

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the VIC Hiking and Mountaineering Club, Wednesday 12 February 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Mayer am Pfarrplatz, Pfarrplatz 2, 1190 Wien

Thirty six members were present.

Apologies were received from: Maria Hofmann (Vice President, due to illness), Linshu Shao, Roger Starkie, Roberto Gaetano, Helene Heron, Frits Wittgreffe, Peter Jirak, Tomas Vitvar, Norbert Plhak.

1. The President opened the meeting at 7 p.m.
2. In the absence of the Vice President, the President gave an overview of the past year's activities, and thanked the Hike Leaders for their dedication and commitment to the Club, which had a full and varied programme, often with more than one activity each weekend to cater for the needs of all members.
3. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the year ending 31 August 2013 (as required by the VIC Recreation Club). In the latter part of the year, it became apparent that the Financial Rules of the Club needed to be reviewed. The Committee prepared revised rules (attached), which were unanimously adopted at the meeting.
4. In the absence of any nominations from the floor, the existing Club officials were elected to serve for another year.
 - a. President Isabelle Boutriau
 - b. Vice President Maria Hofmann
 - c. Treasurer Susanne Walleczek
 - d. Contact Person Christine Slater
 - e. Programme Coordinator Frits Wittgreffe
5. Any Other Business:
 - a. Paul Hesp highlighted the desirability of keeping a photo record of the Club's activities. The Club has created a Dropbox account, where photos can be deposited and Paul will transfer them to Flickr. For details of how to use the Dropbox account, members should contact Paul directly (Paul.Hesp@tele2.at).
 - b. Christine Colella highlighted a forthcoming event organised by the Vienna Guide Service "Welttag der Fremdenführer" on 23rd February 2014, when guided tours in English and other languages will take place at 11 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. She also reminded members about her forthcoming slideshow on her recent trekking experience around Annapurna, Nepal, which will take place on 6th March at Österreichischer Gebirgsverein, 1080 Wien at 6:45 p.m.
 - c. Members were reminded to check the Club website for latest news and changes to the programme.
6. After the business part of the meeting, Matthias Blumenfeld presented an entertaining slideshow with highlights of the Club's trip to Australia in October 2013, which was organised by Christine Tonkin after her return home. The main focus was on the coastal Cape to Cape track in the south west of Australia from 15 to 24 October 2013. After the AGM, a message of thanks was sent by the President to the organiser and her family.
7. The Meeting closed at about 8:30 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Welcome by the President.
2. Report on the Club's activities
3. Financial report and adoption of the amended financial rules
4. Election of the Club officials
5. Any other business
6. Slideshow on the Cape to Cape Australian hike, by Matthias Blumenfeld
7. Social gathering

FINANCIAL RULES

1. Club Account details:

Bank Account: Bank Austria 08373500100

IBAN Code: AT 81 11000 08373500100

SWIFT/BIC Code: BKAUATWW

2. Membership fee:

Amounts, as approved by the Annual General Meeting, to be paid to the above-referred account by:

- bank transfer, or
- electronic banking,

stating under purpose of payment MEMBERSHIP and NAME. Exact amounts see annex.

3. Guest fee:

Amounts, as approved by the Annual General Meeting, to be paid by non-members in cash to the hike leader at the hike. Exact amounts see annex.

4. Fees for hikes of more than one day:

Extra fees, as approved by the Annual General Meeting, charged to members and guests who participate in hikes organized over several days. Exact amounts see annex.

5. Registration:

For *one day* hikes: minimum two days before the hike to the hike leader/contact person, unless otherwise specified in the programme.

For trips of *more than one day*: deadline of registration as specified in the programme.

In case of limited participation, priority will be given to Club members.

6. Minimum number of participants:

In order for the hike leader to be entitled to reimbursement of expenses, the minimum number of participants, excluding the hike leader, is five.

7. Downpayments:

For trips over several days, the hike leader may incur expenditures for reservation of rooms, transport tickets etc. in advance of the hike. Therefore the hike leader may request a downpayment, which should be made to the hike leader's bank account, stating clearly NAME and PURPOSE.

8. Cancellation in case of financial commitments:

For all trips for which financial commitments have been made by the hike leader on the basis of registered participants (accommodation, renting of buses, etc.), downpayments cannot be reimbursed, unless a replacement is found.

Fees to be paid in the case of special events (see item 5):

- in case of cancellation after the registration deadline a minimum of 25% of the fee for the organizational costs will be charged by the hike leader;
- in case of cancellation at short notice (4 weeks or less) a minimum of 50% of the organizational costs have to be paid.

9. Exclusion of participants:

The hike leader is entitled to exclude persons from participation at any time before or during the hike (from places where public transport is available or can be reached on easy walking trails) on the grounds of insufficient physical fitness, inappropriate equipment or antisocial behaviour (including disregard for the Guidelines for Hiking in a Group).

10. Trips by private car:

Reimbursement for car owner: petrol costs to be shared among the passengers, including the driver.

11. Smoke free areas:

All indoor activities of the Club should be kept smoke free.

12. Dogs:

Will only be allowed on hikes with prior approval of the hike leader.

Reimbursable Costs for Hike Leaders

13. Transportation to and from the hiking site:

Maximum reimbursable amounts (VORTEILSCARD train ticket, bus, taxi sharing, petrol sharing, lift):

- €30 for *one or two day* trips;
- €60 for trips of *more than two* days;

In the case of a trip by private car, the maximum reimbursable amount is the equivalent of a VORTEILSCARD ticket for the same distance, or the maximum amount as specified above, whichever is less.

14. Accommodation:

Maximum reimbursable amount: €30 per night for bed and breakfast.

15. Claims:

When submitting their claims, hike leaders are requested to attach tickets/invoices where possible. In the case of hikes of more than one day, reimbursement of expenses will be ONLY against submission of tickets/invoices.

16. Others:

To cover *miscellaneous* expenses (like communication costs, maps, first aids, guide books, refreshments, entrance fees etc.) hike leaders are entitled to the reimbursement of:

- €15 for *half-day* trips and
- €25 for trips of *one or more days* (N.B: per trip, not per day).

17. Hike leaders' insurance, membership/guest fee and of VAVö course fee:

Covered by the Club for hike leaders who lead a *minimum* of 4 hikes a year.

Annex

FEES

Membership fees:

Full membership:	€30
Retiree, students and interns:	€20

Guest fees (for non-members):

	For one day hikes:	For half day or evening hikes:
Adults:	€5	€3
Students/Interns:	€3	

Special fees for hikes over several days:

	2 days	3-4 days	5-9 days	10-16 days
Members:	€ 7	€14	€30	€ 50
Guests:	€10	€20	€60	€100
Students/Interns:	€ 5	€10	€30	€ 50

For hikes or travels abroad the fees will be doubled.