



OF THE ENGLISH
LAKE DISTRICT LIMITED

THE FELL AND ROCK CLIMBING CLUB OF THE ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT LIMITED

Founded in 1906

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3.30pm

ANNUAL DINNER

7.30pm

at the

Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

on

Saturday 4th November 2023

AGM and Dinner Weekend Timetable

To be held at the Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

Friday 3 November 2023

- 1400 Check in for residents from 1400
- 1830 Reception drinks in the Kendal Suite
- 1900 Buffet dinner
- 2030 Illustrated talk by Nicholas Hurndall-Smith, followed by a quiz
- 2230 Last orders at the bar

If you would like to have the buffet dinner but will not be resident in the hotel, please let the Dinner Secretary know no later than three days before. The hotel kitchen staff need to know numbers.

Saturday 4 November 2023

- 1000 Walkers and climbers meet, details to be arranged
- 1500 Tea and coffee served in the Function Suite
- 1530 AGM in the Function Suite
- 1800 Pre-dinner drinks in the hotel lounge and Alexander's
- 1900 The bar in the Function Suite will be open for pre-dinner drinks. Wine for your table can be ordered at the bar
- 1930 Members and guests take their seats
- 1945 Grace
- 1950 Dinner served

After-dinner speech / presentation by Mick Fowler

After the dinner and speeches there will be dancing to Star Audio's disco. People wanting a quieter environment can use the hotel bar or Alexander's.

- 0000 Midnight Last orders at the bar
- 0030 Disco finishes

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

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Any two members of the Club shall be entitled to make an additional nomination for any office, including Elective Membership of the Committee, by notice in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee to the Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

1. Chairman's Opening Comments

Motion: That members may attend this AGM remotely on Zoom and votes cast electronically will count as if present in the room

2. Apologies for Absence These must be forwarded to the Secretary in advance of the meeting

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2022 (see Appendix 1)

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of that AGM

5. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Vice-Presidents: The committee proposes that Brenda Fullard and Janet Ashworth be elected to the post of Vice-President

New Officers:

Membership Secretary: The committee proposes that Jane Hodgson be elected to the post of Membership Secretary

Guidebook Secretary: The committee proposes that Andrew Paul be elected to the post of Guidebook Secretary

Brackenclough Hut Warden: The committee proposes that Paul Littlechild be elected to the post of Hut Warden

Waters Cottage Hut Warden: The committee proposes that Alan Strachan be elected to the post of Hut Warden

Officers:

The Committee proposes that the following officers, being eligible for re-election, be elected:

President	John Holden
Vice-President	Wendy Dodds
Treasurer	Martyn Hodgson
Secretary	Beatrice Haigh
Meets Secretary	Hazel Jonas
Huts Secretary	Nick Harris

Chronicler
Compliance Officer
Dinner Secretary
Joint Journal Editors
Archivist/Librarian

Simon Jefferies
Geoff Lyons
John Pulford
Tony Walker/Jim Sutcliffe
Deborah Walsh

Hut Wardens

Beetham Cottage
Birkness
Raw Head
Karn House
Salving House

Humphrey Johnson
Jackie Brindle
Peter Farnell
Graeme Ralph
Andrew Duxbury

The posts below are not Committee Officers as defined by Rule 4 and are elected by the Committee, not by the AGM. They are given for information.

Younger Members Co-ordinator
Safeguarding Adults at Risk
Safeguarding Named Person
Guide Books Editor
Guide Books Photos Editor
Guide Books Photo Diagram Editor
Guidebook Database Governor
Climbing Content Website Co-ordinator
Obituarist
Oral Archivist
Assistant Treasurer
ENews Compiler
Digital Handbook Editor
Membership Recruitment Support
Membership Database Administrator

Nina Stirrup
Amanda Halliwell
Katherine Telford
Steve Scott
David Simmonite
Al Davies
David Lomas
Ken Daykin
VACANT
Lis Cook
Ron Kenyon
Paul Hudson
Chris Wright
Steve Woollard
Les Meer

Elective Members of the Committee

The committee proposes that the following Elective Members of the Committee, being eligible for re-election, be elected: Mark Baron, Paul Hudson, Adrian David Lomas, Helen Lagoe, Anne Daykin, Nick Wharton, Chris Wright

New Elective Members of the Committee (see Appendix 2)

The committee proposes the following as new Elective Members of the Committee: Ros de Fraine, Simon Willis, Nikki Hamerton, Paul Lucas

6. **Reports of Officers except Treasurer** (see Appendix 3). Members are reminded that officers' reports are for the information of members only and must not be communicated to the press
7. **Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 30 June 2023** (see Appendices 4a and 4b)
8. **Election of Auditors**
RF Miller and Co are proposed
9. **Audit Requirements**
To comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, without incurring the expense of a full professional audit, it is necessary to pass a motion worded: "The AGM votes to pass a motion allowing the Society not to undertake a full professional audit for the year ended 30 June 2024."
10. **Proposed Club Meets 2024** (see Appendix 5)

11. **Rule Changes** (see Appendix 6)
12. **Any Other Business**
13. **Vote of Thanks to the Committee**

APPENDIX 1

The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited Annual General Meeting

**Meeting held at 3.30p.m. on Saturday 5th November 2022 at the Castle
Green Hotel, Kendal.**

1. Chairman's opening remarks.

Wendy Stirrup (President) welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 2022 AGM. Over 120 members were attending and so the meeting was quorate.

She reminded everyone to speak through the chair, be respectful of each other even if we disagree, and to put mobile phones to silent.

She asked for any further items of AOB. None were raised.

It was recommended that members may attend this AGM remotely on Zoom and votes cast electronically will count as if present in the room. (10 members attended the AGM and voted using Zoom).

Proposed by Richard Ivens, seconded by Wendy Dodds. There was one abstention and the rest were in favour.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from: Tony Nelson, Katie McKay, Joe Dobson, Elspeth A. Smith, Marjorie Smith, Steve Foxley, Margaret Miller, Leslie Shore, Sarah Birkill, Maurice Birkill, Alison Moseley, David Evans, Paddy Feely, Hazel Costello, Robin Costello, Stephen Thomas, Ed Luke, Ronnie Doctor, Maggie Crane, Peter Ward, Christine Ward, John Wilkinson, George Steele, Malcolm Rowe, Max Sunderland, Nicky Jaquierey, Alan Hinkes, Hugh Mantle, Margaret Fulton, Pete Barrar, Chris Thickett, Val Hennelly, Geoff Hall, David Wilkinson, Marlene Halliwell, Neil Mahon, Mary-Ann Mahon, David Wright, Neil Mcallister, Rod Valentine, Lynn Valentine, Dave Hyslop, Nick Millward, Veronica Varley-Millward, Godfrey Metcalfe, Andrew Duxbury, Helen Goode, Mark Gear, Kath Willis, Graham Willis, Dee Gaffney, John Barnard, Barbara Hitch, Ewan Whitmey, Stuart Whitmey, Steve McCain, Ian Craven, Gail Craven, Liz Hutchinson, Paul Cook, Eric Mansfield, Catherine Mansfield, Dave Long, Deborah Long, Annette Smith, Robin Smithurst, Chris Sherwin, Ellie Dale Sherwin, Clare Hughes, Ian Craven, Gail Craven, Michael Aldridge, Clare Aldridge, Brian Smith, Sarah Smith, Dan Hamer, Jo Flint, Dave Rhodes, Gordon Orr, Darren Saxton, Simon Jefferies, Sheila Jefferies, Deborah Walsh, Mark Scott, Brian Davies, Roy Buffey, Dave Cobley, Lesley Houfe, Eric Shaw, Chris Kenyon, Fiona Hodgson, Neil Mahon, Mary Ann Mahon, Louis Haigh, Ken Files, Joyce Cosby, Brian Cosby.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 3.00 pm on Saturday 6th November 2021.

There were no comments on the minutes.

Proposed by Humphrey Johnson, seconded by Alan Strachan. There were 2 abstentions and the rest were in favour.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

5. Election of Officers and Committee members.

President:

The committee proposed that John Holden be elected to the post of President. Wendy Stirrup invited Hatty Harris to propose and Al Phizacklea to second John. Hatty reported that John had been a FRCC member since 1993 and by 1996 he was Journal editor. He has also very much involved in guidebook development over many years and is a lead author of the Duddon and Wrynose guide that came out last year. She recounted his extensive climbing experience in the UK and abroad. She knew that he loves every aspect of the Lakes including the literature, history, architecture and natural history. He has completed the Wainwrights. She also remembered how John brought his young family to many years of family meets. She knew that John could bring informed experience to issues of parents and children into club life, which is so important if we wish to support members with families, and for new recruitment. She praised his people management which is the number one qualification of a good President, his sharp mind, eye for innovation and kind and humane approach to dealing with club members.

Al Phizacklea recounted his long term friendship and climbing experience with John. He felt that John had extensive experience to lead the club into next year's celebration of 100 years of Fell and Rock guides.

There was one abstention and all the rest were in favour.

The President declared John Holden as the new President.

Vice President:

On behalf of the Club the President thanked Alan Strachan for his work over the last 2 years as V.P. Alan has provided sound advice and was closely involved with site visits to Brackenclough.

The committee proposed that Wendy Dodds be elected to the post of Vice-President. The President invited Andrew Paul to propose and Richard Tait to second Wendy.

Andrew said he was aware of Wendy some time before they first met; by reputation. She was on course to become a legend in her own lifetime in the world of fell running. He said he had got into fell running by the back door, via orienteering, through the local Leeds/Bradford club, Airienteers. Many of their race activities pivoted around a leading couple in the club, Dick and Sue Courchee (now sadly both departed); and they had a place in the Lakes which became a base for running adventures. Through them we first heard of the Original Mountaineering Marathon (OMM), the Mountain Trial, of the Bob Grahame, of Joss Naylor, and, even then, of Wendy Dodds.

She joined the FRCC thirty years ago. After a spell on the committee as an elective member she took on the job of Obituarist, which she held for an astonishing 20 years. During this time they worked together for the 12 years he was Joint Editor of the Journal, and it was always a productive collaboration; in addition she was a great help in taking on part of the tedious job of proof reading.

Thinking about her qualifications for taking on the role of VP, two characteristics stand out – her enthusiasm and her tenacity, which intertwine when faced with challenges in the outdoors, and equally when handling the challenges of running

a large mountaineering club. Two examples are that Wendy has done 30 OMMs in a row. She has also been quite a regular visitor to Skye, with aspirations, eventually realised, to do the traverse of the Cuillin Ridge. The first of these was in 1976, and she eventually succeeded in 2001, but not before she had, on an earlier attempt, fallen and broken her arm near the end of the route, but still managed to get herself off the ridge unaided. He was very pleased to be able to nominate Wendy as Vice President of the FRCC.

Richard said he believed that Wendy would make an excellent VP for our club.

