

LOTHIAN TEACHERS' MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
2024 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 28th November 7.30 for 8 pm at Braid Hills Hotel

Chair: Sheila Minutes: Brian

Present: Brian & Jenny Carson, Dot Greig, Chris & Janet Hodgson, Sheila Kennedy, Tony Kent, Alex Laidlaw, Ron Loan, Oli & Val Ludlow, Anne Lyall, Neil & Alison McDonald, Gordon & Anne McKay, Anne Moss, Douglas & Jeanette Fraser, Helen Roy, Bert & Karen Stevenson.

Apologies: Dale Collie, Barbara Darcy, Sue Davidson, Mike Kesby, Shonagh Potter, Rob & Frances Williamson.

1. Sheila welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Adoption of the Minutes of 2023 AGM:
Proposed: Oli Ludlow, Seconded: Janet Hodgson.
3. Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere: Chair's Report added to the agenda as 4a.

4a. Report from the Chair: the year's activities - Sheila Kennedy

This year's meets have been successful with numbers varying.

The year started with the Burns Supper as usual. The venue was Inveraray.

26/27 January 2024, Meet Coordinator Dot Greig. 21 members attended.

A poor weather forecast kept the weekend plans flexible but in the end, Saturday saw a Corbett and a few other hills scaled. Some lower level walks were also completed and Chris went for a cycle.

Sunday was dreich and most people headed home. We had the usual excellent traditional Burns meal on the Saturday evening followed by an agreeable evening of Scottish entertainment from members.

23/24th Feb, Àite Cruinnichidh, Roy Bridge. Meet Coordinator Val Ludlow.

10 members attended. This was the only meet of the year to have snow and 2 great days were had.

The group had to share with another party but it worked out well.

22/23rd March, BlackRock Cottage. Meet Coordinator Jeanette Fraser.

8 members attended with another 2 at the Roy/Long cottage in Glencoe village. Blackrock took a long time to heat up. The forecast was for high winds on the Saturday so a group walk around the Hospital Lochans after coffee at the Roy/Long abode. Luckily Sunday was a stunning day with Beinn a' Chrullaiste near the King's House and Stob Mhic Mhartuin up the Devil's staircase were scaled to admire the views.

19/20th April Braedownie Glen Clova. Meet Coordinator Tony Kent

10 members attended. Saturday was cool and grey to start with but Corrie Fee attracted a good number with Mayar and Dreish to be ascended. Alex went for a cycle along Glen Clova and sampled the delights of a busy Saturday Market and a pop-up café.

17/19th May Strawberry Cottage Glen Affric. Meet Coordinator Anne Lyall.

4 members attended. Barry kindly offered the use of his van to transport members and gear into the hut. To be noted that modern cars are not suitable for the drive in due to low bumpers! Two great weather days with Corbetts and Munros bagged. A swim in the river was welcome.

23/24th August The Cabin, Balgowan. Meet Coordinator Jenny Carson.

6 members attended. The weather was better than predicted by the MWIS forecast, so Carn Dearg in the Monadhliaths was climbed by Brian and Jenny and Creag na Sanais by Val, Oli and Anne by the others as part of a Walk Highland route.

13/18th September Ardtornish Morven. Meet Coordinator Sheila Kennedy.

13 members attended. This was a new venture of a 5 night meet. The club stayed in Achranich Lodge on the Ardtornish Estate. The accommodation was quite luxurious, comfortable with not a bunk bed in sight! Set in beautiful woodlands with short strolls available while Walk Highlands Walks were used to explore the area further afield. One group took the ferry to Mull and climbed the only Corbett there, Dun na Ghaoithe. Other smaller hills were scaled nearer to the Lodge.

This experiment proved successful and it was agreed that another venue along the same lines would be investigated for a future date.

11/13th October Long Weekend Beetham Cottage Patterdale. Meet Coordinators: Rob and Frances Williamson

6 Members and 1 guest attended. The hut was comfortable and an open fire kept the sitting/ dining room warm. Gordon and Martin McKay, unfortunately, couldn't join us at the last minute. Walks could be done from the Cottage with the advantage of not having to find parking in the Lake district.

Wainwrights were bagged and the steamer from Glenridding to Howton used to complete a walk back to Ullswater. The weather was wet and windy on Saturday but dry, windy and clear on Sunday, giving great views of the surrounding hills.

