

Ibex Virtual Committee Meeting Minutes – 6th August 2025, via Teams

Attendees: Susan W, David W, Patrick T, Clive S, Karen W, Mags R, Viv P

Apologies: Cathy C

SW welcomed everyone.

Actions from last committee meeting

- CC: Add this Saturday and all other day walks to Facebook. Done.
- CS: Add advertised weekends to Facebook. Ongoing. **Action SW and CS.**
- SW: Send information to CC and CS on how to post events. Done for CS.
- SW: Update email address on Facebook and add Instagram account. Email address updated. **Action SW:** Create Instagram account and Link Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- CS: to contact organisers of December weekend early – to advertise weekend in September. Done.
- CS: Remove covid paragraph from weekend final instructions. Done.
- SW: email committee links to BMC information on value of BMC club membership. Done.
- ALL: Provide a google review if you have not already done so. Ongoing. **Action KW, MR, PT and CC.**
- SW: Contact JL for advice on social media posting. Meeting arranged for next week. **Action SW:** Attend meeting with JL to discuss social media.
- ALL: Interesting day walk ideas. North of London, Essex & Harrow suggested. Ideas to be emailed to Cathy. **Action PT MR**

President

- Minutes from last meeting (9th April) Agreed.
- AGM Planning – 25th October, Rugby Tavern – meet 4pm, meeting 5pm, Food served at 7.30pm. **Action PT:** Contact Stephen to arrange auditing of accounts.
- OS Subscription – Renewed subscription and updated email address. President has access to all routes and can share with club.

Weekend Co-ordinator

- Bookings for currently advertised weekends looking more positive with Exmoor now at 11 (almost breakeven) and Rhayader at 7 (9 breakeven).
- Much Wenlock(November) and Llangollen (December) will be advertised in September newsletter.

Weekend Planner

- Weekend programme for 2026 – all but 2 are confirmed.
- Options for Easter 2027 discussed.

- BMC huts were suggested as an accommodation possibility. **Action MR** to look at BMC huts.

Membership

- Membership numbers: 73 full members and 13 prospective members.
- BMC value for money – this was reviewed, most of committee feel we should stay with BMC. **Action SW:** Include statement about BMC value and continuation of Ibex affiliation with BMC in President's report in September newsletter.
- Discussed making more use of BMC benefits and resources.
- Insurance broker Access provided a quotation from Q Insurance underwritten by themselves and Aviva. The quote may not be sufficiently tailored to our needs but is only £7 per head.

Club nights

- Thames walk club nights have been very successful. We should continue next summer.
- Calendar competition will be on 10th September, and 8th October will be the events presentation.
- Patrick will preside the November meeting. There will be a presentation on the Alpine Trip. **Action PT:** Arrange for Alpine Presentation.
- December club night – party vibe with meal before the pub.

Website/Social media

- Website – all events and blogs are up to date.
- The OS maps membership has been removed from the website (no longer group subscription).
- Google rankings appear to have improved – now on first or second page.
- Facebook – CC suggested we encourage more members to post on Facebook. People do use Facebook to search for clubs and if we have a really active Facebook page it looks good.

Treasurer /Financial Position of Club

- Combined Bank balance = £5719

Day Walks

- Have been really well attended this year (average 12) with some new and prospective members joining us. Day walks are a great way for prospective members to get to know us ahead of committing to a weekend away. It is a great social thing to do in between weekends.
- Need volunteers for November and December. SW commented that December Day Walk was well attended last year.
- Next year will wait until October when weekends schedule is published to advertise for leaders. Will email and push at AGM. Also mention in November newsletter.

Newsletter

- Currently writing a document for how to create the newsletter using Canva (so that anybody can do it in the future).

AOB

Risk assessment out of date September 2021 – was not reviewed in September 2022. **Action SW:** Present risk assessment for review by committee.

Discussed need for a Value statement and code of conduct. **Action KW CW:** Look at Constitution and produce a value statement and code of conduct to be discussed at next meeting.

Date of next virtual committee meeting

19.00 Thursday 2nd October 2025

Summary of actions following meeting

- **SW:** Create Instagram account and link to Facebook accounts.
- **SW:** Provide CS with instructions for adding event to Facebook.
- **CS:** Add advertised weekends to Facebook.
- **KW,PT,MR,CC:** Provide a google review.
- **SW:** Attend meeting with JL for advice on social media posting.
- **PT,MR:** Email interesting walk ideas to Cathy.
- **PT:** Contact SJ to arrange auditing of accounts.
- **SW:** Include statement about BMC value and continuation of Ibex affiliation with BMC in President's report in September newsletter.
- **PT:** Preside November club night and arrange for Alpine Presentation.
- **SW:** Present Risk assessment for review by committee.
- **KW CS:** Look at Constitution and produce a value statement and code of conduct to be discussed at next meeting.