

Comeragh Mountaineering Club AGM

Thursday 29th September 2011

1. **Chairman's Address** – Dick opened the meeting by welcoming the members that attended and by thanking the current committee for all their great work during the year. Dick also mentioned the Semra donation from the Calendar sales and the trips that were organised by Brian during the year that were all a great success.
2. **Financial Accounts for 2011** – Sean Fogarty distributed the club finances and explained each item. Up on fees by approx €400 on last year, no expenditure this year. Sean put a discussion to the members with regards to changing the membership fees – so far Sean has not received any information on the fees from the MCI on memberships for 2012 and it is felt that they will increase. A decision was made to leave the Student membership at €35 and raise the adult membership to €45 per person. This will be reviewed again next year – there was a general feeling from the members that there seem to be good funds in the club so why raise the membership fees, especially for students as we are trying to attract them to the club.
3. **Club Events:** Very good feedback on the Club trips – they were all full with super accommodation arranged – everyone remarked on the hard work Brian constantly commits to arranging the Club trips.
 - Trip to Killarney – Oct Bank Hol 2010
 - Holy & Hot Whiskey Walk - December 2010
 - Club Curry Night January 2011
 - Rock Climbing in Dunmore East
 - Donegal
 - Dingle - Paddy's Weekend
 - Return outing to the Saltees – 14th of May
 - Kenmare – June Bank Hol
 - Trip to Poland
 - Club BBQ in Haughton's
 - Next Club Trip – Killorglan Co. Kerry- Oct Bank Hol

A lengthy discussion was held on future trips for 2012 – a number of members wish return to Wales, some want to do Winter Ice/Snow type climbing. Brian mentioned that Wales was being looked at already and there is a challenge relating to the Ferries, members chatted then about options. Some members are interested in the Winter courses too hat the MCI hold. John Foley mentioned that if the winter weather here repeats itself from the last two years that perhaps we could arrange at short notice some Winter Climbing training. Achill was mentioned – committee to pursue options.

4. **Club Photo competition – Calendar in aid of Semra - €817**

Calendar not continued for 2011. It was explained that the Calendars were not going ahead this year and that instead there would be a raffle to raise the donation for Semra. The Photo competition is still going head as planned.

5. **Comeragh Clean up** – Dick said the Club will try to make an effort to support this event in 2012.
6. **Donal McGrath Memorial Walk – Sunday 13th March 2011** – Dick mentioned that the walk went took place.

7. **National Trails Day – Oct 2010 – walk to lake in Comshinghaun –**
Discussion held that we need to promote our Club Open Day on the 23rd of October – we need to come up with a plan of action, be it media, radio, posters with club contact details, mention membership is Open etc.
8. **Mountain Skills Courses – Bernie Stubbs & Adrian Larkin.** – Dick mentioned that we had 2 club members who took part this year.
9. **MCI Meeting** – Dick mentioned that Denis and himself had attended.
10. **Club Slide Shows** – these were mentioned:
 - Jordan – Denis / Dick
 - Ice/Snow Climbing in the Comeraghs – Johnny Foley
 - Morrocco – Pat Logan

10. New Committee for 2011

Chairman – Dick McCarthy

Treasurer – Sean Fogarty

Secretary – Karen Keppel

PRO – Brian Jacob

Committee – Paddy Scanlon

Committee – Mags Drohan

Committee – John Haberlin

Committee – Finbarr Warner

Committee – Denis Cullen

Committee – TBC

Mick Fanning resigned and Bernie Stubbs was not at the meeting.

11. Any other business – feedback from Club Members

- Discussion held on underage walkers, Dick had been asked about the Scouts leaders possibly learning some trails from the Club.
- Brian talked about the need for new members and a discussion was held on how to entice people into the Club. Again it was agreed we should use the radio, press, posters in appropriate places, email posters to companies, give each member a poster to hang up at work etc with appropriate contact details, mention that we are open for Memberships! Maybe flyers on parked cars, Community notice on WLR. The Dungarvan club do a spread in the paper with photos etc of walks regularly. Maybe we should get a club photo in front of a scenic area on the Comeraghs, was suggested.
- Some one suggested phoning new walkers as a follow up from their walk to see if they are interested in joining.
- Committee to sort out the publicity for the Open Day.

The meeting was closed by Dick.