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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday 24 April |990 English Association Belmont Street, Aberdeen.

AGENDA

Apologies

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting
- 2. Matters arising
- 3. 'Save the Cairngorms' campaign update.
- .4. Trust Membership Voting Rights.
- 5. AOCB
- 6. Date and time of next meeting.

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It was agreed that the paper should be put before the General Council with the recommendation that the contents be adopted and necessary changes to the Constitution to be pursued at the next AGM.

Richard Hills (Secretary). 8.4.90

NORTH EAST MOUNTAIN TRUST

TRUST MEMBERSHIP

A decision to pursue significant increases in the Trust's individual membership would bring certain benefits:

- 1. Fundraising. It may be noted, for example, that individual member subscriptions of the Snowdonia National Park Society accounted for 80% of income.
- Credibility. The weight of Trust representation on issues will be enhanced if the Trust is seen to represent more people.
- 3. Intelligence. More members would enable the Trust to better monitor developments in the field.
- 4. Skill Resource. More people to call upon for voluntary work.

It is important to recognise the exisiting leading role of member clubs. However, one could not exclude individual paying members from voting rights at an AGM or Extraordinary Meeting.

The solution pursued by the MC of S is detailed in their constitution as follows:

"Each Member Club represented at a General Meeting shall be entitled to the following number of votes -

10 - 60 members - 10 votes

61 - 120 ' 20 '

121 - 240 ' 30

over 240 ' 40

Unless voting as a club representative, each individual present at a General Meeting shall have one vote.

Corporate Members shall not be entitled to a vote at General Meetings

For information, the Trust has 17 Ordinary Member Clubs. 13 of these have membership of 60 or less, 3 clubs of membership between 61 - 120 and one club with a membership over 240.

The MC of S would not appear to have Associate Member Clubs as with the Trust.

I have no reason for proposing any alternative possible voting pattern as that adopted by the MC of S. For Associate Clubs who would only pay the same subscription as an individual I would propose only the single vote.

Richard Hills General Secretary.

Paper for Management Group discussion. 10.3.90