

Minutes of the VIC Hiking and Mountaineering Club's Annual General Meeting

Held on 29 January 2013 at Heurigen Feuerwehr Wagner, 19.Grinzingerstrasse 53

The meeting was opened by the Club President Christine Slater shortly before 7 pm, a bit later than expected due to bad weather conditions which had delayed some participants. Christine welcomed the attending members and forwarded apologies and greetings from members, who were not able to join the event.

Margarethe Ehrenfeldner, Vice-President of the Club, presented a summary of the Club's activities for 2012, the outline of which can be seen in the Club's web-site.

First of all she mentioned that the new website supports hike leaders and committee members significantly to inform members about the programme, and changes at short notice.

She emphasized that the demand for easy hikes could be met as many new hike leaders offered A and B hikes. Very popular are also the cultural hikes and evening hikes, which will start again in May of this year. In total there were 105 activities. For 2013 many new and interesting hikes are already planned and can be found on the website.

Christine Slater expressed her thanks to all long-standing and new hike leaders and announced that Peter Jirak will retire end of 2013 as a hike leader and the Club will be challenged to replace him.

She thanked Margarethe Ehrenfeldner very much for having served the Club for many years and only has to step down as Vice President because she will retire soon. She expressed the hope, that Margarethe will have more time to lead hikes when she is retired. Margarethe was offered some flowers and presents as a small token of gratitude.

The meeting then reviewed the financial report for 2013. There was no substantive question about the income or expenditure of the club.

Irene Karpiscek, who took care of the memberships and finances of the Club for many years, also wished to step down. Her work for the Club was very altruistic as she did not take part in Club activities very often. She also got some presents as appreciation.

The President then asked the attending members to approve the new simplified fee structure for 2013. There are only 2 rates: full membership (€ 30.-) and reduced rate (€ 20.-) for retirees, students and interns. The fee structure was accepted with no objections.

The statutes were also modified in line with an example for VIC Receptions Clubs. Thus only 2 executive members of the Committee must be active staff members of the VIC. That opens the possibility that retirees and other volunteers can better contribute to the organisational work of the Club. The role of the programme coordinator was separated from the Vice-President. All members were invited to offer their contributions to the Club and the changes were accepted by acclamation.

Christine then announced that she would step down as Club President and notified the attending members of the nominations for the Club Officials and other functions.

All nominations were accepted by acclamation:

President: Isabelle Boutriau
Vice-President: Maria Hofmann
Treasurer: Susanne Walleczek
Contact person: Christine Slater
Programme Coordinator: Frits Wittgreffe
Webmaster: Maria Hofmann
Publicity & marketing: Dominique Le-Dantec
Support of Committee: Evelyn Hesp and Nancy Wonisch

Meetings of the Club committee were shifted from breakfast to lunch hour to make it easier for retirees to attend.

Christine also announced that there will be a VIC Club's day in February, where volunteers are welcome to help to present the Club activities.

Stella Grandclaude regretted that the mobile numbers of hike leaders are not available from the website any more and hike participants cannot contact the hike leader in case of last time cancellation, problems, etc. To address this need, hike leaders will be encouraged to add their mobile number to the answer mail of registration. Telephone numbers could also be sent to members via e-mail, but are not published on the website for security reasons.

Paul Hesp informed the audience about his planned trip to the Netherlands. Details can soon be found on the website. He will also resume the Map and Compass courses later in the year.

The new Club President, Isabelle Boutriau, finally thanked Christine Slater, the committee and all attending Club members (approximately 35). She stated that she was looking forward to work with a nice team, wished everybody a good hiking year and invited all for social gathering.

The meeting rose at about 10:30 p.m.

Maria Hofmann
Vice President of the VIC Hiking Club

**Annual General Meeting
of the VIC Hiking and Mountaineering Club
Tuesday 29 January 2013
Heurigen Feuerwehr Wagner, 1190 Wien, Grinzingerstr 53**

AGENDA

- Welcome by the President (*Christine*)
- Report on Club's activities (*Margarethe*)
- Financial report (see back of this page)
- Adoption of the new fees structure
- Adoption of revised statutes
- Election of the Club officials (*Christine*)
- Any other business
- Social gathering



STATUTES

1. The purpose of the Hiking and Mountaineering Club is to encourage and provide opportunities for hiking, mountaineering and other outdoor activities and thereby to infuse the spirit of adventure and create love and interest in nature's beauty, its fauna and flora among the staff members of the International Organisations, their families and their friends. The common language of the club is English.
2. Membership includes three categories: full, associate and honorary.
 - a. Full: active and retired staff members of the VIC and staff of the diplomatic missions and other international organisations in Vienna.
 - b. Associate: Partners of full members, students and interns.
 - c. Honorary: Hike Leaders and Officers

Only full and honorary members have voting rights.

All full and associated members shall pay fees annually; the amount to be decided upon each year at the Annual General Meeting. Honorary members are exempt from paying annual fees. Retirees of the VIC will pay 2/3rds of the fees charged to full members.

3. Officers including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Contact Person are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting for a one year term of office (relating to a calendar year) and may stand for re-election. At least two of the executive officers must be active staff members at the VIC.

The President: is responsible for calling and chairing each club meeting, represents the Club at all official functions and directs the other officers in their duties. He/she is in charge of co-ordinating the activities of the Club, including the promotion of public information about the Club to outside bodies.

The Vice-President: is responsible for preparing the minutes of the official club meetings and replaces the president when necessary.

The Treasurer: is responsible for the finances and accounting of the Club. He/She is also in charge of the membership list of the Club. The Treasurer shall report on the Club's finances at each Annual General Meeting.

The Contact person: is responsible for answering e-mail and telephone enquiries.

The Programme Coordinator: is responsible for coordinating the hiking programme.

Assistants: do not need to be based at the VIC. Assistants are required to assist with administrative tasks and any other matters arising. Anyone can volunteer to be an Assistant at any time.

4. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held once a year. The day and time of this meeting shall be listed in the relevant Hiking Programme which is available to all members. At this meeting the officers are elected, the financial report given, fees for full and associate membership and guest fees are set for the coming year, and general business matters discussed. Decisions are made by simple majority of full members present. However, votes on issues contained in the Statutes require a 2/3rds majority for passage. In case of a tie vote the President's vote decides the issue.