

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the VIC Hiking and Mountaineering Club, Tuesday 23 February 2016, 6:30 p.m.**  
Mayer am Pfarrplatz, Pfarrplatz 2, 1190 Wien

Twenty six members were present. The agenda is appended.

Apologies were received from: Herta Kaschitz, Monica Exner Kittridge, Gabriela Pinheiro, Roger Starkie, Lauren Waldner, Susanne Wallacek, Ron Yuen.

1. The President opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m. after members had enjoyed some food from the buffet. The President thanked the Hike Leaders for their dedication and commitment to the Club, and Paul Hesp for maintaining the club photo archive on Flickr. She also thanked the retiring club officials (Vice President-Maria Hofmann, Treasurer-Susanne Walleczek, and Contact Person-Christine Slater) for their work over the past few years.
2. The minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved.
3. The Vice President gave an overview of the past year's activities, which included 34 A hikes (including city walks and evening hikes), 38 B hikes, 32 C hike days, 23 D hike days and 5 snow shoe hikes. Due to lack of snow, the planned cross-country skiing trips had to be cancelled. The Club organized a comprehensive range of activities throughout the year, including cultural walks in and around Vienna, hikes to suit all levels of fitness from short evening hikes lasting one or two hours to week long hikes in the mountains and further afield (e.g. Carinthia), as well as some cycling trips, photo walks and culinary hikes. In 2015, besides many hikes in Austria, trips were organized in Italy (Dolomites and Liguria), England (Lake District), Slovakia (Xmas Market in Bratislava) and Spain (Picos de Europa).
4. The Financial Report for the year ending 31 August 2015 (as required by the VIC Recreation Club) was approved by the members present.
5. In the absence of any nominations from the floor, the following Club officials (proposed by the committee) were elected to serve for the coming year.
  - a. President Isabelle Boutriau
  - b. Vice President Carolyn Lettner
  - c. Treasurer Monica Exner-Kittridge
  - d. Contact Person Snezana Konecni
  - e. Programme Coordinator Frits Wittgreffe

The new officials were welcomed to the committee and thanked for volunteering to serve the Club in this way, and the President presented a small gift to the retiring committee members, and to Nancy Wonisch, who retired as a hike leader this year, after many years of service to the club.

6. Any Other Business:
  - a. The Programme Coordinator announced some forthcoming hikes, including a hut-to-hut hike on Hochschwab in July, staying in simple huts and visiting all the summits on the mountain, and the Lycian Way on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey at the end of October.
  - b. The Programme Coordinator appealed for new leaders, especially for easy hikes. Paul Hesp organises several map and compass courses during the year, and Frits volunteered to provide training on logistics for new leaders, including where to look for train and bus timetables, and how to

fund huts for weekend hikes using resources on the internet. Experienced hike leaders are always willing to help, and the club will pay the fees for mountain leadership courses for new leaders.

- c. Brigitte Unger, a new hike leader introduced herself to the members. She is a qualified hike leader and also leads hikes for the Alpenverein Section Edelweiss. She also volunteered to present some slideshows, of some of her recent travels.
  - d. Paul Hesp proposed that there should be an additional page on the Hiking Club web site for stories, written by members. The web master (Maria Hofmann) will follow-up on this idea.
7. Members enjoyed a slideshow prepared by Paul Hesp, with highlights of the Club's activities during the past year.
  8. The Meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Welcome by the President
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM
4. Report on the Club's activities during 2015
5. Financial report
6. Election of the Club officials
7. Any other business
8. Slideshow: Highlights of the Club's activities in 2015 prepared by Paul Hesp
9. Social gathering