asked if this prop would have an adverse effect on attracting members. JH mentioned that a core of boulderers have left. Also mentioned be care should be taken about what sport venue to choose.

1. Have two trad meets / Remain bouldering and trad 1 / 20 (motion defeated)
2. Include sport venue / no extra sport 21/1 (motion passed)

KC asked for venue suggestions. TW suggested more weekend meets and western grit meets. CB suggested making the venue choice more dynamic - based on weather and conditions. KC asked at what point decisions should be made. He acknowledged issues this year. GB advised that it had effectively happened this year and we could view it as a trial run and members would be more aware of this. TW said members should check the website before attending a meet as that would have up to date information.

SL suggested adding limestone venues during peak midge season. DC asked that long walk-ins should be added when days are longest. SM agreed, but wanted an agreed point when a decision would be made. He stated the prior night was acceptable. BH agreed with SB, but suggested midday of the day of the meet. GB said it should be previous day. GH noted that it was a lot of work for the meets organiser. BH asked why it was necessary, as the club was near 80 years old and hadn’t needed it before. Noted that technology had progressed. KC said it was viable, but wanted to think about the cut off time. SL said there should not be an overall rule.

Proposal KC, seconded TW. Timed cut off / moveable cut off 5/14 (motion for moveable cut off passed).

6. Madge Townsend

BH asked that we have a memorial for Madge Townsend. JK suggested an annual ladies climbing meet.

TW organised the stone bench for Ron Townsend, and proposed adding Madge’s name to the bench (seconded by GB). Passed unanimously. TW to speak with National Trust. BH said if this wasn’t possible we should do something else. JS suggested consulting Maggie Skelton as she was a close friend. Also noted Fell and Rock should be involved.

7. Hangar

TW proposed adding The Hangar to the indoor meets list. Roped climbing to be maintained on Thursdays. He noted The Hangar is a worthy venue to add. He is negotiating a members discount to £8.50, but this may be on Tuesday nights only.

Add The Hangar / Do not add The Hangar 15 / 1 (motion passed)

GH proposed alt Tuesday rope / Thurs bouldering calendar (seconded by TW)

Change calendar / do not change calendar 9 / 10 (motion defeated)

TW proposed to alternate week to week bouldering venue week to week (i.e. on a three week cycle). Seconded GB.

Week by week change / month by month change 11 / 5 (motion passed)

8. Club subs

Proposal by AJ to maintain the fee at £27. Seconded by GB.

BMC affiliation fees are £20.25 per member.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Election of committee

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|  | Position | Nomination | Proposer | Seconder |
| 1 | President | Jen Maxfield | Greg Bristol | Matt Fennelow |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 2 | Chair | Trevor Wilson | Greg Bristol | Matt Fennelow |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
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| 3 | Treasurer | Andy Jobling | Greg Bristol | Matt Fennelow |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 4 | Membership secretary | Steve Lismore | Greg Bristol | Matt Fennelow |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 5 | Meets Secretary | Krzysztof Czechowicz | Greg Bristol | Matt Fennelow |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 6 | Secretary | Greg Bristol | Andy Burgess | Cherry Usborne |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 7 | New Members Rep | Krystle Morley | Trevor Wilson | Greg Bristol |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 8 | Members rep | Lucy Nelson | Greg Bristol | Matt Fennelow |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 9 | Members rep | Sarah Dixon | Steve Lismore | Lucy Nelson |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 10  | Members rep | Sameer Bhat | Jason King | Becky Hammond |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
| 9 | Training Coordinator | Andy Burgess | Greg Bristol | Matt Fennelow |
|  | Unopposed |  |  |  |
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10. Awards

Most improved climber: Nadine Fecht (for moving from VS to E2).-

Best climb - Krzysztof Czeckowisz (for leading Samson)

Good egg - Gareth Jones (for building a bouldering wall and opening it up to PCC members during lockdown).

Cock up of the year - Trevor Wilson (for forgetting to tell KC the climbing party had decided to go home from Cornwall.)

11. AOB

SM thanked the committee for their work this year. TW noted that it had been challenging for the committee to sort outdoor meets under Covid regs. GB noted Dawn Birram and Andy Paggett for their encouragement in re-starting meets.

SB asked how many people had left the club due to differing views (i.e. over Covid). Knows of one, didn’t know of any others. SL said he didn’t think there were others. JH said he felt that the club had overstepped its remit to tell people not to climb in their personal lives. SM said that generally personal comments should not be made on Facebook and that he thought this was the case. SL noted that some members didn’t want to climb even when restrictions were lifted.

SB asked what scope there is for working with other clubs, climbing and other sports? TW suggested links could be made with university clubs. GB suggested a network for filling spaces in meets. GB to raise with BMC Peak Area clubs. KC noted that we are not a training club, so we couldn’t invite novice climbers. BH noted university clubs are under increasing restrictions. i.e. only certain people are designated lead climbers.

SM mentioned meets rearranged on the day and complained that changes were listed on Facebook. TW noted that it had been discussed and a decision was reached to alert people by email.

Meeting ended at 19:50