



# SCOTTISH ARCTIC CLUB

*To Encourage Adventurous Endeavour and Interest  
in the Science, Culture and Protection of the Arctic*

## Newsletter - January 2019

[www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk](http://www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk)

*Happy New year*

*from Douglas Anderson, the President and all the committee*

### Subscriptions

The subscriptions for session 2018-2019 became due on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. At its November meeting, the committee recommended that the annual subscription of the Club remains at £5. However, we plan to change to payment by standing order for subscriptions due on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. Later this year we will be sending out a form for you to complete and return to us and we will then forward it to your bank.

### The Gathering and Supper 2018

Once again our annual meeting was a great success. Some 50+ members dined together on the Friday evening and 81 members and guests sat down to the Supper on Saturday evening. After dinner there was the usual raffle with a large array of prizes generously donated by members. There was also an auction of seven more valuable items. The raffle raised £340 and the auction £651 for the Expedition Fund. A further £410 were donated to the Expedition Fund by members sending donations with their subscriptions.

The Gathering had a full programme of talks starting at 2.00 pm. As usual we started with presentations from those who had received grants this year; these were:

Regina Huttunen: Fieldwork in Svalbard on exchange from SAMS at UNIS, Longyearbyen  
Holly Unwin: Environmental change in East Finnmark on a University of Oxford expedition

Matt Hay: Team Moskus in the Stauning Alps, east Greenland – climbing and glacial research with Leo Carew

The programme continued with

Dag Hagenaes-Kjelldahl: Bear Island, history of its exploration and experiences living there while staffing a weather station in the 1970's

Craig Mathieson with Arran Goddard and Abbie Heaney: The Polar Academy

Peter Talbot: Exploring Greenland with a zodiac boat, 2016

Noel Williams: Isostatic rebound in SE Greenland

Douglas Anderson: 40 years of family exploration in East Greenland (the abridged version!)

Susie Ranford, with help from Noel Williams, ensured the audio-visual equipment worked for the presentations and our President, Douglas Anderson acted as MC, which is why his final presentation overran – a little! - albeit with the approval of the audience. Thank you to Susie, Noel and Douglas for making the Gathering run smoothly, once again.

Following the talks, the AGM of the Club took place with about 53 members present. The draft minutes are appended to this newsletter but will not be revised for accuracy until the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019. A few comments about the Minutes may be of interest. The membership remains fairly stable and with 81 members and guests at the Supper, this annual meeting is well supported by members. The assembled members voted to return to the Ben Nevis Hotel for 2019. However, we are aware that the other half of the membership did not attend and we know of one member who does not attend because of the venue. If we are to be even more inclusive we need to know if it is the venue or the date which precludes your attendance. Although we have tried to change the weekend in November, it is not possible if we remain with the Ben Nevis Hotel.

The Club's finances are healthy and continue to be well looked after by Chris Calver. The Expedition Fund, too, has a healthy balance of over £9000. The deadline for applications is the end of this month so if you know of any young people planning expeditions please direct them to our website for an application form.

There were changes on the committee following the AGM. Douglas Anderson continues as president for one further year and Ashley Buchan has resigned completely as secretary and she will be missed. Iain Allison continues to act as secretary on a temporary basis. We do need a volunteer! Elspeth Hamilton agreed to take over the responsibility of the membership from the secretary. Matthew Burke and Cameron Mackay came to the end of their spell on the committee and Mairi Fenton has now taken over the social media sites. There were three vacancies for committee members but no volunteers came forward at the AGM. Subsequently, Hans-Peter Grossmann was co-opted at the weekend and later, Susie Ranford. There remains one vacancy – volunteers?? Once again the Club is grateful to Liz Patterson for leading the Sunday walk which, although poorly supported, is an abiding feature of the Supper weekend and very much enjoyed by the few.

The other two Club meetings, Attadale in May and the Summer Solstice Meet, prove popular with different sections of the membership and we are grateful to Kathleen Cartwright and Stella Spratley for their continuing organisation of them. The week at Attadale will be 11-18 May and the Solstice Meet, probably the weekend of 22/23 June.