First of all, Wendy's record and profile in the field of outdoor activities is very well documented and speaks for itself. She has been for many years a legend in the somewhat specialised (and some would say mad!) world of fell running, and over the years she's carried off numerous trophies and awards both in events here in the UK and abroad. It does seem that everyone in the sport either knows her or knows of her, and she's a great ambassador for fell running generally. Even now, she's comfortably winning in her age category in everything she goes in for!

But unlike some in the sport, who understandably focus everything on "that next race," Wendy would definitely lay claim to be an all-round mountaineer, and her knowledge of the Lake District is second to none.

Secondly, and for the V.P. role, this is perhaps even more important, Wendy has always played a huge part in the clubs, associations, and even the governing bodies relating to her chosen sport. In other words "giving something back." She has always been very generous with her time and dedication in this regard. I'm sure she will display this same commitment as V.P. for the Fell and Rock. He was delighted to second Wendy's nomination as V.P.

There was one abstention and all the rest were in favour.

The President declared Wendy Dodds as Vice President.

Officers:

The President thanked the following retiring officers (some are moving on to other roles).

- Brenda Fullard has served as Secretary for 5 years. A vital but often thankless task, maintaining all key documents, meeting legal requirements and keeping us on course each time a change impacted on the bye-laws. She expressed her gratitude for Brenda's support over the last 2 years.
- John Pulford as Treasurer. He had served for 7 years and, at the last minute, has stepped in as Dinner Secretary. This means that there is a vacancy for an Assistant Treasurer. John has been fully committed to the Treasurer role, even advising from his hospital bed of which folder & file needed to be looked at on his computer to find the relevant information which would allow us to claim Covid grants.
- Peter Simcock as Membership Secretary for 8 years during which time the online application system has been introduced. He has been supportive of all Welcome meets, attending to climb/walk with applicants as well as providing guidance & advice.
- Mark Gear as Hut Secretary. He stepped in to undertake this whilst still retaining Waters hut warden role.
- A clash of roles meant Trevor Langhorne spent a short amount of time as Guidebook Secretary but she reflected on the huge amount of work he has

done over the years on the website climbing pages, including new routes updates for the Journal.

- Phillip Powell as Webmaster for 8 years of keeping the Club connected, and particularly difficult with numerous updates and changes to the hut booking system during Covid. He will be noted on the pride he took in speedy updates.
- Chris Paul as Salving House Hut Warden who managed several difficulties including the chimney rebuild, the toilet incident and of course Covid.
- Maggie Skelton who agreed to take on the Dinner Secretary role for 1 year, but stayed for 7 years, including the move of the venue from Shap Wells hotel.
- Peter Lucas who quietly and efficiently managed the library for 17 years.

Secretary:

The committee proposes that Beatrice Haigh be elected to the post of Secretary. The President said that Beatrice had a long-standing family connection to the Club. She is a respected and well-liked member of the Club. Well-organised and adept at prioritising. Calm under pressure, and very capable of dealing firmly and fairly with the wide cast of characters constituting this Club, and with external organisations. Beatrice will bring considerable professional skills developed during her career to bear on the responsibilities of this position. She has a wonderful sense of humour which will I'm sure stand her in good stead when coping with the challenges of the role. Proposed by Jackie Brindle, seconded by Geoff Lyons. All were in favour.

The President declared Beatrice Haigh as Secretary.

Treasurer:

The Committee proposes Martyn Hodgson as Treasurer. The President said that the Club is at a cross roads in terms of finances. It is not possible continue to increase fees to cover rising costs. There is a need to increase income through more bed nights, and recruitment, to maintain overall membership numbers. As a member for nearly 30 years, Martyn is the ideal person to take on this role. He runs his own accounting business, using Xero software (we use this to submit our VAT returns). He is also treasurer for the Huddersfield South West District Scouts who own an Activity Centre so he has experience of committees and dealing with a hut. He is keen to use data on hut bookings and membership recruitment for financial planning. He is also looking at moving processes onto I.T. systems wherever possible. Proposed by John Pulford, seconded by Jane Hodgson. All were in favour.

The President declared Martyn Hodgson as Treasurer.

Membership Secretary:

The committee proposes that Amanda Halliwell be elected to the post of Membership Secretary. The President said that Amanda is ideally suited to the post having spent 3 years on the Membership sub-committee, been involved in the membership working group and has been undertaking a recruitment team role for several months. Proposed by Peter Simcock, seconded by Anne Salisbury. All were in favour.

The President declared Amanda Halliwell as Membership Secretary.

Huts Secretary:

The committee proposes that Nick Harris be elected to the post of Hut Secretary.

Nick had picked up this role mid-year and has already started discussions with hut wardens about priorities. Proposed by Humphrey Johnson, seconded by Hazel Jonas. All were in favour.

The President declared Nick Harris as Huts Secretary.

Guidebook Secretary:

The committee proposes that Roger Everett be elected to the post of Guidebook Secretary. The President said that we were lucky to have Roger in this role with his extensive experience of guidebook production in the SMC. Proposed by Stephen Reid, seconded by Max Biden. All were in favour.

The President declared Roger Everett as Guidebook Secretary.

Webmaster (Acting):

The committee proposes that Ronnie Doctor be elected to the post of Webmaster. Ronnie has run the CMC website which also uses WordPress. As an associate member he will need to be an acting Webmaster. Proposed by Humphrey Johnson, seconded by Keith Wright. All were in favour.

The President declared Ronnie Doctor as acting Webmaster.

Salving House Hut Warden:

The committee proposes that Andrew Duxbury be elected to the post of Hut Warden. Andrew is ideally suited for the warden role having provided years of support at Beetham. Proposed by Chris Paul, seconded by Maureen Linton-Lee. All were in favour.

The President declared Andrew Duxbury as Salving House Hut Warden.

Dinner Secretary:

John Pulford has requested to be the Dinner Secretary just before the AGM. Proposed by John Holden, seconded by Cath Exley. All were in favour.

The President declared John Pulford as Dinner Secretary.

Journal Editor:

The President announced that Tony Walker wished to continue as Journal Editor with Jim Sutcliffe supporting in a non-committee role as Associate Journal Editor.

Committee Officers:

The committee proposed that the following officers, being eligible for re-election, be elected:

Vice-President	Andrew Paul
Vice-President	Stephen Reid
Meets Secretary	Hazel Jonas
Chronicler	Simon Jefferies
Compliance Officer	Geoff Lyons
Journal Editor	Tony Walker
Archivist	Deborah Walsh

Hut Wardens:

Beetham Cottage	Humphrey Johnson
Birkness	Jackie Brindle
Brackenclose	Richard Tait

Karn House
Raw Head
Waters Cottage

Graeme Ralph
Peter Farnell
Mark Gear

Proposed by John Barrett, seconded by Pam Pulford. All in favour.

Non-committee Officers:

The posts below are not Committee Officers, as defined by Rule 3, and are elected by the Committee and not by the AGM. They were given for information. The President welcomed our new volunteers. The President also noted the addition of Al Davis as guidebook photo diagram editor. She apologised for the omission in the AGM agenda and Handbook. His work covers not just the guidebooks but the new PDF documents that can be downloaded from our website.

Safeguarding Adults at Risk	Amanda Halliwell
Safeguarding Named Person	Katherine Telford
Guide Books Editor	Steve Scott
Guide Books Photos Editor	David Simmonite
Guidebook Database Governor	David Lomas
Guidebook photo diagram Editor	Al Davis
Climbing Content Website Co-ordinator	Ken Daykin
Obituarist	Clare Harris
Oral Archivist	Lis Cook
Assistant Treasurer	John Pulford
ENews Compiler	Phillip Powell
ENews Compiler	Paul Hudson
Associate Journal Editor	Jim Sutcliffe
Handbook Co-ordinator	Helen Elliot
Membership Recruitment Support	Steve Woollard
Membership Database Administrator	Les Meer

Elective Committee members:

Elective members have a key role on committee often being drafted in to working parties and other activities. The President thanked Bernie Bradbury, Lis Cook, Amanda Halliwell and Gerard Hurst for their input as elective members over the last 3 years.

The committee proposed that the following elective members of the committee, being eligible for re-election, be elected: Mark Baron, Ian Bradley, Jane Hodgson, Paul Hudson, Adrian David Lomas, Sue Vaughan, Sue Wales, and Stuart Webb.
Proposed by Angela Mellor, seconded by Ken Daykin. All were favour.

New Elective Members of the committee:

The committee proposed the following as new Elective Members of the committee: Anne Daykin, Helen Lagoe, Nick Wharton, and Chris Wright.
The President asked the proposed new elective members to stand.
Proposed by Sue Wales, seconded by Tony Walker. All were in favour.

6. Reports of Officers except Treasurer.

No questions were raised.

Proposed by Andy Coatsworth, seconded by David Miller. All were in favour.

7. Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ended 30th June 2022.

The President explained that the accounts in the AGM papers are not correct because:

- The donations include insurance and Covid grants. We are still waiting for the correct figure.
- The extension part of the rebuild costs were shown as an expense rather than being added to the fixed assets. This does not comply with accounting practices.
- This also impacts on the value shown in our reserves.
- The errors seem to be a result of the external accountants making assumptions rather than asking questions to establish the facts.

This means:

- The accounts presented have been withdrawn from consideration.
- We will not be voting to accept the accounts today.
- Revised figures will be presented to the committee for approval on 19th November 2022.
- An appropriate report will be made to members after that meeting
- A process will be agreed to enable members to vote on the revised accounts.

There were questions to the Treasurer:

John Pulford responded:

- He confirmed that all Covid related grants are now completed.
- The Expedition and Access & Conservation grants are hidden in donations. The new Treasurer could clarify these in future years.
- The fees are listed incorrectly. These will be amended and it is important that Wardens ensure up to date fees are listed in each hut, and that it is correctly printed in the 2023 Handbook.
- There was a request not to keep increasing fees just because the BMC raised theirs and that we should challenge the automatic BMC fee increases or review our longer term association with the BMC. He noted for the next Treasurer.
- The President asked for votes on the Treasurer's report. Proposed by Wendy Dodds, seconded by Ron Kenyon. There were 2 abstentions and the rest were in favour. The report was approved.

The President asked for votes for the individual members full rate subscription increase to £74 per annum. Proposed by Jackie Brindle, seconded by Trevor Langhorne. There were 2 against, 9 abstentions. The rest were in favour. The motion was carried.

8. Election of auditors.

R.F. Miller and Co were proposed by John Barrett, seconded by Ron Kenyon. There was one abstention. The rest voted in favour.

9. Audit requirements.

To comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, without incurring the expense of a full professional audit, it is necessary to pass a motion worded, "The AGM votes to pass a motion allowing the Society not to undertake a full professional audit for the year ended 30th June

2023.” Proposed by Humphrey Johnson, seconded by Alan Strachan. There was one abstention. The rest voted in favour.

