

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, November 5, 1946, at 6.30 P.M., the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, C.H., *President*, in the Chair.

The Regulations concerning the issue of Guests' and Members' tickets for the Annual Winter Dinner, submitted for the consideration of members, were discussed. Various amendments were proposed and it was finally agreed :

1. That the Committee should have a discretionary power to allot guest tickets not exceeding five in number, for official guests, and
2. That the allotment of guest tickets to members should be deferred for 14 days from the date of the circular in which these amended Regulations are published to members.

The remainder of the Regulations were agreed, *nem. con.*

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of J. A. Parker, elected in 1902, I. Peace Hazard, elected 1933, and Dr. C. S. Myers, elected in 1926.

Major H. H. Hardy, C.B.E., M.B.E., then read a Paper entitled 'Humble Pie.'

Present : 65.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Monday, December 9, 1946, at 6.30 P.M., the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, C.H., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 29, there being no other candidates, announced the election of Officers and Members of Committee for the year 1947, as follows :

President : Dr. T. G. Longstaff in the place of the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, C.H., whose term of office expires.

Vice-President : Mr. H. E. G. Tyndale, M.B.E., in the place of Dr. N. E. Odell, whose term of office expires.

Elective Members of Committee : Mr. I. G. Aitchison in the place of Mr. G. F. Peaker, whose term of office expires, and Mr. B. R. Goodfellow and Col. W. McEwan Younger in the places of Mr. G. A. Dummett and Mr. Arnold Lunn who did not seek re-election.

The PRESIDENT informed the Meeting that these two members were not seeking re-election in order to enable the Committee to restore the usual practice of nominating three new elective members of Committee each year which had been upset by resignations due to members joining H.M. Forces during the war.

The PRESIDENT then went on to announce the following re-elections :

Vice-President : Mr. C. A. Elliott, O.B.E.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : Mr. Bryan Donkin.

Elective Members of Committee : Mr. J. E. Q. Barford, Mr. T. A. Brocklebank, The Rt. Hon. Lord Chorley, Mr. A. D. M. Cox, Group-Captain Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, O.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F., and Dr. T. H. Somervell, F.R.C.S.

Mr. F. Roy Crepin proposed and Mr. R. W. Lloyd seconded that Mr. S. de V. Merriman and Mr. E. L. Theobald be appointed Auditors to audit the Club Accounts for the current year. This was approved by the meeting.

The PRESIDENT proposed that a Vote of Thanks be accorded to Mr. Sydney Spencer and Mr. J. E. C. Eaton for their work in arranging the Exhibition of Photographs. This proposal was seconded by Mr. G. E. Howard and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT said that members would be pleased to know that Mr. Eilert Sundt, Past-President of the Norske Tindeklub had come over specially from Norway to be present at the Meeting. Mr. Sundt then spoke and said that he had brought with him, as a present from the Norske Tindeklub, an ice-axe, used by Edward Whymper on his later expeditions. The President thanked Mr. Sundt and said the members were most appreciative of this gift, and on their behalf he reciprocated the friendly greetings of the Norske Tindeklub.

The PRESIDENT then delivered his Valedictory Address.

Present : 120.

The ANNUAL WINTER DINNER was held at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London, W.C., on Tuesday, December 10, 1946, at 7.15 for 7.30 P.M. Covers were laid for 142, and the principal guests were His Excellency the Swiss Minister, Mr. Norman Robertson, High Commissioner for Canada, the Hon. Harold Nicolson, M.P., Dr. N. S. Finzi, President of The Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club, Mr. Harry Spilsbury, President of The Rucksack Club, Mr. E. C. Thomson, representing The Scottish Mountaineering Club, and Mr. F. Keenlyside representing The Climbers' Club.

An Exhibition of ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHS was held in the Hall of the Club from Wednesday, November 27, to Saturday, December 14, 1946. About 60 photographic enlargements were put on show by members.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, January 7, 1947, at 6.30 P.M., Dr. T. G. Longstaff, *President*, in the Chair.

The Minutes of Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting on December 9, 1946, were taken as read, and were duly signed by The President.

The PRESIDENT referred to the death of Sir George Barnes, which occurred on December 9, 1946, in his 89th year.

Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton then read a Paper entitled 'Introduction to the Hills,' being an account of the initiation of young people to mountaineering which was illustrated by lantern slides and a 16 mm. film in colour.

Attendance : 65.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 4, 1947, at 6.30 P.M., Dr. T. G. Longstaff, *President*, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT announced that, if sufficient support were forthcoming, it was proposed to hold a Ladies' Guest Night Dinner on Tuesday, June 10, at a probable cost of £1 per ticket. The meeting decided that this proposal should be circulated to members.

Mr. COLIN W. WYATT then read a Paper on 'Ski Mountaineering in the Kebnekaise Group in Swedish Lapland,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

Attendance : 55.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 4, 1947, at 6.30 P.M., Dr. T. G. Longstaff, *President*, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected to membership the following candidates, namely : Mr. A. Courtauld, J.P., Mr. B. H. Kemball-Cook, Mr. Keith S. Lindsay, Mr. Gibson Pattison, and the Rev. W. H. Murray Walton.

THE PRESIDENT also informed the members present that the result of the ballot regarding the time of General Meetings was 21 members in favour of meeting at 8.30 P.M., and 27 members in favour of meeting at 6.30 P.M. The Committee had, therefore, decided that General Meetings should continue to be held at the hour of 6.30 P.M.

Mr. T. A. H. Peacocke then read a Paper entitled 'Six months in the Abruzzi Apennines,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

Present : 65.