The Club will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020 and the committee is discussing ways to mark the occasion. The first Club expedition to the Arctic is one option and we are looking at the Kulusuk-Tasiilaq area which may be a suitable place for those too young to go on multi-night expeditions and those too old to care for such as well as adventurous climbers and kayakers – see below, page 5. The first Club Supper was held in Dundee and the committee proposes to return to the city for the 50<sup>th</sup> Gathering and Supper – see below, page 5.

Sunday walk: Liz Patterson led a walk on Sunday morning with three others, Zoë Fouracre and Edda and Frank Loesch. The destination was the bothy at Loch Arkaig but before reaching it the



The Club's maps of Greenland

party split into 2 groups depending on the type of footwear. The weather was stunning and the low evening sun lit up Ben Nevis with a warm glow as they returned to Fort William.



The Glen Nevis side of Ben Nevis



Heading home

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering and Supper**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**The Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William**

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**Book review:**

**A Farewell to Ice** by Peter Wadhams (Penguin 2017)

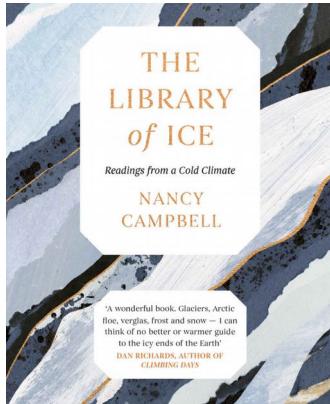
Most members of this club will have been to the Arctic and some have considerable experience going back many years. Change in the Arctic is the central theme of this book: in particular, change in sea ice cover. Peter Wadhams is a practising scientist who has spent his life active in sea ice research, investigating the processes by which seawater can freeze and what structures can result. Fortunately he has a gift for writing clearly and concisely, taking the reader through a network of connected observations and ideas in no more than 200 pages.

The book covers molecular structure, salinity, ocean circulation, ice ages, greenhouse effect, sea ice and water temperature, feedbacks, methane, sea level rise and consequences for the Arctic and the planet as a whole. There is room for some personal reminiscence from his experience, including a dramatic episode of an explosion and fire aboard a submarine under the ice pack.

In the later chapters, Wadhams pulls together the evidence for climate change and the unequivocal warming in the Arctic, the 'death spiral' of summer sea ice cover and considers what we can do. He pulls no punches in his criticism of climate change deniers and slippery politicians and also of over-reliance on climate models that appear to contradict actual observations of ice cover. It's not a particularly reassuring book, but it is an excellent summary of climate change and ocean science by an author with first-hand knowledge. Highly recommended.

Jim Barton

## New books



### Nancy Campbell – The Library of Ice

Nancy Campbell's new book *Library of Ice: Readings in a Cold Climate*, has now been published by Scribner UK.

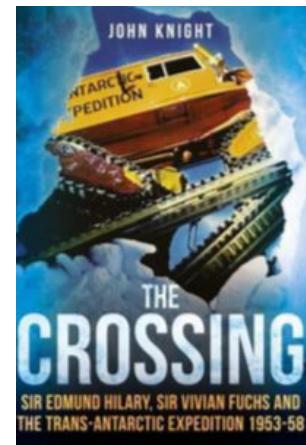
<http://www.simonandschuster.co.uk/books/The-Library-of-Ice/Nancy-Campbell/9781471169311>

### John Knight – The Crossing

Sir Edmund Hillary, Sir Vivian Fuchs and the Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1953-58

