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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, December 5, 1944, at 6 P.M., the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT informed the meeting that the inaugural meeting of the British Mountaineering Council took place at the Alpine Club on December 2, 1944, when 32 representatives of 23 clubs, representing about 7000 mountaineers, were present.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected the following candidates for membership, namely, Lieut. D. P. Brimble, R.N., F/Lt. H. R. C. Carr, Mr. R. C. C. Carr, Mr. John Hirst, Major A. D. Macpherson, Mr. A. S. Pigott, Mr. Ivan Waller and Mr. W. Stuart Webb.

The death of Mr. Olaf F. Bloch, who was elected in the year 1931, was referred to.

As provided by Rule 29, there being no other candidates, the PRESIDENT announced the following elections and re-elections as Officers and Elective Members of Committee for the year 1944 :

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

Elective Members of Committee : Messrs. J. E. Q. Barford, G. A. Dummett and Arnold Lunn, in the places of Drs. N. S. Finzi and E. H. Stevens, whose terms of office expire, and Mr. Gerald E. H. Palmer, M.P., who has resigned on account of service abroad.

Re-elections : The Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., *President*, Mr. G. L. Bartrum, *Vice-President*, Mr. Bryan Donkin, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*, and the eligible Elective Members of Committee, namely, Mr. Peter Bicknell, Mr. Robert Jeffrey, Dr. G. Graham Macphee, Dr. George Salt, Dr. C. B. M. Warren, and Mr. G. F. Peaker.

Dr. N. S. Finzi then read a Paper entitled 'The Bregaglia,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Colonel E. L. Strutt, C.B.E., D.S.O., and the PRESIDENT commented on the Paper, and the proceedings closed with the recording of a Vote of Thanks to Dr. Finzi.

Present : 100, including guests.

The INFORMAL DINNER at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W. 1, after the meeting was attended by 80 members and guests.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 6, 1945, at 6 P.M., the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

Concerning the British Mountaineering Council the PRESIDENT referred to a letter he had received from Mr. J. E. C. Eaton and eleven other members suggesting that the present scheme was launched in the name of the Alpine Club on November 10, 1943, and that this took place without the Committee having been consulted; further, that this project had not so far been brought before the members at a General Meeting for their approval. The President read his reply to Mr. Eaton and the other members, and said that copies would be available in the Secretary's office for the information and perusal of members.

The election to membership of Capt. J. W. Howard was announced.

Reference was made to the deaths of the following members: A. Carson Roberts, a former member; the Rt. Hon. Lord Desborough, elected 1876; Lieut. F. B. Dutton-Walker, elected 1939, killed in action on the western front; Dr. E. J. Roelfsema, a Dutch member, elected 1937, who died in Holland in 1943; Major E. A. M. Wedderburn, elected 1934, accidentally killed in Italy; Arthur Hackett, elected 1928, and J. J. Brigg, elected 1894.

A Symposium of three Papers on 'Mountain Rescue in War and Peace' was read, the readers being Dr. Raymond Greene, F/Lt. J. C. Lloyd and Mr. A. S. Pigott. A full discussion followed in which members and guests took part.

The INFORMAL DINNER at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W. 1, after the meeting was attended by 32 members and guests.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, April 10, 1945, at 6 P.M., the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT, in accordance with the notice given, moved the following Resolution:

This meeting confirms the action of the President and the Committee in taking the lead with other mountaineering clubs in this country in the formation of the British Mountaineering Council and approves the Committee's choice of officers and representatives on the Council, namely, President, Mr. G. Winthrop Young; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. E. Q. Barford; third representative, Mr. Bryan Donkin.

This was seconded by Mr. H. E. G. Tyndale.

Mr. J. E. C. Eaton then moved the following amendment, in accordance with the notice given:

That while this meeting considers that the Alpine Club should take a more active interest in climbing in Britain than it has done in the past, it regrets that the President and Committee did not ask for prior approval of the steps they have taken in the formation of the British Mountaineering Council, and does not approve that body as at present constituted.

The amendment was seconded by Mr. P. J. H. Unna.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Schuster, Sir Clive Morrison-Bell, Bt., and Mr. J. L. Longland supported the Resolution.

The results of the voting were :

For the amendment, 13 ; against, 83.

The motion was then put to the meeting and was carried by a majority, which, though not counted, was about equal to the majority against the amendment.

The HON. TREASURER, Mr. Bryan Donkin, presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1944, which were adopted *nem. con.*

A Vote of Thanks to the Auditors, Messrs. H. E. Cooke and S. de V. Merriman, was passed.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected to membership Mr. H. N. Fairfield and Mr. H. D. Greenwood, and that F/Lt. C. S. How, R.A.F. (member 1933-1939) had been re-elected.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Arthur O. Wheeler, Hon. Member, elected 1908, and Hon. President of The Alpine Club of Canada. The PRESIDENT said that he felt sure he would be interpreting the wishes of members by conveying to Brigadier Sir Oliver Wheeler, M.C., the profound sympathy of the Club in his bereavement.

Reference was also made to the deaths of the following members : The Rev. Canon G. H. Rendall, elected in 1890, who has bequeathed a picture of Chamonix Church, by moonlight, to the Club ; Mr. H. Scott Tucker, elected in 1910 ; Dr. H. F. Seymour, elected in 1920 ; the Rev. W. T. Elmslie, elected in 1926 ; Lt.-Col. P. R. Oliver, elected in 1933, killed in action ; and M. le Comte de Grunne, elected in 1933.

Mr. G. A. Dummett then read a Paper entitled ' Seven Views of Mont Blanc.' Unfortunately there was no time available for a discussion of the Paper, and the PRESIDENT thanked Mr. Dummett on behalf of the members for the pleasure he had given them.

Present : 130.

The INFORMAL DINNER after the meeting at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W. 1, was attended by 47 persons, including members and guests.