10. Club Meets 2023.

There were no comments or questions about the meets. Proposed by Martyn Carr, seconded by Janet Ashworth. All were in favour. The President declared the meets list as accepted.

11. Rule Changes

The committee proposed the rule changes subject to FCA approval.

Rule change 4.3 removes the librarian post from the list of officers
Peter Lucas (Librarian) had planned to step down this year and having reviewed the activity over the last few years it was felt the Librarian no longer needed to be an officer role. The amendment to rule 4.3.8 formally removes the officer role. Deborah Walsh (Archivist) will represent the Library & Archives sub-committee. Please note it is recommended 4.3.8 is deleted, not the entire list of officers.
Proposed by Hatty Harris, seconded by Jim Gregson. All were in favour.

Rule change 23.6 will cancel shares when a member resigns. Since becoming a limited company each member owns 1 share. The current rule state a share is forfeited to the Club when a member resigns. It is not in line with FCA guidance and is inconsistent with rule 23.7 which cancels shares for deceased members. For consistency and clarity it is proposed that shares are cancelled when a member resigns.

Proposed by Humphrey Johnson, seconded by Bernie Bradbury. All were in favour.

12. Membership Bye-Law Changes

The President explained that a small working group has considered the Membership bye-laws in detail and a considerable amount of committee time has been spent discussing the working group recommendations. It was decided not to change the membership process but to address the inconsistency between the rule, bye-law and website information.

In 2020 some new rules were introduced. Rule 8 was extended to include our joining criteria. This means we no longer need to specify the joining criteria in the bye-law and the proposal is to refer, instead, to the additional membership details on the website.

She asked Andrew Paul and Stephen Reid to speak in favour of the motion. Andrew supported Wendy’s explanation. Stephen said that there had been much discussion to look at ways of encouraging younger members. Some had felt that being an associate member for 3 years was a barrier and that this could be taken out of the joining process. There was no full agreement on this. Others thought that fast tracking suitable associate members to full membership was appropriate given the screening process carried out by the Membership sub-committee and the committee.

The President invited questions.

There was a question as to the insurance cover of aspirants and guests. This was recognised as important because aspirants are encouraged to engage with FRCC members on meets and walks, scramble and/or climb with them and if they should

cause an accident it is important that FRCC members know that there is insurance cover in place otherwise they might not be so willing to get involved. So on a meet where we have aspirants who are not yet FRCC members we have asked that they have BMC membership either through membership of another BMC affiliated club or personal membership. Guests cannot be required to have insurance.

There was a comment from an Associate member that the changes to the bye-laws make the joining process much clearer. Amanda Halliwell said that a 'frequently asked questions' section will be added to the website soon.

There was a debate regarding the definitions of mountaineer, fell walker and climber. It was concluded that the job of the Membership sub-committee is to make a judgement on each individual application and it was not possible to generalise.

The President asked for votes on the Membership bye-law changes. Proposed by Andrew Paul, seconded by Stephen Reid, there were 7 abstentions, 1 against. The majority were in favour.

13. Any other business.

There was no other business.

14. Vote of thanks to the Committee.

The President asked Cath Exley to give a vote of thanks to the committee on behalf of Paul Exley.

She said that we appreciate the huge value in being members of a club which is run calmly, competently and effectively. All the members of the committee have contributed but some of them have been exceptional. We have seen the meets programme change frequently as forced by the Covid pandemic; the results have been astonishing numbers of superb meets, many of them novel and very well organised by Hazel Jonas. We have attracted record numbers of new members - results of hard work by Peter Simcock and his team of recruiters. The finances have been more difficult than ever before because of the Brackenclough rebuild and the number of accounts used by members to pay for huts and club events. John Pulford has managed all this efficiently despite his accident on the fells. Brenda Fullard has worked hard, managing our relationships with the rest of the world and all the complex interconnections between different parts of the club. As Compliance Officer, Geoff Lyons, has had to remain ever alert to the changing conditions around Covid to make sure that our huts were as safe to make them throughout the pandemic. The Huts Secretary and all the Wardens have worked hard to do all that was possible to allow us to use our huts and keep them in their customary superb condition. Our Archivist, Deborah Walsh continues to bring a professionalism to the management of our archives as well as now keeping an eye on our mini-libraries at each of our huts after the sad and untimely death of Peter Lucas. And amid all this, the successful rebuild and reopening of Brackenclough was achieved under the efficient management of Andrew Paul, Richard Tait and their teams.

We were entertained earlier in the year by Zoom shows featuring members' experiences. We have received frequent eNews about immediate issues. We have continued to be given superb and well-edited Chronicles to reflect the life of the club and now we have the latest Journal. Our guide books continue to appear in their usual high quality due to the brilliant guidebook team and we are currently enjoying another well-run AGM and dinner weekend.

And all this doesn't just happen. It comes about because Wendy Stirrup, despite having a full-time job, has worked tirelessly and very successfully in co-ordinating all these disparate activities. We are blessed to have had a President who, with invaluable assistance from the Vice Presidents, was able to produce such a wealth of high-quality management for the club.

There was a round of applause.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting.

Brenda Fullard,
FRCC Secretary.

APPENDIX 2

ELECTIVE MEMBER NOMINATIONS 2023

1 Ros De Fraine

Proposer: Hazel Jonas

I have always loved the outdoors but, being a late starter, I only discovered climbing in 2013 at the age of 43. It was then that my adventures really took off and my life since then has been amazing.

I developed a fondness for the Fell and Rock and its many wonderful members and in 2017 I was persuaded to join. I have attended many meets including maintenance meets, volunteering on the BMC youth meet and run two New Year celebrations at Raw Head. I am also an active member of both Keswick and Kendal Mountaineering clubs.

I love being part of the Fell and Rock family and look forward to helping take the club forward.



2 Simon Willis

Proposer: Hazel Jonas

Seconder: David Armstrong

At my happiest when in the hills, I moved to Cumbria over 30 years ago to be nearer to them. During much of that time I had ready access to companions for adventures and didn't feel the need to be in a club. I was finally encouraged to join [the FRCC] by a professional colleague and became an Associate Member in 2018, gaining Full membership in 2021. I wish I'd joined much earlier as the benefits are fantastic: like-minded people; great huts in fantastic locations; and a full meets programme. It would be great if I had more time to make the most of it all (the work exit plan is in place).

As with so many things you get what out what you put in so have volunteered to coordinate meets, manned the stand at the KMF and delivered the after-dinner talk summarising the Brackenclough celebrations the evening before the 2022 AGM. All these things have been enjoyable but with sufficient stress to keep me on my toes. However, I feel I have more to offer and would welcome the opportunity to play a larger part in the work of the Club.

Professionally I manage an educational visits advisory service working with schools to ensure high quality and safe school trips. I have been a board member of my professional association (oeapng.info) and have been Chair of Governors in two Cumbrian schools. I believe the skills I have developed professionally, such as risk management, professional challenge etc, will be of value to the Club.



3 Nikki Hamerton

Proposer: Anne Daykin

I joined the FRCC in September 2021 as an Associate Member, and became a Full member in January of this year. I have attended a number of FRCC meets in the last two years. Most recently I was on the Braemar Classic rock trip and have been in Pembroke on Tony Halliwell's meet. I am going to Cornwall in September on Rob Stone's meet. Helen Dunnet and I have shared the organisation of two meets: a day meet at Froggatt last year and the Pot Luck Christmas meet at Salving House this December. I have volunteered to organise a meet in June 2024, based at Waters Cottage and am aiming to complete classic rock routes in the area.

In recent months I have been an active member of the NW WhatsApp group, attending meets at Warton, Attermire, Trowbarrow and local indoor walls. I was at Rawhead for the Brackenclough celebratory weekend last year, taking part in a walk to gain points for the inter-hut competition. Anne Salisbury and I managed to get out for a climb on the Sunday.

I am a member of Preston Mountaineering Club and was Meets Secretary up until November 2022. I've stepped back a bit from PMC and would like to get more involved with the FRCC, particularly with work on new guidebooks. I've discussed this with Anne and Ken Daykin and as a result Anne is my proposer. I don't have any formal climbing qualifications but am happy to help less experienced climbers develop their skills.

4 Paul Lucas

Proposer: Helen Lagoe

I am originally from Leicester but now reside in Washington, Tyne and Wear. I have been regularly visiting the Lakes for over 20 years now and particularly enjoy climbing, walking and running. I have spent the last four winter seasons in the French Alps where I ski and snowboard but plan to spend this winter in the UK.

I became a member of the FRCC in 2016 and look forward to helping the club continue to thrive.



APPENDIX 3

OFFICER REPORTS

President

There were three changes at the last AGM at a senior level – President, Treasurer and Secretary. I must admit to having had concerns about keeping the ship on an even keel, but I need not have worried. Both Martyn and Beatrice stepped into their roles as to the manor born; my short-comings have been mitigated by their talent and industry.

Fortunately, there have been no extraordinary events happening such as those which plagued (sic) recent Presidents. We have only had the usual problems associated with a large club with a large property portfolio consisting for the most part of old buildings, but with one notable problem which I will come to later on.

The most enjoyable event of the year for me was the Dow Centenary Celebration which was also used to celebrate the publishing of a new climbing guide to Dow. A good number of people gathered for it, with many notable names from the climbing world. It was a 'reet good do'.

One thing stood out however, and that was the age of attendees; there may have been a few under the age of fifty, but not many. Picking up on Wendy Stirrup's comments from last year and Amanda Halliwell's work as Membership Secretary before both stepped down from their roles, the work of recruiting younger members continues. Jane Hodgson stepped into the role of Acting Membership Secretary and has continued the recruitment drive. The rules governing membership applications continues to generate debate about the number of hoops that must be jumped through, but there is no doubt that the Welcome Meets are very effective in introducing good quality candidates to the Club.

Social media is also playing its part in both connecting Members and informing a wider audience. The North West FRCC Group now has nearly eighty members and is very active in organising both indoor and outdoor events throughout the year.

The most difficult problem we have had to deal with in the last year is our relationship with The Armitt. You will recall that when Lancaster University asked us to move our Library from there, we came to an agreement with The Armitt to house our Collection at the Ambleside museum. Tim Cowen, Chair of Trustees at The Armitt has given us three months' notice to remove our books. As you can imagine, there have been protracted efforts on our side to find a solution satisfactory to both sides. Cowen's position that we must reduce our library size by four fifths is simply not acceptable. We are therefore looking for suitable alternative accommodation for our books.

As I said earlier, we have a number of old properties and these require constant maintenance (with an associated cost). Not wanting to repeat anything from either Nick's Huts' Report or Martyn's Treasurer's Report, I will confine my comments to the efforts of Members who support the Maintenance Meets. Their hard work makes a considerable difference to the appearance and comfort levels in our huts.