Amberley Publishing ISBN: 978-1-4456-8629-5 £20

*Yes, we know – it's about the other pole*

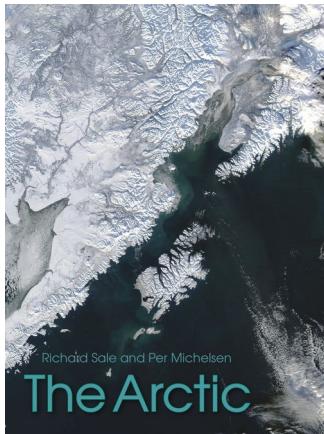


### Richard Sale and Per Michelsen – The Arctic

Whittles Publishing, Dunbeath, Caithness KW6 6EG

ISBN 978-184995-342-9

[www.whittlespublishing.com](http://www.whittlespublishing.com)



### Geoffrey Halliday – A Flora of the central fjord region of east Greenland

This summary of his own work and that of 170 expeditions to an area some 500 miles by 100 miles of central east Greenland runs to 300 pages with 100 plates and distribution maps of 245 species. There are also sections on the geology and scenery, climate vegetation, altitudinal limits, hot springs and the history of botanical exploration. The book is available from the author at 26 Mowbray Drive, Burton-in-Kendall, Carnforth LA6 1NF. £28+£3.25 P&P.

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A Flora of the central fjord region of east Greenland

by Geoffrey Halliday, with assistance from R.W.M. Corlett

This fjord region occupies the middle third of Greenland's east coast. It extends for nearly 500 miles (800 km) inland from the sea and from 100 (160 km) and 150 (240 km) east to west, from the inland ice to the outer coast. Within its area flora, by arctic standards, is superb mountain scenery and brings summer visitors who are a popular destination for arctic botanists, climbers and general lovers of the north.

The book consists of 300 pages, 100 plates and distribution maps of 245 species. The main part of the book is the account of individual species, their taxonomy, distribution, specific adaptations and so on.

Flora of North America. The accounts include information on altitudinal and latitudinal limits where the species is found within the region. There is a particular interest in that it includes many high arctic species at their southern and low arctic ones at their northern as well as species which may be endemic to the region. There is also an account of the endemic Saxifraga nathorstii, occur nowhere else. There is a small western chapter, but otherwise the flora is essentially arctic and Eurasian.

There are sections on geology and scenery, climate, vegetation, altitudinal limits, hot springs, the history of botanical exploration and on possible origins of the flora, with particular reference to the great arctic species such as Dryas integrifolia, Poa annua robbiae and Potentilla borealis which are restricted in Greenland to the region.

The Flora is published by Trollius Publications, ISBN 9780955971189

Available from late 2018 from Dr G. Halliday, 26 Mowbray Drive, Burton-in-Kendall, Carnforth, Lancs., LA6 1NF, price £28+£3.25 p&p, [geoffreyhalliday@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffreyhalliday@btinternet.com)



Saxifraga nathorstii



Polemonium boreale



Stuorring Alper

## **Gathering & Supper 2019**

At the AGM the majority of members requested that we return to the Ben Nevis Hotel for 2019. It was not possible to book a different weekend, as we had hoped, so the Gathering & Supper will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The rate for dinner, bed and breakfast will be £44, with a £14 single supplement (£16 for Friday night), and for those who are not staying in the hotel but wish to attend the Supper the cost is £20. If you are in full time education the Club will subsidise your hotel room by 50% so you will pay just £22.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering & Supper in 2020**

For the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering & Supper in 2020, please grade these venues in order of your preference, putting your most favourite first and least favourite last.

Please return your preferences to the Secretary, [sacsecretaryia@gmail.com](mailto:sacsecretaryia@gmail.com) by 28<sup>th</sup> February

Options are:

- A      The Supper at the V&A Dundee, with the afternoon Gathering at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel - £100 per person plus accommodation at the Hotel\*
- B      The Gathering and Supper at Discovery Point - £42 per person plus accommodation cost\*
- C      The Gathering and Supper at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel - £132 for DB&B, for two sharing a room/£110 per single room\*

\* There are many accommodation options in and around Dundee however in order to allow an appropriate cost comparison between A and B vs C the Double Tree offer us a rate of £95 B&B double occupancy/£89 single occupancy. If everyone stays at the DoubleTree then the usual wide interaction can be sustained.