8/9th November. Annual Dinner Meet. Boat Hotel, Boat of Garten. Meet Coordinator Sheila Kennedy.

29 attended. The hotel was welcoming and provided good service. The usual slight issues with rooming were easily solved. Saturday was a gloriously day with great views around the Cairngorm mountains. Those travelling further afield to Corbett bag were less successful with the weather. Our usual Saturday meal and entertainment was successful and Dale was the recipient of the Balaclava once again. We'll be back to the Boat Hotel again next year if we can get another great deal.

6/7th November. Milehouse Loch Insh Meet Coordinator Janet Hodgson.

Last meet of the year and still to take place. 12 members have signed up.

It is with sadness that we remember 2 of our members who passed away this year. Jo White and Dave Leslie. We have to thank Jo for her work on the Committee as Secretary and Dave for his contributions to our Burns Suppers and for setting up our club website. Both will be missed for their companionship and support of the club.

4b. Treasurer's report – Dorothy Greig

Thanks to Tony for auditing the accounts again. Overall we lost £17.57 on meets mainly due to 2 under attended meets. The true balance at the end of the year is £2017.01 and we have already paid out £1114 for deposits for meets in 2025. We have 37 members and 1 social member.

Mountaineering Scotland are increasing their subscription by £5 to £26.75. Because the balance is very healthy, I propose that we keep the subscription to £28 even though the club will only get £1.25 of that. We can review this at the end of the year.

Adoption of 2024 accounts: proposed by Jenny Carson, seconded by Alex Laidlaw.

Setting of the 2024/25 subscription

As suggested by the Treasurer, the meeting unanimously agreed to keep the sub at £28 for 2025. In response to the Treasurer's report, Oli pointed out that some members might only need social membership which would result in more money being retained for club funds, rather than going to the Mountaineering Scotland. This issue arises due to the fact that with the steep rise in MS membership only a very small proportion now goes to club funds this year. However other members pointed out that the membership renewal form states that social members will not have the benefits of MS membership, including the public liability insurance cover, access to huts, etc. It was also observed that MS does a lot to promote care for the mountain environment, access, safety etc etc and that club members are happy to continue supporting this work.

5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee members

Secretary: Brian Carson. Proposed by Sheila Kennedy, seconded by Dorothy Greig.

Treasurer: Dorothy Greig. Proposed by Oli Ludlow, seconded by Anne Lyall.

Committee

Jenny Carson: proposed by Jeanette Fraser, seconded by Val Ludlow.

Janet Hodgson: proposed by Sheila Kennedy, seconded by Jenny Carson.

Sheila Kennedy: proposed by Oli Ludlow, seconded by Dorothy Greig.

Tony Kent: proposed by Janet Hodgson, seconded by Anne Lyall.

Val Ludlow: proposed by Dorothy Greig, seconded by Jenny Carson.

Oli Ludlow: proposed by Sheila Kennedy, seconded by Anne Lyall.

Anne Lyall: proposed by Anne Moss, seconded by Janet Hodgeson.

Karen Stevenson: proposed by Sheila Kennedy, seconded by Anne Moss.

6. Assigning coordinators for 2025 meets pto>>

Dates 2025	Meet	Co-ordinator
Jan 17/18	Blackwater Hostel, Kinlochleven	Dorothy Greig
21/22 Feb	Crianlarich	Val Ludlow
28/29 March	Muir cottage Inverey, Braemar	Helen Roy
25 - 27 April	Ronan Cottage, Aultbea, Gairloch	Jeanette Fraser
16 - 18 May	Kintail Hostel, Morvich	Brian Carson
13/14 June	Inbhirfhaolain, Glen Etive	
22/23 August	Mile House, Inch, Glen Feshie	Dale Collie
12 - 14 September	Forrest Way Hostel, Lael,Ullapool	Rob Williamson
3/4 October	Blackrock, Glencoe	Oli Ludlow
8/9 November	Boat of Garten, Speyside	Sheila Kennedy
5/6 December	Raeburn Hut, Laggan	Bert Stevenson

7. AOCB: Tony raised the matter of the fact that the Club had lost two much loved members this past year. Sheila agreed to add this in to her report.
8. Close and setting of the first Committee Meeting of the new committee:
Monday 9th December, 3pm on Zoom. Meeting closed around 9pm.

Brian Carson 16.12.2024