

MAM Application for Membership

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR PROPOSERS AND SECONDRS

- Proposers and seconders must be familiar with the aims and ideals of the Association sufficiently to determine the suitability of an applicant.
- Ideally they should be independent of each other and the applicant.
- They must exercise a high degree of care when proposing or seconding an applicant and they must know him/her well enough for their judgement to be valid. This may be obvious, common sense and second nature to most members but it must be emphasised that this is an important process and not just a rubber-stamping exercise.
- They should bear in mind that upon election a new member has instant access to our two valuable properties, will share communal accommodation and will be representing the MAM when visiting huts of kindred clubs.
- The requirement for the applicant to attend three meets is to enable the applicant to get to know us and for us to get to know them. This is especially important as the MAM does not notify the general membership of applications in advance, does not require a committee member to be one of the applicants sponsors and does not stipulate a period of membership before a new member is allowed to propose or second new members.
- At least two of the three meets attended by an applicant must be in either Glan Dena or Low House as listed in the current Handbook or monthly newsletter. This includes working party meets where applicants will be made particularly welcome.
- Normally no opinion is sought from a meet leader as to the suitability of an applicant but it is hoped that they would report any concerns to the committee.
- The proposer as the principal sponsor of the applicant should ensure that he/she is familiar with all MAM procedures including :-
 - Rules of the Association
 - Hut booking process for meets and non-meet stays
 - Children in huts policy – important even if not bringing children
 - Entry and exit procedures for huts
 - Safety and security procedures for huts
 - General etiquette of staying in huts
 - Requirements to leave huts clean and tidy
 - Removal of food, especially from fridges and rubbish when leaving hut