Additional costs:

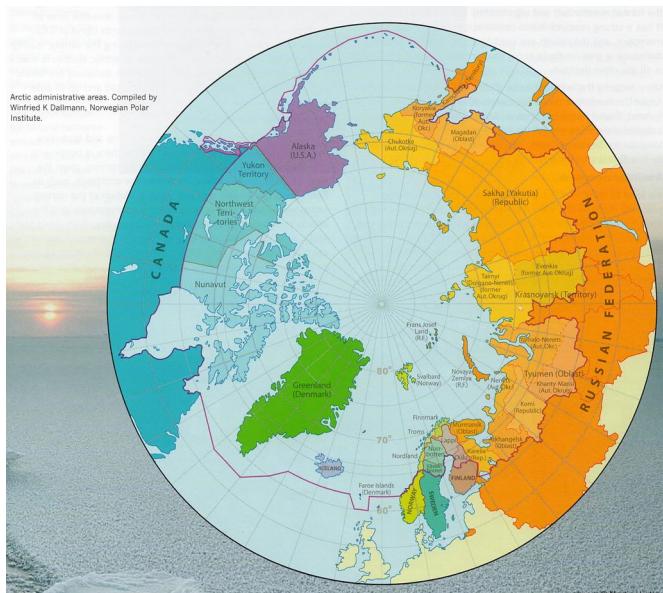
Hire of room at V&A - £1500 for the evening and at Discovery Point, £240 for the afternoon. Possibly coach transfers for option A. Numbers at recent Suppers are 80+.

Our preferred date is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November. It is 22 months away so time to save less than £10 a month to cope with the extra cost of the celebration!

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Expedition**

Regarding the 2020 expedition, can we request members to submit a notice of interest and level of adventure to the Secretary to inform the small group looking at options.

- A) Tasiilaq-based easy day excursions
- B) Remote Camping with group
- C) Independent project, but using Club's contacts/logistics
- D) Other, please describe



## The Arctic: administrative regions

The trustees of the Expedition Fund use a variety of definitions of “The Arctic” not simply the Arctic Circle at 66.56°N. Here is a polar projection showing the countries or parts of countries that consider that they are part of 'the Arctic'.

## Welcome to the following new members

**Kirsty Black**, a grant recipient in 2016 when on exchange from SAMS in Longyearbyen.

**Fiona and John Hutchinson**, expeditions in Spitsbergen, east Greenland, Arctic Sweden, Lofotens and Alaska with boots, skis and kayaks.

**Georgia Murray** is an artist who has spent time in the Arctic with midnight sun as well as polar night. Recently was part of the Arctic Circle Autumn Residency around Svalbard.

**New members are welcome:** the Club is for people of all ages and nationalities who have an interest in the Arctic, particularly if they have already been, or are planning to travel there. See the web site for an application form.

**The committee comprises:** President: Douglas Anderson, Vice Presidents: Stella Spratley and Noel Williams, Secretary: Iain Allison, Treasurer: Chris Calver, and Committee members: Hans-Peter Grossmann, Elspeth Hamilton, Susie Ranford and Ahythya Young.

**Secretary: Iain Allison**  
**Club email address - sacsecretaryia@gmail.com**  
**Web site: [www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk](http://www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk)**

**Club's official postal address: c/o Royal Scottish Geographical Society,  
Lord John Murray House, 15-19 North Port, Perth PH1 5LU**

**Secretary's address: 1/R 13 Crosbie Street, Glasgow G20 0BQ  
Mobile phone: 0781 244 7808**

Draft Minutes of the 2018 AGM with accompanying papers are appended below along with reports from the Trustees of the Expedition Fund

## Scottish Arctic Club

### Annual General Meeting 2018 DRAFT

**Minutes of the AGM** held at the Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 5.30 pm with Douglas Anderson, President, in the chair and 53 members present.

