

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the VIC Hiking and Mountaineering Club, Tuesday 3 February 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Mayer am Pfarrplatz, Pfarrplatz 2, 1190 Wien

Twenty six members were present. The agenda is appended.

Apologies were received from: Christine Colella, Müge Dolun, Hans Flickenschild, Stella Grandclaude, Evelyn Hesp, Paul Hesp, Tomas Vitvar, Heidi Weichselbaumer, Ron Yuen.

1. The President opened the meeting at 6.50 p.m. and gave the apologies of Paul Hesp, who was unable to participate due to illness, but had prepared the slideshow to be shown after completion of the business matters. She thanked Paul for his dedication to maintaining the club photo archive on Flickr, and for introducing the photo walks. A new venture this year was family hikes. We hope for more in the future. The President thanked the Hike Leaders for their dedication and commitment to the Club.
2. The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved.
3. The Vice President gave an overview of the past year's activities, which included 43 A hikes (including city walks and evening hikes), 32 B hikes, 18 C hikes, 15 D hikes, 2 cross country skiing trips, 2 snow shoe hikes and 1 bike ride. In addition to the Photo Walks, and 2 family hikes. Destinations other than in and around Vienna and Lower Austria in chronological order included: Netherlands, Carinthia, Greece (Olympos), Bad Mitterndorf, Dürnstein, Salzburg, Czech Republic (Giant Mountains), 5 Mountain Hike, Hochschwab, Italy (Dolomites), Bulgaria, Slovenia (Triglav), Rottenmanner Tauern, Italy (Cinque Terre).
4. The Programme Coordinator appealed for new leaders from among the long-term members, especially for easy hikes. . It would be very nice, if those, who have enjoyed guided hiking tours for a long time would help to provide this service to newcomers as well.
5. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the year ending 31 August 2014 (as required by the VIC Recreation Club). The report was approved by the members present.
6. 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

It was noted that the Vice President, Treasurer and Contact person will retire at the next AGM.

7. Any Other Business:
 - a. Margarethe Ehrenfeldner reported that hike leader and City Tour Guide, Christine Colella, was recovering well after her recent surgery and will lead the hike on 7/8 March as planned. She drew attention to the Vienna International Tourist Guide Day on 22 February, which this year will focus on the 650th anniversary of the founding of the University of Vienna. A similar event will take place in various places in Lower Austria on 21

February. Free guided walks are available. Links to more information can be found on the Hiking Club website.

- b. New member, David Shropshire, commented on the welcome he had received and the value of the club to newcomers to Vienna. He proposed a new idea - that members, who own a GPS, might enjoy Geocaching. He volunteered to organise an event with the help of a fluent German speaker to assist with the logistics.
 - c. Members were reminded to check the Club website for latest news and changes to the programme.
8. Members enjoyed the slideshow prepared by Paul, with highlights of the Club's activities during the past year.
 9. The Meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Welcome by the President
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM
4. Report on the Club's activities during 2014
5. Financial report
6. Election of the Club officials
7. Any other business
8. Slideshow: Highlights of the Club's activities in 2014 prepared by Paul Hesp
9. Social gathering