Thanks are also due to Elective Members who are stepping down - Ian Bradley, Sue Wales, Sue Vaughan and Stuart Webb. Their contributions have been much appreciated. Richard is retiring from Hut Warden duties at Brackenclose, having been in post during turbulent times and Mark has resigned from his Warden stewardship at Waters. Amanda and Roger resigned from Membership Secretary and Guidebooks Secretary respectively and Ron will be leaving his Acting Guidebooks Secretary role at the AGM. Ronnie Doctor resigned as Webmaster and will be difficult to replace. Our thanks to all of them.

Last, but by no means least, I want to thank the outgoing Vice Presidents Stephen Reid and Andrew Paul who have provided invaluable support during my first year as President.

John Holden

Secretary

This has been a very busy first year for me in the role of secretary. Getting to grips with the procedures and the way things work in the Club has been a pretty steep learning curve; sometimes challenging, but interesting and enjoyable at the same time. Thanks go to Brenda Fullard, my predecessor, for her guidance this past year.

Last year's AGM was well attended with over 120 members present and another 10 by Zoom. A large number of new officers were elected, and with new people come new ideas, some of which have generated much debate in the past year's committee meetings. These debates will continue as we attempt to balance tradition with new technology and environmental concerns relating to climate change.

Looking to the future, the registration of the permissive only status of the path at Brackenclose has been secured with Cumberland Council (via the LDNPA) for the next 20 years. This will need flagging up in April 2043 – a note in the diary?

In order to move Club business on more efficiently, we've increased the annual number of some sub-committee meetings. Membership (+ two) will now consider associate and full membership applications four times a year; Publications (+ one); and Huts, which has been newly amalgamated with Health & Safety (+ two). Many meetings are held by Zoom, both formal and informal, which is a good way of dealing with matters needing swift attention and also reduces our carbon footprint. Members are reminded that they can bring matters to the attention of the committee either by contacting an elective member, or any member of the committee. A who's who of the committee is available on the Club's website and in the handbook.

Beatrice Haigh

Membership Secretary

Amanda Halliwell resigned from the post of Membership Secretary in May 2023. Jane Hodgson took over the role in an acting capacity. Ian Bradley has completed his term as Elective Member on the Membership Sub-committee. Helen Elliot resigned as Handbook Editor. We express our thanks to both Ian and Helen for their commitment and contributions. Steve Woollard and Les Meer continue their roles as Recruitment Support and Database Administrator respectively and are to be thanked for this.

Membership

Position at Sept 2023

	<30	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 69	70 - 79	80 - 89	90+	totals
Associate members	13	12	10	23	27	5	0	0	90
Full Members	3	24	43	151	269	313	153	20	977
Life Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	10	25
Honorary members	0	0	1	1	3	4	4	3	16

Total 1108 Average age 67

There have been three intakes of new members since the last AGM. 30 people joined as associate members, one as a full member, and 18 successfully applied to upgrade from associate to full membership.

Handbook

One of the main areas of debate at Committee in 2023 has been the move from a printed handbook to a digital version, which is already on the Club's website. Whilst it is recognised that many members will regret the loss of the printed handbook, the Committee has voted to move to a digital version from 2024 for all members for a number of reasons:

1 Cost. The printed handbook costs in the region of £5000 to £6000 to print and distribute.

2 Environment. The AGM has previously tasked the Committee with examining their decisions from a sustainability standpoint. Producing and distributing around 1100 handbooks annually is not environmentally sustainable, particularly when there is a digitally available solution.

3 Law. The Data Protection Act 2018 is the UK's implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). These regulations identify that the personal information which the Club holds about members (including name, address, email, and phone number) must be accurate, up to date and held securely. The Committee concluded that a printed handbook could not be guaranteed to meet these requirements. Additionally, any member has the right to erasure of their data at any time. This would require the recall of all handbooks, a huge and costly task.

Breaches of the Act require self-disclosure to the Information Commissioner and could result in substantial fines.

The Committee has already contacted all members who do not have digital access to ensure that they will not be disadvantaged.

Jane Hodgson

Huts Secretary

1. Introduction. The Club is fortunate to have an excellent range of huts available to members, guests, and kindred clubs. This doesn't happen by accident but by active planning and leadership, particularly through the Wardens, their Assistant Wardens, members taking part in maintenance meets and input by various committee members. Day to day input includes reconciling hut usage with income, ensuring the huts are well stocked with supplies, carrying out routine maintenance work and carrying out routine checks including health and safety checks. This year we have added to the pressure by looking more strategically, again, at our huts.
2. 2023 was the first full year of our huts being re-opened after Covid, including Brackenclose. The initial feedback is that the new dormitories and unisex WCs and showers at Brackenclose work well and looks as though it will prove to be a model for the other huts.
3. The year has seen three changes to the Warden team with Andrew Duxbury replacing Chris Paul at Salving House; Paul Littlechild will be replacing Richard Tait after his sterling work on the rebuild at Brackenclose; and, at Waters Cottage, previous Vice President and Rawhead Hut Warden Alan Strachan will be replacing Mark Gear who had been in post for 12 years.
4. A focus during the year was the underlying costs of running the huts considerably exceeding the income from bed nights. Efforts to change this balance and reduce the charge on the membership fees include increasing membership numbers and the number of meets. On their own this will not be enough.
5. A major and increasing cost pressure is the energy costs for keeping the huts warm. Despite some reduced costs by reviewing and increasing hut fees for 2024, more action is required.
6. There were further and ongoing discussions over the booking and payment systems. Despite progress, more remains to be done.
7. A new huts plan was started following on from the Future of the Huts Working Group whose work ground to a halt due to Covid and the Brackenclose fire.
 - a. As a start the Club agreed a new maintenance budget of £50,000 per annum - a considerable increase on the actual expenditure compared with recent years.

The Club commissioned an initial report on Birkness Barn from Cumbria Action for Sustainability. They recommended radical suggestions based on improving the insulation levels of the building before looking at the improved heating systems required. Dormitory reconfigurations were also in the mix. This outline will be reviewed considering the new design code. A significant contract has been let to help make Birkness Barn, Cottage

- and Coach House watertight including a rebuild of the Cottage chimney as a prelude to further work.
- b. Members of the Huts sub-committee have been surveyed on options going forward which produced a design code for the huts to use as a framework for further work. All Wardens have been given the authority to start making smaller changes which will help improve their hut, including energy efficiency options such as installing LED lights, improving roof insulation etc.
8. There are ongoing discussions as to how increased use by members of other organisations may help increase bed usage.
 9. Looking ahead it seems likely that we will be:
 - i. taking steps to improve our huts in several ways including energy efficiency and changes to both the dormitories and sanitary facilities;
 - ii. seeking sufficient capital to deliver our plans; and
 - iii. increasing hut fees.
 10. It has been agreed that Health and Safety will be included in the remit of the Huts sub-committee. There are to be two additional sub-committee meetings annually in future to be held by Zoom.

Nick Harris

Guidebooks Secretary

Guidebook Centenary Event

2022/23 was the centenary of the first FRCC guidebook - the Red Guide for Doe Guide – and this was celebrated, along with the publication of the new Dow & Coppermines Guide and centenary of the first ascent of Eliminate A, on 17 June at the Coniston Sports and Social Club. A number of centenary ascents of Eliminate A were made as well as ascents of a lot of other routes on Dow.

Over 70 attended the reception at the Coniston Sports and Social Centre with excellent speeches by John Holden (President and Guidewriter); John Cook (1950 Langdale Guidewriter with Arthur Dolphin); John Wilkinson (Guidebook Editor - 1967–78); Steve Scott; Rob Matheson and (last but far from least) Al Phizacklea. The display at the Ruskin Museum was changed to give information about the guides etc - thanks to Deborah Marsh and team.

Dow & Coppermines Guide

This was published at the beginning of June 2023 with the pre-sales offer through the FRCC websales being a great success. There were many positive comments particularly on the smaller size of the guide. Thanks to all who were involved in its production, in particular the authors – John Holden (Dow) and Peter Sterling (Coppermines).

Lake District Rock

For the record since 2003 the two editions of Lake District Rock (2003 and 2015) have now sold over 20,000 copies.

Titles in Preparation

The two titles in preparation are Eskdale (this was separated from the Dow area in order to get the Dow & Coppermines Guide out for the centenary) and a new edition of Lake District Rock, which are scheduled to be published in 2024. Initial work is being done on new editions of Borrowdale (Jonathan Hughes), Langdale (Nina Stirrup); Duddon (Rick Graham) and Pillar (Stephen Reid) with thoughts that it would be good to have a new guidebook that includes Pillar in time for the bi-centenary of its first ascent. However the changing patterns of guidebook purchases by the climbing public, needs and is being considered while formulating policy for the production of new titles.

Mini-guidebook pdf Downloads on the FRCC Website

The mini-guides of new crags continue to be produced and this is a well-used facility amongst the climbing public. Updates to reflect new route and new crag developments are being produced. It is also envisaged to use this facility to show crags that may not be selected for inclusion in future guides - eg with the Yewdale in the Dow & Coppermines area.

Personnel

Roger Everett took over the role as Guidebook Secretary in 2022 but stood down during 2023 and I took over the acting role up to the AGM. Andrew Paul has agreed to take over the position, if confirmed, at the AGM. Looking to the future - Steve Scott (Guidebooks Editor) and Al Davis (Photo-diagrams Editor) are looking to stand down following the publication of the forthcoming guidebooks and we are looking for replacements. We are always looking for people to help with guidebooks and associated matters such as photographs, website etc. If you are interested in helping in anyway please come forward and contact one of the Guidebook team.

FRCC Websales

Sales through the FRCC website have significantly increased especially with the pre-sales of the Dow & Coppermines Guide and other sales in general. There is a special discounted bundle, at £39.50, for a specific set of five definitive guides which is now available through the website. Needless to say there is the 25% discount for members on guidebook sales – so please check out the website for guidebooks which you would like to buy.

Reciprocal Arrangements for Sale of Guides at Discount with CC and SMC

Arrangements have now been set up for discounted sale of guides to CC and SMC members and purchase by FRCC members of CC/SMC guides is now in place - details on FRCC website.

Access and Conservation Fund

5% of the sales of the guidebooks go into this fund which is used to pay out to appropriate applications - full details available on the FRCC website. In July 2022 £2000 was given to the Cumbria Bolt Fund and it was recently agreed to fund accommodation in FRCC huts for people helping with path restoration through Fix the Fells.

Ron Kenyon

Compliance Officer

Without wishing to tempt fate, the impact of the Covid pandemic on our huts' usage and meets programme has significantly diminished. Members and their guests are, however, still being asked to remain aware of the risks and to avoid using the huts if they suspect they may have coronavirus, or for that matter, any other contagious disease.