Apologies for absence were received from Jean Balfour, Katharina Beutner, Alicja Borsberry-Woods, Ashley Buchan, Matthew Burke, Chris Calver, Nancy Campbell, John Darlow, Laura Ferguson, Chris Gilmore, Eve Gilmore, Dougal Goodman, Penny Goodman, Louise Hollinrake, Sarah Longrigg, Rod Pashley, Vanessa Pitusi, Chris Ravey, Simon Richardson, Martin Rickard, Sheena Stenico, Aythya Young

The president began by welcoming members to the AGM before proceeding to the first item on the Agenda.

1. **Minutes of the AGM of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017**, which had previously been circulated, were approved as an accurate record.

#### 2. **Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

#### 3. **The President's Annual Report**

Douglas Anderson summarised the activities over the past year with successful meets at Attadale in May, organised by Kathleen Cartwright, and Speyside, organised by Stella Spratley and hosted by Myrtle Simpson, for the summer solstice. His main plea was for greater publicity and more members, especially younger members.

#### 4. **Membership Report**

The temporary secretary, Iain Allison, reported that the membership is stable with new members balancing those who cease to be members, mainly lapsing from non-payment of the annual subscription. The president reiterated his appeal to members to invite friends, new to the Club, to next year's Gathering and Supper. A report is appended to these Minutes

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the treasurer, Chris Calver, his accounts for 2017-2018 were tabled. The balance on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 stood just short of £4000. The sum of £10,000 was transferred to the charitable part of the Club, the Scottish Arctic Expedition Fund, during this session. His report is appended to these Minutes

#### 6. **Scottish Arctic Expedition Fund (SAEF)**

Last January, six applications for grants were received. One did not meet the criteria and 5 awards were made. However, one expedition was postponed in the planning phase. The remaining four

expeditions were awarded grants but one was cancelled at the last minute when the ship caught fire. The remaining three all gave presentations earlier this afternoon.

A report is appended to these Minutes

## **7. SAC website and social media**

Susie Ranford continues to maintain the Club's website. Matthew Burke and Cameron Mackay come to the end of their service on the committee and were thanked for dealing with the social media side of the Club. There is still a need to be more visible

## **8. Election of new Committee members**

Those demitting office were: Douglas Anderson, Matthew Burke, Cameron Mackay and Chris Gilmore. Although Douglas Anderson has reached the end of his three year spell as president, he did not fulfil the role during his 1<sup>st</sup> year and John Peden acted on his behalf. The Committee suggested that Douglas remain for one further year and the members present agreed. The Treasurer, Chris Calver, may be re-elected and is willing to stand. He was duly elected. The secretary, Ashley Buchan, has recently resigned permanently. In June she stood down temporarily and Iain Allison has acted in her stead for the past few months. He is willing to continue and the members approved his election to the role. It would ease the secretary's burden if a membership secretary was appointed and Elspeth Hamilton volunteered to take on that role. A newsletter editor is being sought. With John Thorogood's resignation a year ago, there is a vacancy for a vice president. The committee nominated Noel Williams and he was duly elected. There are three vacancies for the committee and volunteers were requested from the floor but no one came forward. The committee will seek to co-opt new members in the weeks ahead.

## **9. Spring Meet**

The President thanked Kathleen Cartwright for organising the Attadale meet once again. Attadale has proved so popular that it has been booked again for 2019: 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May. The Expedition Fund benefits from any surplus raised from this week.

## **10. Summer Solstice Meet**

Stella Spratley hopes to arrange a solstice meeting again this year in consultation with Myrtle Simpson. It is likely to be the weekend of 22/23rd June. This weekend offers opportunities for walking, canoeing and swimming as well as excellent gastronomy.

## **11. Annual Gathering and Supper 2019**

A majority of members wished to return to the Ben Nevis Hotel. It would be preferable to change to a different weekend, possibly the first weekend in November. The secretary will make inquiries.

