**X-ABA Mountaineering Club**

**Minutes of 52nd Annual General Meeting**

**October 14th 2017 at 7pm**

**Tyn-y-Coed Inn, Capel Curig**

**President’s Report,** Tim Sparrow.

* Interesting year, lots of new young members from Aber. Emily (Groves) and Joe (Dean) are with us tonight and a good number of last year’s graduate cohort have joined us. We hope Emily and Joe will report back their experience of tonight and of the hut. It is the new members that will ensure the Club will carry on!!
* **Upkeep of the hut.** Del and Sally, Duffy, Bill and Margaret have provided the work to keep things in good order..**the working weekend** allowed other jobs to be completed..put next year’s weekend in your diary!!
* **Del** successfully completed an emergency repairs to roof and today Duffy repaired a water leak ! Well done the team!!
* **If your nearby** do pop in and give the grass a beating ! The mower in the shed/same key.

**Treasurer’s Report**….

* Has been sent out and is accepted in its entirety.

**Future works and maintenance**

* Duffy was measuring up for new showers and trays today…the meeting asked to hold off on the –hoisty-in-things..for a few more years anyway. The need for more comfortable stackable chairs was agreed.
* Time to look at forming the ‘drying room’??

**Election of Officers…firstly …The President….**

* Jeff Gough proposed Tim Sparrow continues as President

Seconded by Pauline Davies and others. Appointed by acclimation

**Treasurer.**

* Naturally the meeting looked to Duffy……Duffy said that ‘‘last year he was of the opinion of not standing again, (as Treasurer)not because I do not want to do it…because if something should happen to him no one would be aware of how everything works e.g. …bank situation etc thus the Club would become vulnerable.

Duffy proposed an acceptable compromise….Steve Duley has agreed to become back-up Treasurer, working in parallel to him. He will be able to write cheques and Internet banking.

Steve will thus be always update and could, if it became necessary, pick up the reins.

*An Emergency decision to this effect taken on 26th June 2017 was affirmed by the meeting.*

With this agreement in place ….Jeff Gough proposed Duffy as Treasurer and Steve Duley as Assistant Treasurer . Seconded by Jon Kerridge

**Duffy was duly elected as Treasurer** and **Steve as Assistant Treasurer**.

**Duffy then reported..**

* He advises that an email address is created which is not dependent on BTetc,. for the Treasurer’s role. This would mean the current email would only be for personal contact with him. In good time he will set up an account using **‘outlook.com’**....details will be circulated. Duffy and Steve can access that.
* One other thing –guest to hut and payment of fees...….it is written in the Constitution**’. If you take a guest –you collect the money and you pay it into the account.**
* **Maintenance..**If you see anything that needs attention **please** report to Duffy/Bill/Del so that it can be fixed!

At the end of the meeting Jeff Gough asked to read a letter he had written to the family of one of the Club’s founder memberson his untimely death.

**Jeff Gough** then read the letter that he wrote to Lloyd Forsey’s children,

*Dear Megan and Owen,*

*It is now some 55 years or so that I first met Lloyd, your father,*

*as a nervous, quiet student from South Wales, at Fresher Meet in Aberystwyth University.*

*We were all part of a gaggle of people, who over the day joined the Aberystwyth Mountaineering Club. Your Dad was a tall, thin, confident young man!*

*The next 3 years, until Graduation in 1965, were the most important years in my and, I know,*

*your Dad’s life.*

*We all spent an amazing amount of time together, on the hills, in the pub (The Blue Bell), like a huge, complex family of boys and girls around the same age. A very fondly remembered time.*

*Throughout that time, we saw each other daily (well, almost)!!*

*Your Dad was a very brave and excellent climber…I was no match for him.*

*That did not matter, we were of the Mountaineering Club, thus ‘friends’ and ‘equals’.*

*After Graduation in 1965, my friend Bill Dean and I set up the Xaba Mountaineering Club and your Dad was a founder member. The Club continues to be active, with its hut in Snowdonia*

*…some 52 years on.*

*Soon we all went on our separate ways down life’s path, remaining in touch in spirit, often not seeing one another for years – for me 10 -12 years, but when we met at Xaba Club dinners….age and time disappeared!*

*Now, at this sad and difficult time, know that Lloyd will always be with us….never to meet and chat, but always in the memory and, as now, in my thoughts.*

*My kindest of kind regards to you both.*

*In friendship….*

**The meeting closed**.