The rolling programme of hut compliance audits is progressing, with only Beetham Cottage and Karn House still to be addressed. A fire safety risk assessment has also been carried out, by an external company, at the Birkness site, and ladder inspections, in accordance with the Club's Working at Height policy, have been conducted at Birkness and Brackenclose.

The review of the Club's operating policies, mainly health and safety related, continues. A revised Health and Safety Statement, complying with HSE requirements, now appears on the Club's website and in the handbook; policies for Asbestos Management, First Aid, Electrical Safety, and Data Management have also been issued. These, and other policies, can be accessed from the members' area of the website and members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with those policies relevant to their activities with the Club.

There has been one reported accident at a hut, where a member sustained a cut hand whilst using an axe to chop firewood; fortunately, they made a full recovery.

Geoff Lyons

Archivist/Librarian

2023 has been a busy and productive year for the archives, particularly with regard to the digitising of the photographic and manuscript collections, work which will ultimately allow greater accessibility and make a very positive contribution in promoting the Club more widely. However, there are also significant challenges currently facing us, particularly associated with the future of our internationally significant Library.

The FRCC Library

Auditing our Library collection at the Armitt Museum, Ambleside, began in January 2023. The aims were to check the condition of each book and to record any special significant features, ie provenance, rarity, value etc. To date (28 September) 1416 books have been fully recorded. Some duplicates have been removed and these will be offered to hut wardens for their hut book collections and to members. The remaining books still to audit are largely guide books and journals, also rare and valuable books kept in the Armitt's secure store.

In terms of condition the majority of books have been rated 'fair' to 'good' and a number of high value items identified for secure shelving. This process has also

allowed us to identify high value books in need of conservation and rebinding. The following books have been rebound this year:

- i. Sketch of a Tour Through Switzerland. Thomas Martyn Kearsley 1787
- ii. An Ascent of Mont Blanc. Hudson and Kennedy, Longmans 1856
- iii. A Boys ascent of Mont Blanc. Albert Smith, Edmund Yates 1803
- iv. An account of the glaciers or ice Alps in Savoy in two letters, one from an English gentleman [William Windham] ... the other from Peter Martel (3 vols) 1744
- v. Des Alpes (3 vols) M. Bourrit, 1787
- vi. Excursion to the Lakes, William Hutchinson, 1773
- vii. Tour of the British Mountains, Thomas Wilkinson, 1824

The FRCC Library and The Armitt Museum

I regret to report that in early September we were given notice by the Trustees of the Armitt to remove our Library before the end of the year. The reason given is that they wish to free up more space for other purposes. This followed protracted and difficult negotiations where it became evident that despite our decade of mutually beneficial association, they were not open to compromise. At present we are exploring various possibilities in the search for a new, permanent home for this internationally significant collection.

Archives

Work is on-going at our Raw Head archive store to remove multiple copies of the various Club publications and other material. More shelves have been erected for important past committee papers, membership records etc with lockable doors to fulfil our obligations under the updated 2018 Data Protection Act. Further fragile manuscript items have been removed from here and lodged with the County Records Office in Kendal, for their long-term preservation.

The Club's collection of historic climbing artefacts have been removed from the Armitt Museum at the request of the Armitt Museum's Trustees. Fragile items and textiles have been rehoused in the archive store at Raw Head. Everything else has been stored in secure plastic boxes at Beetham Cottage. We would like to thank Humphrey Johnson for his help in achieving this.

The Abraham brothers' glass plate negatives (43 boxes) are to be removed from the Armitt Museum and rehoused permanently at Kendal Records Office. These have been fully digitised (808 images), and the information added to the photographic catalogue.

Digitisation

The digitisation of images stored at Raw Head has continued from last year. So far approximately 1500 images have been scanned. These include: the Abraham stereoscopic images; and the Alan Craig, E Wood-Johnson, Barton, and Frank Simpson collections. Alan Phizacklea has kindly given permission for the images he took for the book '*Nowt But A Fleein' Thing*' to be included in the catalogue and many more. Amongst a number of manuscripts scanned are the Molly Fitzgibbon notebook and the Doe Crag Climbing Book. This has been rebound and is currently on display

at the Ruskin Museum, Coniston, with a collection of guidebooks and memorabilia from our collection to celebrate the centenary of the 'Doe' Crag guidebook.

In conjunction with this work, a digital platform is being developed to allow greater accessibility to members as well as researchers and other interested parties. This should be ready for testing before the end of the year and hopefully up and running shortly afterwards. The team that is building it has been supplied with a selection of material - initially just scans of photos and documents, but it is hoped to include voice recordings and film at a later stage.

New Acquisitions

Possibly the most significant new acquisitions of the year are the 1935/1936 Lofoten diaries and photographs of Harry Spilsbury, gifted to us by long-standing member Robin Hildrew. As members may know, Harry Spilsbury's guide to climbing in the then little-known Lofoten Islands was still the primary reference 40 years later and these diaries represent not only a significant addition to our archives but also to our knowledge of the development of pioneering climbing in the area. The diaries are at present being transcribed.

Deborah Walsh

Oral Archivist

This past year the focus has been on transcribing existing recordings rather than making new ones. Over this time, I've transcribed around 80,000 words of previously-conducted interviews, some from recordings only and some from hard copies of interviews typed up in the 1990s for which no accessible electronic file appears to exist (we have a number of old floppy discs in the Oral Archive). Transcribing from the spoken word alone takes much more time. However, I've recently been alerted to some open-source transcription software that might make life easier. This reproduces text that, while a long way from being 100% accurate, provides a framework for correcting and editing quite quickly.

The aim is to have Word file transcripts of all the recordings the Club has made since 1996 and, also, a detailed catalogue with an 'indicative content' section for each interview. Such a catalogue will enable those interested in the recordings made of members past and present to review content easily: the catalogue is progressing but is dependent on listening through each recording and producing the transcript. The recordings themselves are absorbing and fascinating - a very rich resource for the Club, especially as their historic value grows.

Lis Cook

Journal Editors

The previous 2022 Centenary Journal has been a great success. Many thanks go out to all members and non-members who contributed. Ron Kenyon in particular! The 2024 journal will doubtless be a little slimmer.

Production: For the 2020 and 2022 journals we (Jim and I) have used a professional typesetting company (Creative Consortium) to set out the articles and arrange printing and aid in distribution. They have been a great help, even buying the paper early for the 2022 journal as prices were increasing significantly due to the war in Ukraine. They will be providing the same service for the 2024 journal. Overall, the cost of producing and distribution is on a par with previous journals. It seems likely that Mike, Graham and Stef (all of Creative Consortium) will be retiring in the next year or so. Alternative arrangements will have to be put in place to produce and distribute the 2026 journal.

Distribution: This is usually done via the AGM/dinner and the balance of journals distributed via a mailing house (arranged by Creative Consortium). For the 2022 journal I spent a good few evenings contacting members (couples mainly) who were resident at the same address asking if they would like a single copy or one each. A number did not have up to date telephone numbers or email addresses and could not be contacted. Everyone contacted opted for a single copy and this was updated in the circulation lists for the journal and other publications via Les (Meer). The distribution list needs to be as concise as possible with up to date details. I also contacted each of the kindred clubs via their website or by emailing the secretary (or any other email address available) to confirm postal addresses. Some did not reply so I did not send out a journal. In general, I kept the distribution of the journal to members; spouses/partners of members who had died since the previous journal; kindred clubs plus several libraries. The original circulation list had gradually expanded over the years and contained quite a few extra addressees (mainly overseas clubs and other contacts) but I didn't send out journals to these extra addressees. Although this may seem a little draconian it should be noted that to print and mail a single journal within the UK costs around £24. This can amount to a significant cost to the Club when multiplied by a few extra addressees. Following distribution of the journals, there are always a few people missed and a few contributors who are not members (especially for the centenary journal) and these copies I mailed out personally. The mailing and packaging costs for the 'extras' I pay for personally as a sort of contribution to the Brackenclough fund. However, I don't want to set a precedent for subsequent editors and my approach is perhaps more a reflection of my laziness in claiming expenses!

2024 Journal: As I said above this is likely to be a rather slimmer version than the 'bumper' centenary edition. To date we have received, or have been promised, 10 articles which, at this stage, is probably on a par with the 2020 Journal. Simon (Jefferies) has done a good job in sending the longer Chronicle articles my way and must be thanked for this. However, we are still significantly short of articles and photographs to produce a reasonable journal. We need to encourage all willing members to contribute: articles; photographs or poetry.

Beyond the 2024 Journal: I (and possibly Jim) intend stepping down from the journal editor role after the 2024 Journal is published. A good idea would be to have an 'apprentice' over the next year or so (the next Journal editor(s)) who we could show how we've approached the role and thereby provide some continuity after the 2024 Journal. However, as yet, this is still only an idea.

Tony Walker
Jim Sutcliffe

Dinner Secretary

I suspect that this is my first (of many – I hope) annual reports as Dinner Secretary.

I think that most members recognise that the weekend is our best opportunity to meet in large numbers. Unfortunately, the number of people attending the dinner has continued to decline and it looks like this year we are struggling to make the minimum numbers required by the hotel. The problem that we have is the expense of the dinner and accommodation. Having looked at alternative venues recently, we know that we have very little choice. Fortunately, Castle Green is proving popular with most members. I have found the hotel staff to be very professional and efficient and I have already been well looked after by the hotel team. I would particularly like to thank Wendy Dodds who organised the guest speaker for this year (Mick Fowler). We will also have representatives from kindred clubs - the CC, the SMC and the Wayfarers

John Pulford

Chronicler

It's been a rewarding year in the life of the Chronicle. A comparison of printing costs earlier in the year demonstrated that Reeds of Penrith remain best suited to handle volume requirements at a competitive rate. Nevertheless, paper and printing costs have increased by over 20% in the past 12-15 months, and a single issue that used to cost around £500-£520 to produce now runs in the region of £590-£620 (depending on pp). Fortunately there is no immediate planned increase in the second class postal rate to match that of first class. There is a slow progression towards the take-up of online / website-based Chronicle instead of paper, mainly among newer members. The number of paper copies is currently about 635 quarterly.

Topics covered during the year vary from the promotion of Club merchandise through fundraising auctions to more detailed information about the Club Archives. At least three Club-sponsored expeditions have been featured and we look forward to reading about these more fully in the next Journal. Major meets highlighted include the Brackenclough Celebratory event and Ian Bradley's Iceland trip (both last autumn); the Dow Centenary Guidebook meet at Coniston this summer; Steve

Woollard's meet in Morocco last March; and Cornwall, Pembroke, Galloway and innumerable other gatherings across the Lakes and Scotland. It's hoped that the diminutive A5 pages of Chronicle will have imparted a flavour of these events. Credit is entirely due to the willingness of meet coordinators to pen a report, collect attendees' photos, and send on – and not least to our splendid Meets Secretary for stitching it all together in the first place.