## **12. Fiftieth anniversary events**

1. A Club Expedition to SE Greenland is under discussion in the committee. It would be the first Club event to actually take place in the Arctic and is already attracting a lot of interest among members. It is intended to attract many long-standing Club members as well as those with limited Arctic experience.
2. The committee has suggested that, for the 2020 Gathering and Supper, the Club returns to Dundee where the Club started and had its first Supper. It was suggested that the new V&A

Dundee might be a suitable venue. With a show of hands, the meeting approved this suggestion. Investigations will proceed.

### **13. Activities on Sunday 19 Nov**

Liz Patterson once again kindly agreed to lead a walk for Sunday morning to Invermallie Bothy on the south side of Loch Arkaig. Members wishing to go were asked to meet at the hotel reception at 10am.

### **14. Any other business**

1. A member asked about the Wally Herbert painting that had been donated to the Club by Myrtle and Hugh Simpson and was disappointed that there had apparently been no progress since the AGM a year ago. The Club was trying to get it valued and contact had been made with Herbert's daughter, Kari. There is apparently no signature but Myrtle Simpson stated that there is no doubt about its provenance. She suggested that, rather than get it valued, it be sent to auction as was agreed at the 2017 AGM.
2. The president closed the AGM by thanking members for their contributions, Susie Ranford for dealing with the projection facilities and, in advance, those who have donated items for the raffle and auction.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

## SAC Membership Report

### Membership at 31 August 2018

(Numbers in brackets refer to session 2016-17)

Number of members: 143 (136)  
Number of new members: 23(4)  
Number of lapsed members: 15(12)  
Number who resigned: 0 (0)  
Number of deceased members: 1 (1)

### New members

Jeffrey Banks  
Julia Banks  
Robert (Bob) Barton  
George Beckett  
Katharina Beutner†  
Alicja Borsberry-Woodst†  
David Broadhead  
Emily Cave†  
Ronan Dugan† (rejoining)  
Laura Ferguson  
Dag Hagenaes-Kjelldahl (rejoining)  
Emily Hill†  
Alicia Jane McDowall  
Oliver Mentz  
Vanessa Pitusi†  
Andy Rice  
Simon Richardson  
Martin Rickard  
Jennifer Roberts†  
David Talbot  
June Talbot  
Molly Thompson†  
Aythya Young†  
† - awarded grants in February 2017, so first year subscription (2017-18) paid by Club

### Deceased member

John Coull

### Lapsed members, will lapse at AGM November 2018 unless renewed

Allan Audsley  
Nigel Bidgood  
Sam Black†  
Susannah Bolton†  
Mark Bull  
Jacob Cook†  
Joseph Cook†  
Gillian Duncan  
Oscar Holliday  
Joshua Key†  
Shelley Lawrence  
John Lindle†  
Patricia McCormack†  
Ian Stevens†  
Emily Turner†  
† - awarded grant

### Resigned members

None

Iain Allison, Temporary Secretary 14 October 2018

Scottish Arctic Club  
Treasurer's Report  
August 31st 2017 - August 31st 2018.

Balance at bank 31/8/17	£12,479.72
Balance at bank 31/8/18	£3,819.67
Decrease in balance for year	£8,660.05
At Aug 31 2018	Total resources available <u>£3,819.67</u>

Income

Subscriptions on Gathering forms	440.00
Subscriptions other dates ( BACS)	325.00
Gathering fees 2017	590.00
Supper Fees paid at Carrbridge	17.50
Raffle	244.50
Auction	270.00
Whisky Draw	143.00
Donations to Exp fund (Carrbridge)	895.00
Donations (other dates transfers/cash)	132.50
Attadale Meet May 2018	2,650.00
Total	<u>£5707.50</u>

Expenditure

Office/Committee	117.96
Delegates room and meals	792.75
Delegates travel expenses	227.20
Key Speaker's expenses	429.64
Grant ( K Beuthner ) 2016	150.00
Attadale Meet May 2018	1925.00
Transfer to SAEF	10,725.00
Total	<u>£14367.55</u>
Reduction	<u>£8660.05</u>

The Bank Balance at 17/10/2018 is £3999.87

## Notes.

£10,000 transferred to SAEF on 26/2/18  
Attadale surplus of £725 transferred to SAEF 23/8/18

There is an expected income transfer re Attadale '18 of £60 and also a food bill, these can appear in 2018 to 2019 report.

