

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the VIC Hiking and Mountaineering Club, Tuesday 23 January 2018, 18:00**  
12 Apostel Keller Restaurant, 1010 Wien

Twenty eight members were present. The agenda is appended.

Apologies were received from: Isabelle Boutriau, Tomas Vitvar

1. The Contact person opened the meeting at 18.15 p.m. after members had enjoyed some food and drinks. She thanked the current "Executive Committee" for their hard work, the Hike Leaders for their dedication and commitment to the Club, and Paul Hesp for maintaining the club photo archive on Flickr.
2. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved.
3. The Financial Report for the year ending 31 August 2017 (as required by the VIC Recreation Club) was approved by the members present. The treasurer informed the members that currently there are 92 active members. 31 Club officials (current and past) and 61 regular members so far.
4. 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 Maria Hofmann
  - c. Treasurer Monica Exner
  - d. Contact Person Snezana Konecni
  - e. Programme Coordinator Frits Wittgreffe
5. Christine Colella talked about Peter Jirak's extraordinary career in the hiking club and thanked him for all the great hikes he lead for the Club. She conveyed greeting of non present members and asked for a minute of silence for Inge Unger, a former hike leader, who passed away last year.
6. The Vice President gave an overview of the past year's activities, which included 32 A hikes (including city walks and evening hikes), 10 A/B hikes, 21 B hikes, 17 C hike days, 14 D hike days and 10 bicycle trips. 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 snow shoe hikes, cross country, photo walks and culinary hikes. In 2017, besides many hikes in Austria, a big group enjoyed a trip to the Lake District (UK) organised by a former hike leader. The hilarious 'almhut' tour was especially mentioned, as staying in private huts enables close contact with the local people, getting interesting information, excellent local food and authentic entertainment.
7. The Vice President also presented some statistics regarding the website:
  - a. About 12.000 accesses are registered per year
  - b. About 33% are via mobile browsers.
  - c. The majority of the members present considered that the development of a mobile version of the website is not necessary as the current one can be easily used on mobile devices.
  - d. The members also regarded the homepage to be good.
  - e. The vice-president asked the members to think about a better presentation of the archive/stories/reports page. A member suggested

providing the possibility of adding a narrative report to the archived hike details.

- f. Some members complained that the registration button for hike is sometimes not available. The webmaster will check.
  - f. A banner asking for new hike leaders will be added to the website. 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 find 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.
8. Members enjoyed a fantastic slideshow prepared by Paul Hesp, with highlights of the Club's activities during the past year.
9. The Meeting closed at 21:00.

**VIC Hiking and Mountaineering Club**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 18:00**

Zum 12 Apostols restaurant, 1010 Wien

Agenda

1. Welcome by the President
2. Approval of the minutes of AGM 2016 and Report on the Club's activities (see <http://www.vic-hikingclub.com/reports/>)
3. Financial report (see <http://vicrec.unvienna.org/vicrec/en/reportfiles.html>)
4. Election of Club officials (see current "Club Officials" <http://www.vic-hikingclub.com/club/aims-and-activities>)
5. Any other business
6. Slideshow, by Paul Hesp
7. Social gathering