I'm indebted to the President, Secretary and other Officers – as in previous years – for their regular 'bits'. Book reviews have featured rather too heavily, perhaps; it's understood that the proper place for these is in the bi-annual Journal but I've sought to include, where space allows, shortened versions to at least alert members to the existence of something interesting and topical. We've seen local interest features such as 'Fix the Fells' repairs and also several members' reminiscences.

Finally, the digital Chronicle will bear a new look from now on. A suggestion from Chris Wright, now part of the team currently busying themselves with improvements to the website, reminded me that reading the Chronicle on screen would be enhanced by presenting it as a flip book. The Autumn 2023 issue trials this. I am familiar with flip book format through various publications produced elsewhere, but Chris's prompt certainly gave me one of those "why didn't I think of that before?" moments!

Simon Jefferies

Obituarist

It is with sadness that the deaths of the following members have been reported since the last AGM:

Don Margerison, M since 1966, died 2022
Jim Armstrong, M since 1963, died March 2022
Stephen Johnson, M since 1985, died 18 May 2022
John Maguire, M since 1987, died September 2022
James Wells Akitt, M since 1960, died 12 August 2022
Ron Miller, M (L) since 1948, died 19 October 2022 (Scafell Guidebook Writer 1956; Assistant Warden Rawhead 1950-55)
Bill Roberts, M since 1968, died 19 October 2022
Dick Courchee, M (L) since 1961, died 21 October 2022 (Assistant Warden Brackenclough 1967-1969)
John Heald, M since 2020, died 2023
Denis Mitchell, M since 1994, died 19 January 2023
Bill Herbert, M since 1995, died 18 February 2023
Peter Stephens, M (L) since 1961, died February 2023
David John Berry, M since 1979, died 25 March 2023
Irene Farrington, M since 1958, died May 2023
Dave Parker, M since 2000, died 2 July 2023
Eric Robinson, M since 2004, died 2 July 2023
Clare Harris, M since 1994, died 15 July 2023 (Obituarist 2021-2023)

Peter Brunt, M since 1980, died 25 July 2023

I am very grateful to members for notifying me of deaths and to those kindly agreeing to write obituaries for the Journal. Offers to write obituaries for the Journal are very welcome, as well as photographs to accompany obituaries gratefully received at obituaries@frcc.co.uk.

Wendy Dodds

Webmaster

Current Position

Ronnie Doctor stepped down as Webmaster in September, so I'm covering this role for the time being with support from Chris Wright (Elective Member). We are seeking to build a team who have relevant IT skills which encompasses the website, new systems, digitisation, and data security as well as giving help and education, and fixing problems that members encounter.

The Webmaster role is now just one part of a wider scope that covers the content and design of the website, the guidebooks, hut booking and meets, membership, and financial systems as well as shared secure storage solutions and FRCC email addresses. Pete Sterling continues to provide support on his Wordpress (website) based systems – hut booking and website member login, with his primary support around the guidebooks. In addition, we have introduced a number of new off-the-shelf future-proofed connected solutions, designed to be simple to follow for users and easy to pass from one official to another.

Data security and IT Support

We are speaking to IT firms to help us to handle helpdesk queries and giving professional support in bolstering data and cyber security, delivery of our agreed data management policy, and help in ensuring all emails reach the recipient rather than get caught in spam filters. This will sit alongside support from Pete Sterling. Member data in not-for-profit firms is targeted by fraudsters because the security in the organisation is generally not as tightly controlled compared to other types of organisations. In general, 80% of fraud occurs through unsecured email, so messaging through secure apps is preferable and our policies state we will not send or share member data via email.

Shared Storage / Emails

We have created role-based emails eg president@frcc enabling the existing official to both send and receive emails. This ensures correspondence remains with the Club rather than with the individual. Significant progress has been made during 2023 in setting up Google Workspace for a number of teams where they can centrally store and share Club data, and in setting up role-based emails.

Secure Messaging

The preferred method for quick informal communication between members is through messaging. We have set up a number of WhatsApp messaging groups for

arranging to meet up for climbing. For more complex messaging across multiple channels, the Wardens are using Slack.

Digitisation

We have created a digitised handbook for three key reasons: data security; environment; and cost. We need to protect members' data; we should not willingly generate paper when a digital alternative exists; and, whilst the Club runs at a deficit, this is a cost that does not have to be incurred. We will continue to reduce volume of printing and postage of the Chronicle and Journal.

Website

Andrew Paul completed a useful project to remove excess content and reorganise the navigation on the website. This is the first step of many to introduce improvements to the website. The speed of progress is slow, limited by a lack of members available to add content.

Financial System

In November 2022, we introduced Xero as the financial system. It has reduced manual tasks probably by at least 60% and the automation has improved accuracy. A report of bookings on each meet is sent to the organiser each week from Xero.

Membership System

We are introducing Infoodle, an off-the-shelf membership and subscription system which will combine, into one secure place, several disparate systems and unconnected membership lists – the subscriptions on a laptop, eNews on Mailchimp and the website directory. The website-based process for contacting aspirants and supporters is flawed and the Membership Secretary has created a more trusted manual workaround. We will move this process into Infoodle. By the end of 2024, we will have fully migrated to Infoodle and members will have received an invite.

Hut Booking System

The current hut booking system works well enough. There are issues – a high rotation of hut team officials coupled with a lack of help documentation from Pete Sterling, has meant we aren't using the system anywhere near as well as other clubs. We will kick off a project working with Pete, probably next year, to improve the system features for wardens and for members using it. For the future, we continue to consider options to extend into a book and pay system.

Archives Database

We are working with Nevil Hewit to develop a bespoke archives database.

Martyn Hodgson

Meets Secretary

Some time ago, I vowed I would never work in sales again. Then I became Meets Secretary. Given the number of Club members, my conversion ratio remains a little low. However, there are some parallels with my sales career. One is the knowledge

that the sight of my name in the inbox has the same motivational impact as funeral plans in your Facebook feed.

It continues to amaze me that so many members are willing to be persuaded to run meets. Some even offer! Evidence of this is the number and variety of meets.

2023 has been a busy year and 2024 will be no different. Many thanks to all those who have not walked away when they see the m word forming on my lips.

You will notice that several old favourites are missing from next year's list. There are no meets in the Alps and no-one is planning on escaping to France in the springtime (or at least not with lots of other members).

Finally, if you have ever wished to have your name emblazoned in black and white for posterity, I can help. Not everyone can write a bestseller or feature on Wikipedia and 'Dear Diary' is so last century. What better balm for your ego than the knowledge that your name will feature in the FRCC archives (albeit on the Meets List in the handbook and journal)?

There are several meets lacking a coordinator in 2024. The most notable of these is 'The Great Gift' on the weekend of 07/08 June. This meet will run from Brackenclose, Salving House and Birkness. More details about the meet will follow. In the meantime, throw caution to the wind and volunteer your name!

I am also looking for someone to act as joint meet coordinator with Ed Walker. Ed is one of our younger members and will be coordinating a meet on the Culm coast after Lundy. Sunshine and brownie points a guarantee.

Last but not least, if no-one offers to coordinate the 2024/25 New Year Meet, Bah Humbug will have won.

Thanks in advance for your offers. If I have too many, I will draw from a hat.

Hazel Jonas

APPENDIX 4a

Treasurer's Report

Report on the 2023 accounts

1. Cash (note 6)

For the current year, the bank balance is £369,651 and last year it was £418,981. It has reduced by £49,330 in the year. What's more, we spent very little on hut repairs in the year.

2. Reserves (note 7)

General reserves (accumulated surpluses from previous years) are £291,647 and last year £347,774. It has reduced by £56,127 this year. If this was repeated every year, we'd run out of reserves by 2029.

The balance of money received from legacies stands at £56,728 - we should be applying these legacies to the huts in accordance with the requests by the ex-member who gave the legacy.

3. Deficit for the year (page 2)

Deficit after tax for the year is £53,477. (After recognising the £2,650 movement to / from the legacy fund, this equates to the £56,127 movement in reserves.)

There are two items in 2023 which strictly speaking should've been included in 2022: 50% of the Journal cost - £8,650 (note 3)

Brackenclose rebuild cost - £45,209 (page 2)

After taking these 2022 items into account, the underlying position for 2023 was a small surplus of £382.

4. Major repairs (note 1)

It would be nice to feel good about making a small surplus. Sadly that would be misplaced.

We only spent £6,831 on major repairs – on average, that's £683 per property. Last year wasn't much better - £7,703. We've significantly underinvested in our huts for a number of years.

We should be setting aside £50,000 to spend on huts each year, 1% of value, of which I'd like to see £20,000 funded from external grants or members' fundraising. Had we spent this in 2023, the small surplus would've become a pretty hefty deficit.

5. Income by area (page 2 and notes 1 and 2)

Huts £89,898 (2022 - £68,303)

Hut income has been boosted by a price rise in July 2022. But more significantly from a concerted effort to increase members and a significantly larger and more comprehensive meets list programme.

The hut surplus before major repairs was £24,035. This was significantly better than the £9,606 last year. The hut deficit after all costs, including Brackenclose rebuild, was (£25,035).

Guidebooks £18,499 (2022 - £23,319)

Guidebook income has been in decline for a few years, despite launching the Dow & Coppermines guide, as we exhaust the definitive guidebook market.

The guidebook profit was £3,454, considerably lower than £10,082 last year.

Membership subscriptions £70,949 (2022 - £65,373)

Subscriptions has risen through a drive for more members. We also had very few resignations in 2022.

6.Events (page 2)

We succeeded in our aim to break even on all the 2023 meets with an overall net surplus of £67. For last years' meets, we had a deficit of (£1,597).

We agreed to part fund the Dow Centenary event to the tune of (£582).

The deficit on the Annual Dinner (excluding AGM costs) was (£2,732). Some of this may relate to the costs of clothing, which generated a small surplus of £137.

7.Overheads (page 2 and note 3)

BMC Membership and Insurance at £24,176 was 34.1% of your subscriptions. Last year it was 33.2%. This cost remains an area of concern.

The cost of Hut Buildings and Contents Insurance at £24,887 and Hut Rates of £6,153 are paid in part by your annual subscription. This is a cost not borne by Spouses, Kindred or Guests when staying at the huts.

The full cost of £17,300 for the Journal was incurred in 2023. Half of it should've been charged to 2022.

There has been a sharp rise in the cost of paper which has been reflected in the increase in Chronicle costs from £4,992 to £5,520 and Handbook costs from £5,153 to £5,495.

Archives includes a provision against the annual donation to Armitt for 2022 and 2023 of £1,000 each, less £250 per year for the repayment of their loan.

IT and Website costs reduced as we began to switch from bespoke solutions provided by IT consultants to paying monthly subscriptions for off the shelf applications.