3 Bank Transfers have not come through amounting to £75  
2 Bank transfers have appeared without detail amounting to £80  
2 Bank transfers have appeared with an seeming additional £10  
1 Bank transfer has appeared with a seeming reduction of £10

Transfers for the 2018 gathering and subscriptions have begun to come in as of 15/10/18

The SAC has not as yet received an invoice for the Annual Website Registration fee.

**Balance at bank at Year End 31/8/18** £3819.72

Balance at Bank at 17/10/18 mentioned on previous sheet £3999.67

There may be some expenses to pay for speakers travel before the Supper in 18th November.

I draw the Committee's attention to the costs for the Gathering of November 2017... this was about £1400, offset by charges for the Gathering of about £700 at £10 per person. It may be necessary to increase future Gathering attendance charges, but we can cover this sort of expenditure for about the next three years.

At the 2018 and future Gatherings, proceeds from the Raffle, Auction, and Whisky draw(s) should be given to Sue Fenton, Treasurer of the SAEF or an SAEF Trustee.

My report is that the club has paid across to the SAEF £10,725 and has approximately £3000 remaining to accomplish what it wishes. The Club can cover future Gathering costs at present levels for the next three years, however an increase in the Gathering fee may be prudent.

Chris Calver  
SAC Treasurer  
1/11/2018

## **Scottish Arctic Expedition Fund**

### **Chair's Report 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The fund selected 5 applications for grants in session 2017-2018 ranging from £1500 to £200 and totalling £3000. The details are appended below. A sixth application did not meet the criteria for a grant.

All recipients have been emailed by the SAC Secretary inviting them to give short presentation at the Gathering in Fort William. In addition those who received a grant in session 2016-17 and did not attend the Gathering in Carrbridge were invited to Fort William but none are able to attend.

Matthew Hay, £1000, 2-person expedition (with Louis Chartres) to Stauning Alps, East Greenland  
Regina Huttunen, £300, fieldwork on Svalbard with SAMS/UNIS

Lewis Jepson, £200, cruise to north of Svalbard with World Arctic Fund

Benno Rawlinson, £500, 2-person expedition (with Jamie Anderson) kite-skiing across Greenland ice-cap

Oliver Rice, £200, expedition to Finnmark with Oxford university

Lewis Jepson – the cruise did not go ahead. The ship caught fire on its journey north to Svalbard and the crew rescued by helicopter. Ship not repairable and a replacement could not be found.

Benno Rawlinson – has had to postpone till 2019. Will reapply but expectation is that he'll be funded.

John Peden & Iain Allison 8 November 2018

## **Scottish Arctic Expedition Fund**

### **Trustees Annual Report 2017-2018**

**Minutes** of the annual general meeting and annual report to OSCR held at the Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018 at 10 am. Six trustees were present; Iain Allison, Douglas Anderson, Kathleen Cartwright, Sue Fenton and Mike Lea and John Peden, in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Ashley Buchan, Chris Calver and Aythya Young.

#### **1. Minutes of the 2017 AGM**

##### **1. Accuracy**

Correction under 3: SMC is the abbreviation for the Scottish Mountaineering Club.

##### **2. Matters arising**

Mountaineering Scotland, previously the Mountaineering Council of Scotland, should be included in this list

#### **2. Report by the chair**

Six applications were received, one of which did not meet our criteria. Of the five, one expedition was cancelled in the planning phase and the applicant intends to re-

apply for 2019 and one was cancelled at a late stage after the grant was awarded. Hence four grants, totalling £1700, were awarded in session 2017-2018.

### **3. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer's report had previously been circulated to trustees. Since the 2017 AGM, funds have now been transferred from the Scottish Arctic Club to the Scottish Arctic Expedition Fund. The balance is slightly over £9000 with some £2400 being accrued in session 2017-18 from activities at the Gathering, donations with subscriptions and profit from the Attadale meet.

