

Report of the Annual General Meeting 2018

On November 25, 2018, the Annual General Meeting was held in Lafkos and the election of the members of the council followed. 25 members were present plus the members of the Administrative Council.

The President welcomed the members present and thanked Mandi Mathews for her continuing work in updating and maintaining our website and keeping members informed of the society's activities. He also thanked members participating in our work parties and those who pay their subscriptions on time, thereby ensuring that we are in a position to continue fulfilling the aims of the society.

Path opening and cleaning: Our vice-president, Kyriakos Stathakis informed the meeting of the paths that have been opened this year, namely Ag. Georgios – Pinakates, Afetes – Zervohia – Milies and Ag. Nikolaos – Platani, as well as the goal for this year which is to open the route Milies - Lampinou.

Reference was made to a European program through which the Municipality of South Pelion anticipates funding for work on the walking paths, and a request for information on the routes to be included was made. A discussion followed.

A report on the trail conference in Andros, 12-14 October 2018, was given by the members who attended and a discussion followed on the possibility of European path certification for part of the South Pelio network.

Treasurer's report: Our treasurer, Liz Avramides, presented the accounts for the previous year giving details of our expenditure and income over the past year. Our income was 5479.07 euros and our total expenditure for the year was 3339.23 euro. Our balance of funds is 5185.97 euro. Our balance of funds is 9373.84 euro. The new budget agreed by the meeting allows the committee to allocate our funds as appropriate for purposes directly relating to the objectives of the society. The accounts were checked and approved by the 3-member checking committee.

Other business:

Report on Mandi Mathew's website update.

Sue Wake thanked the members who gave the lectures to groups of walkers staying at her hotel. As a result, some financial donations were made to the society.

The changes suggested by the committee to the society's constitution was presented and an EGM was set for 6 February 2019 for discussion and voting on these.

Discussion about the Wikiloc application as well as the desirability of a professional subscription. Discussion on the increase in walking tourism in South Pelion.

Committee elections: The elections for a new Administrative Council followed, with two new members, Julie Carpenter and Ian Allright, standing. The 3-member Supervisory Committee was elected and the elections were carried out. There were 7 nominations for the 7 committee posts and these candidates were unanimously elected. The new management committee is:

Ioannis Yiatrou - President, Kyriakos Stathakis - Vice President, Liz Avramides - Treasurer, Nikos Adraskelas - Secretary, Christos Fotou - member, Julie Carpenter - member, Ian Allright - member.

The new checking committee was elected.