2022 Accounts

The surplus shown in the accounts presented at the 2022 AGM was £61,461. The accounts were not approved at the AGM with further work carried out to finalise the Brackenclough fire costs and donations. The accounts, which were subsequently sent to members for approval and submitted to FCA, showed a surplus of £234,062.

These are the comparative figures in the 2023 accounts.

Challenges ahead

Back in 2017 Guidebooks accounted for 21.8% of total income and generated a healthy profit which the Club relied upon. In 2023 this has reduced to 9.3% of total income. The Guidebooks now contribute a very modest profit and there's no indication this will increase.

As a club we have had to switch focus. We need the huts, after major repair costs, and membership subscriptions less overheads to at least break even. The increased number of meets and a more proactive drive to attract new members has helped to boost the hut income in 2023 to £89,898.

However we have challenges because electricity and insurance costs have risen sharply and an inflation rate of 10% has affected a lot of our other costs.

As a result, we have agreed to increase the hut fees from 1 January 2024, on average by 15%.

Category	Current	New
Member	£8	£9
U25 member	£4	£4
Spouse/Partner of member	£10	£14
Kindred club member	£12	£14
Guest	£16	£18
U25 non member	£9	£10
U18 member's child / grandchild	n/a	£5
U5 child	£0	£0
Day visit	£3	£3
Minimum fee - cottages	£34	£34

We have taken measures to reduce overheads through digitisation of systems and publications, reducing the volume of printing and postage.

To keep the huts maintained and attractive, advice suggests we should aim to invest 1% of market value, or £50k in major repairs each year. However, we have seriously underinvested in recent years. (£7,246 in 2017, £4,535 in 2018, £24,162 in 2019, £7,703 in 2022 and £6,830 in 2023).

In summary, without the Guidebook profit to rely upon, we need to find new streams of Hut, Membership and Guidebook income whilst investing enough in hut major repairs. It is a long road back to break even, but with the right actions it can be achieved.

Martyn Hodgson

The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

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Report of Financial activity for the year ended 30th June 2023



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The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

Report of Financial activity for the year ended 30th June 2023

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The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

Accountants' Report

Report of Financial activity for the year ended 30th June 2023

We have examined the accounts on pages 2 to 6.

We can confirm that they are an extract of the full statutory accounts of the club for the year ended 30th June 2023.

A copy of the full statutory accounts may be obtained from the Treasurer.

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2nd September 2023

The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Huts			
Hut Income		89,898	68,303
Utilities		(39,761)	(41,439)
Running costs		(15,017)	(9,991)
Health and safety costs		(11,085)	(7,267)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		24,035	9,606
Major repairs		(6,831)	(7,703)
Surplus / (Deficit) after Major Repairs	1	17,204	1,903
Legacies, Donations & Grants		2,700	38,027
Brackenclose rebuild donations / costs		(45,209)	183,266
Kam House claim		0	5,640
Hut Surplus / (Deficit)		(25,305)	228,835
Guidebooks			
Guidebook sales		18,499	23,319
Guidebook costs	2	(14,120)	(12,118)
Share of Net Income to Access & Conservation Fund		(925)	(1,120)
Guidebook Profit / (Loss)		3,454	10,082
Events			
Clothing Surplus / (Deficit)		137	8
Annual Dinner Surplus / (Deficit)		(2,732)	(249)
Dow Centenary Surplus / (Deficit)		(582)	0
Meets 2022 Surplus / (Deficit)		(1,597)	(565)
Meets 2023 Surplus / (Deficit)		67	0
Events Surplus / (Deficit)		(4,708)	(807)
Membership			
Subscriptions		70,949	65,373
BMC Membership and Insurance		(24,176)	(21,676)
Hut Buildings and Content Insurance		(24,887)	(21,389)
Hut Rates		(6,153)	(3,738)
Member Publications	3	(28,315)	(4,181)
Archives		(3,841)	(490)
AGM and Committee costs		(3,356)	(4,521)
Accountancy and Tax		(3,883)	(3,265)
IT and Website		(1,851)	(3,997)
Donations made		(25)	(1,027)
FRCC Expedition Grant		(500)	(500)
Bank charges		(1,364)	(2,033)
Other Income and Interest Received		1,686	100
Other costs		(682)	(598)
		(26,400)	(1,942)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year before Tax		(52,959)	236,168
Tax charge		(518)	(2,106)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year after Tax		(53,477)	234,062

The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

Balance sheet as at 30th June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Huts at cost	4	456,797	456,797
Current assets			
Guidebook stock	5	39,468	36,182
Clothing stock		94	0
Debtors		5,171	22,218
Prepayments and Accrued Income		45,945	1,317
Bank balances	6	369,651	418,981
		<u>460,329</u>	<u>478,698</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors		(43,058)	0
Accruals and Deferred Income		(5,424)	(19,111)
Corporation Tax Provision		(518)	(2,106)
Provisions for Liabilities		(12,899)	(5,375)
		<u>(61,899)</u>	<u>(26,592)</u>
Net current assets		398,430	452,106
Total net assets		<u>855,227</u>	<u>908,903</u>
Funded by:			
Members share capital		55	54
Reserves			
Property reserve		456,797	456,797
Emergency reserve		50,000	50,000
Legacy fund		56,728	54,278
General Reserve		345,124	113,712
Surplus / (Deficit) after tax		(53,477)	234,062
	7	<u>855,172</u>	<u>908,849</u>
Retained surplus		<u>855,227</u>	<u>908,903</u>

These financial statements are an extract of the full accounts for the society.

Approved by the committee and signed on their behalf by:

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Martyn Hodgson

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Treasurer : M Hodgson

2nd September 2023

The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

Extracts from the Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2023

1 Hut surplus / (deficit) analysis

	Beethm Cottage	Birkness	Bracken close	Kam House	Raw Head	Salving House	Waters Cottage	Total	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income									
Income - Hut fees	7,978	22,505	9,598	12,909	21,396	8,292	7,220	89,898	68,303
	7,978	22,505	9,598	12,909	21,396	8,292	7,220	89,898	68,303
Utilities									
Hut running costs - fuel	(3,602)	(950)	(8,241)	(3,994)	(8,659)	(3,130)	(9,956)	(38,533)	(34,428)
Hut running costs - water and waste services	2,579	(844)	(199)	(1,222)	(784)	(191)	(566)	(1,228)	(7,011)
	(1,023)	(1,795)	(8,441)	(5,216)	(9,443)	(3,321)	(10,521)	(39,761)	(41,439)
Running costs									
Hut running costs - consumables and equipment	(858)	(654)	(2,056)	(420)	(1,533)	(572)	(318)	(6,411)	(2,355)
Hut running costs - small repairs and improvements	(854)	(1,725)	(679)	(1,010)	(388)	(880)	(291)	(5,828)	(3,069)
Hut running costs - wardens' expenses	(479)	(605)	(760)	(62)	(333)	(121)	(418)	(2,778)	(2,863)
Hut running costs - sundries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,704)
	(2,191)	(2,985)	(3,495)	(1,492)	(2,254)	(1,573)	(1,027)	(15,017)	(9,991)
Health and safety costs									
Health & safety - desludging	0	(794)	(177)	0	(653)	0	0	(1,624)	(506)
Health & safety - Electricity test/repairs	(193)	0	0	0	(482)	0	0	(675)	(363)
Health & safety - Fire tests/improvements	(904)	(1,242)	(190)	(65)	(1,385)	(1,214)	(187)	(5,187)	(2,346)
Health & safety - first aid equipment	0	(957)	0	0	0	0	0	(957)	(1,016)
Health & safety - Gas/water	0	0	0	0	(1,146)	(216)	0	(1,362)	(2,134)
Health & safety - repairs	0	0	(38)	0	0	0	0	(38)	0
Health & safety - Bat survey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(350)
Health & safety - Pest control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(175)
Health & safety - Covid sundries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(127)
Health & safety - Tree surveys	(177)	(177)	(177)	(177)	(177)	(177)	(177)	(1,242)	(250)
	(1,275)	(3,170)	(582)	(243)	(3,843)	(1,608)	(364)	(11,085)	(7,267)
Operating surplus / (deficit)	3,488	14,555	(2,920)	5,958	5,856	1,790	(4,693)	24,035	9,606
Major repairs									
Major repairs etc - other improvements/repairs	0	0	(4,239)	0	0	0	0	(4,239)	(646)
Major repairs etc - water capacity	0	(1,297)	(555)	0	0	0	0	(1,852)	(386)
Major repairs - heating	(106)	(106)	(106)	(106)	(106)	(106)	(106)	(740)	(5,796)
Major repairs - plumbing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(875)
	(106)	(1,402)	(4,900)	(106)	(106)	(106)	(106)	(6,831)	(7,703)
Surplus / (deficit) after major repairs	3,383	13,153	(7,820)	5,852	5,750	1,685	(4,798)	17,204	1,903

2 Guidebook costs

	Dow & Copper	Duddon	Eskdale	Lake D Rock 3	Other costs	Total	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Guidebook - Production costs	(9,675)	0	(500)	0	0	(10,175)	(12,118)
Guidebook - Postage	(668)	0	0	0	(564)	(1,232)	0
Guidebook - Storage					(371)	(371)	0
Guidebook - Sales & Marketing costs	0	(950)	0	(1,500)	0	(2,450)	0
Guidebook - eGuidebook					(1,250)	(1,250)	0
Guidebook - Website and Database					(1,685)	(1,685)	0
Guidebook - Editor expenses					(243)	(243)	0
Guidebook - Stock Movement					3,286	3,286	0
	(10,343)	(950)	(500)	(1,500)	(827)	(14,120)	(12,118)

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	2023	2022
	£	£
3 Publications		
Journal	(17,300)	(36)
Provisions - Journal	0	6,000
Chronicle	(5,520)	(4,992)
Handbook	(5,495)	(5,153)
	<u>(28,315)</u>	<u>(4,181)</u>

During 2023, there was £17,300 spent on designing, printing and sending Journal #88. There was no provision made in 2022 and brought forward into 2023 so the full cost of the Journal was borne in 2023.