### **4. Sum for grants in 2019**

Prior to the formation of the Expedition Fund as a charity, the Club had decided that grants would be restricted to the monies accruing to the fund in the previous session. With a healthy balance, there was no need to make this restriction. All applications will be decided on merit and the trustees may award as many or as few as they deem prudent. The reserve is only going to be built up from bequests rather than annual donations. Discussion ensued about publicising the Fund more widely. DA undertook to contact mountaineering clubs and KC her gardening contacts. SF volunteered to design a flyer. Universities were reckoned to be the best places to reach young people.

### **5. Constitution**

Following Chris Calver's resignation at the 2017 AGM, the question of *ex officio* members needed to be addressed. After some discussion, it was decided to retain, as *ex officio* members of the trust, the SAC President, Immediate Past President and, rather than just the Treasurer, either the Secretary or the Treasurer or both.

### **6. Election of trustees**

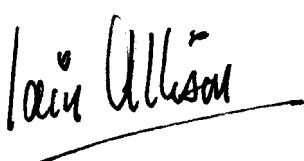
IA, ML and JP offered to stand down. Three Club members, Bryan Alexander, Andrea Anderson and David Matthews, have agreed to be nominated as trustees and they were duly elected. As JP was chair, a new chair needs to be identified and KC agreed to take on the role. Also, as IA was the secretary, a new secretary needed to be appointed and Sue Fenton agreed to combine the role with that of the Treasurer.

### **7. Date of next meeting**

The next AGM will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William at a time to be notified.

### **8. AOCB**

There were no other matters and the AGM closed at 11.10 am

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Allison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath it.

26 November 2018

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Scottish Arctic Expedition Fund (SAEF)**  
**SC046857**

**17 November 2018**

For the year 31/08/17 to 31/08/18

I was appointed Treasurer of the SAEF at the last meeting held on 18 November 2017 at Carrbridge, taking over from Chris Calver.

SAEF is now separated from the Scottish Arctic Club (SAC) which, however, raises funds on SAEF's behalf. A Business Choice Charities Account was opened with the Clydesdale Bank.

The income of £10,737 is made up of seed funding of £10,000 from the SAC, a surplus of £725 from the Summer meet at Attadale, and £12.47 in interest.

There have been no administrative or trustees expenses claimed during the year.

Grants totalling £1,700 were awarded to four individuals in 2018 for travel to Greenland and Svalbard. A further grant, of £500, was held over from this season, pending reapplication in 2019 because of a change in personal circumstances of the members.

A return for SAEF as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) was made to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for 2017, with a nil return. This reflects the fact that SAC made the awards on SAEF's behalf in 2017.

Finally, SAEF as a registered charity, is enrolled with [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk). When shopping online at Amazon look in the drop-down charity menu, on the right side of the signup screen, for SAEF. 0.5% of the purchase price (sometimes more!) is donated to the Fund.

S C W Fenton  
Treasurer, SAEF  
29 October

**Scottish Arctic Expedition Fund (SAEF)**  
**SC046857**

Treasurer's Report  
31 August 2017 to 31 August 2018

Balance at bank 31/8/17	nil
Balance at bank 31/8/18	£9,037.47

**INCOME**

Initial donation from Scottish Arctic Club (SAC)	£10,000.00
Surplus from SAC Attadale weekend 2018	£725.00
Interest on account 2017/18	<u>£12.47</u>
	<b><u>£10,737.47</u></b>

**EXPENDITURE**

**Expedition Grants:**

Matthew Hay	£1,000.00
Regina Huttenan	£300.00
Lewis Jepson	£200.00
Oliver Rice	£200.00
	<b><u>£1,700</u></b>

[\*Benno Rawlinson's £500 grant held over pending re-application in 2019]

**BALANCE      £9,037.47**

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SCW Fenton, Treasurer SAEF

6 September 2018