	Purchase / Build Date	Original Cost	Insurance Value
		£	£
4 Huts at cost			
Beetham	1965	6,464	512,687
Birkness	1951 & 1992	43,792	1,293,787
Brackenclouse	1936 & 2021	220,801	731,170
Karn House	2002	128,411	458,852
Raw Head	1947	5,712	1,243,192
Salving House	1952	1,932	289,447
Waters Cottage	1989	49,685	739,286
		<u>456,797</u>	<u>5,268,421</u>

The insurance valuations were carried out at 30th June 2022

	Edition	Quantity 2022	Purchased	Sold	Quantity 2023	Value in Accounts
						£
5 Stocks of Guidebooks						
Gable & Pillar	2007	272		42	230	155
Buttermere & St Bees	2008	450		37	413	70
Eastern Craggs	2011	655		119	536	496
Eden Valley & S. Lakes	2012	732		109	623	741
Winter Climbs	2012	1,620		48	1,572	483
Langdale	2013	2,244		161	2,083	4,846
Scafell + Wasdale	2014	888		68	820	3,784
Lake District Rock 2	2015	1,352		805	547	1,796
Borrowdale	2016	1,479		197	1,282	3,711
Sport & Slate	2020	4,183		692	3,491	10,665
Duddon & Wrynose	2021	977		290	687	5,111
Dow and Coppermines	2023	0	1,200	321	879	7,085
		<u>14,852</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>38,945</u>
Scafell History	2016	302		10	292	523
		<u>15,154</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>2,899</u>	<u>13,455</u>	<u>39,468</u>

Stock is held at the lower of cost and net realisable value

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	2023	2022
	£	£
6 Bank Movement		
Opening Bank Balance	418,981	687,160
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(53,477)	234,062
Utilisation of Legacy	(200)	0
Change in Working capital - balance of unpaid invoices and bills	4,347	28,009
Change in Property reserve	0	33,200
Change in Property rebuild reserve	0	(357,649)
Change in value of huts	0	(205,801)
Closing Bank Balance	369,651	418,981

	Property	Emergency	Legacy	General	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
7 Reserves Movement					
Opening Balance	456,797	50,000	54,278	347,774	908,849
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	0	0	0	(53,477)	(53,477)
Movement across reserves	0	0	2,650	(2,650)	0
Movement out of reserves	0	0	(200)	0	(200)
Closing Balance	456,797	50,000	56,728	291,647	855,172

APPENDIX 5

FRCC Meets List 2024

	Date	Venue	Meet Co-ordinator
E	29/31 Dec	New Year Meet – Raw Head	Janet Ashworth, Tony Walker
T	05/06 Jan	Twelfth Night Poetry Meet - Beetham	John Holden
T	19/20 Jan	Fell and Moon – Raw Head	Ian Bradley
	19/20 Jan	West Coast Winter Climbing/Mountaineering - Waters Cottage	Nigel Hooker
	26/27 Jan	New Year Irresolutions – Salving House	Amanda Halliwell, Jonathan Shaw
E	26/27 Jan	Burns Night – Raw Head	Helen Elliot
	02/03 Feb	FRCC Welcomes the AACUK – Salving House	Jude Jones, Kate Woodrow
FM	09/10 Feb	Family Meet – Raw Head	Gill Lomas
	16/22 Feb	Winter Mountaineering – Karn House	Andy Mathers
Wel	23/24 Feb	Welcome Meet - Beetham	Geoff Lyons
	24 Feb/01 Mar	Cross Country Skiing - Norway	Dan Morgan
	27/28/29 Feb	Pre-Music Meet – Raw Head	Karen Stock
E	01/02 Mar	Music Meet – Raw Head	Sarah Ross Shaw
	01/02/03 Mar	Hut-to-Hut Running – Salving House, Brackenclouse, Salving House	Seth Kennard
	02/16 Mar	Anti Atlas Morocco Climbing Meet	Steve Woollard
	12/13 Mar	'Make a - Beetham	Sue Fox, Trevor Brewster
	15/16 Mar	Week of it' - Beetham	Flora Marriott, Philip Rowell
	22/23 Mar	Winter Climbing – Waters Cottage	Dan McCerie
	29/31 Mar	Easter - Brackenclouse	Nick Philips
T	05/06 Apr	Day into Night Navigation – Raw Head	Nick Philips
	05/06 Apr	Start of Season Climbing – Salving House	Kevin Bowser
	14/18 Apr	High Moss - Duddon	Valerie Hawksworth
Wel	19/20 Apr	Welcome Meet – Raw Head	Fiona Stephenson, Simon Willis
	19/20 Apr	Younger Members Climbing Meet – Salving House	Joe Spoor
	20 Apr	Arthur Dolphin Appreciation Society Meet 1 - Almscliffe	Paul Winder
	21/25 Apr	Midweek Meet for Silver Surfers – Raw Head	Paddy Feely
	25/28 Apr	Ogwen Valley – Glan Dena	Phil Elliot
	03/04 May	Raw Head	Laura Fox
FM	03/04/05 May	Family Meet - Brackenclouse	Rob Muirhead

E	03/04/05 May	Second Inauguration for 85 Year Old Hut Warden – Waters Cottage	Alan Strachan
	04/11 May	Woodlands Cottage – Glen Shiel	Richard Craig
CM	10/11 May	Committee Meeting – Raw Head	TBC
	10/11 May	FRCC/Pinnacle Club - Birkness	Annette Smith
	10/17 May	Killin Hotel Meet	Sara McIntyre, Mike Shields
	10/17 May	The Stables, Cannich	Anne Salisbury
	15/16 May	'Happy Wanderers' - Beetham	Sue Burkinshaw, Elizabeth Wilson
	17/18 May	Younger Members' Meet – Salving House	George Chapman
	18/24 May	Glen Brittle Hut - Skye	George Wostenholm
FM	24 May/01 Jun	Family Meet - Birkness	Sarah Ross Shaw
	25 May/01 Jun	Pabbay	Joe Dobson
	27 May/01 June	Ronnan Cottage - Aultbea	Steve Woollard
	31 May/01 Jun	FRCC/CC - Brackenclose	Andy Cairns
	07/08 June	The Great Gift - Brackenclose	TBC
	07/08 June	The Great Gift - Birkness	TBC
	07/08 June	The Great Gift – Salving House	TBC
	07/08 June	Ty Gwyn - Snowdonia	Neil & Mary-Ann Mahon
MM	07/08 June	Maintenance Meet – Karn House	Graeme Ralph
T	13/16 June	80 th Anniversary KMC/FRCC Hut to Hut -Salving House (13/14,16), Raw Head (15)	Andy Stratford, Brenda Fullard
MM	14/15 June	Maintenance Meet - Birkness	Jackie Brindle
	14/15 June	FRCC/Wayfarers - Brackenclose	Stuart Hesketh
	19/24 June	Classic Rock – Waters Cottage	Nikki Hamerton
	21/22 June	VP Dinner/Coniston Meet – Low House	Hazel Jonas
MM	21/22 June	Gardening Meet... - Beetham	Humphrey Johnson
	28/29 June	Climbing Meet – Salving House	Mark Gration
	02/04 July	Scrambling Meet - Beetham	Keith Wadsworth
	05/06 July	BMC Youth Meet – Raw Head	Ron Kenyon
	05/06 July	Fell Running – Salving House	Andy Poole
	05/06 July	FRCC/MAM - Ogwen Valley – Glan Dena	Toby Forrester
	07/08 July	Gogarth/North Wales Limestone	Darren Saxton
MM	12/13 July	Maintenance Meet – Salving House	Andrew Duxbury
	19/20 July	Mountain Biking – Raw Head	Simon Willis
	30 July	Arthur Dolphin Appreciation Society Meet 2 - Ilkley	Paul Winder
	8/11 Aug	Eden Valley	Les Meer
	10/16 Aug	Lundy	Susan Marvell, Norman Clacher
CV	14/19 Aug	Pembroke – Climbing, Coasteering	Tony Halliwell

Wel	16/17 Aug	Welcome Meet – Salving House	Keith Butterfield, Jayne Moss
	16/24 Aug	Culm Climbing	Ed Walker
T	22/26 Aug	Boggarts and Bats - Birkness	Jackie Brindle, Hazel Jonas
	30/31 Aug	Peak District – Heathy Lea	Geoff Nichols
	02/19 Sep	High and Western Tatras, Zakopane, Poland	Mark Gear
	06/07 May	Climbing Meet – Salving House	Paul Russell
	06/07 Sep	Peak District – Heathy Lea	Geoff Nichols
	07/13 Sep	East Tirol – Barmer Haus	Ellie Howarth, Jude Jones
MM	13/14 Sept	Maintenance Meet – Raw Head	Peter Farnell
MM	20/21 Sept	Maintenance Meet - Brackenclose	Paul Littlechild
	20/21 Sept	Climbing & Curry – Salving House	Norbert de Mello
	22/23/24 Sept	Fix the Fells - Beetham	Steve Charles
	27/28 Sept	Mallory's First Lakeland Ascents - Brackenclose	Nigel Buckley
MM	04/05 Oct	Maintenance Meet - Beetham	Humphrey Johnson
Wel	04/05 Oct	Young Persons' Welcome Meet	Freddy Dorling, Jane Hodgson
	04/05 Oct	Family Meet - Birkness	Denise Andrews
	11/12 Oct	Langdale Fell Race – Raw Head	Seth Kennard
	18/19 Oct	Recent Members Meet - Birkness	Hazel Jonas
MM	25/26 Oct	Maintenance Meet – Waters Cottage	Alan Strachan
	01/02 Nov	AGM and Dinner– Castle Green Hotel, Kendal	The President
	08/09 Nov	Bonfire Meet - Brackenclose	Dave Burnett
	10 Nov	Act of Remembrance – Great Gable	The President
Wel	10/11 Nov	Welcome Meet - Brackenclose	Geoff Lyons
CM	22/23 Nov	Committee Meet – Raw Head	TBC
	06/07 Dec	Temperance Meet - Birkness	Geoff Lyons
	13/14 Dec	Krimbo at Karn – Karn House	Steve Lunt
E	28/31 Dec	New Year Meet – Raw Head	TBC

CM = Committee Meeting Meet, BH = Bank Holidays,
D = Dinner, E = There may be music at these meets,
F = Family Meets, MM = Maintenance Meets,
Wel = Welcome Meets, W = Midweek Meets, CV = Campervan Friendly,
T = Themed Meet. Those attending are free to choose whether or not to join in the themed activity.

Notes:

- All FRCC hut bookings should be made online in the first instance, otherwise via the hut warden.
- Meet Co-ordinators – don't forget to book your own beds.
- Family Meet bookings via the Hut Wardens with a copy to the Meet Co-ordinator.

- All meets not held at an FRCC hut to be booked with the Meet Co-ordinator unless otherwise stated.
- Castle Green Hotel Annual Dinner - tickets from the Dinner Secretary.
- Meets protocol. Meets starting on a Sunday after a weekend meet may not occupy the hut until 6pm. When leaving on a Friday please clear the hut by 4pm.

APPENDIX 6

Proposed Rule Change

The Committee has recommended that one change be made to the FRCC Rules. This change relates to the deletion of Rule 11.2.

Rationale

Proposed Deletion of Rule 11.2

Rule 11.2 states:

"If the first subscription of a Member is not paid by him within three months of the date of his election, his proposer shall become liable for the amount due."

The rationale for the rule deletion is that the Club is asking people to propose aspirants who they may have only met once or twice at Welcome meets. The possibility of being responsible for their first year's subscription is a deterrent to act as a proposer.

Beatrice Haigh
Secretary

