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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 25 April 2008 – Plas y Brenin

Minutes of the BMC AGM held at Plas y Brenin, North Wales on Saturday 25 April 2009 at 4.00pm.

Directors Present:

Charles Clarke	President	Director
Brian Griffiths*	Treasurer	Director
David Lanceley*	Treasurer	Director
Rab Carrington*	Vice-President	Director
Pat Littlejohn*	Vice-President	Director
Rehan Siddiqui*	Vice-President	Director
Dave Turnbull	CEO	Company Sec

* = also registered as voting members (below)

Voting Members Present:

(Note: membership categories stated refer to those recorded by individuals on the AGM registration form).

Gordon Adshead	Rucksack Club
Les Ainsworth	Climbers' Club
Stephen Andrews	Climbers' Club
Alan Blackshaw	BMC Patron
Andy Blakeley	Craven MC
Nick Bond	Rucksack Club
Tracy Brown	Individual
Ian Carr	Fell & Rock CC / Climbers' Club
Roger Chorley	BMC Patron, Alpine Club
Deirdre Collier	Individual
Ruth Colton	Individual
Beverley Connor	Individual
Mal Creasey	Alpine Club / AMI
Fiona Devine	Ceunant MC
Pete Dixon	Wayfarers' Club
Susan Dobson	Individual
Conor Doherty	Individual
Martin Doyle	Climbers' Club
Gordon Everard	Kendal MC
John Farrow	Rucksack Club
Henry Folkard	Individual
Tina Gardner	Individual
Jon Garside	Individual
Terry Gifford	Climbers' Club
Lyndon Gill	Climbers' Club / Individual
Steve Gille	Merseyside MC
Jamie Goodhart	Individual
K C Gordon	Individual
Dennis Gray	Sandstone CC / Alpine Club
Anna Gregory	Individual
Tony Halliwell	Club & Individual member
Val Hennelly	Pinnacle Club
Alan Hinkes	Cleveland MC / Fell & Rock CC
Andy Howie	Rucksack Club & Individual member
Barbara James	Alpine Club / Pinnacle Club
Mick Johnson	Climbers' Club / Fell & Rock CC
Doug Jones	Climbers' Club / Alpine Club / AMI

Ellyn Jones	Individual
Toby Keep	Climbers' Club / Individual
Andy Lipa	Walking & Adventure Group
Stuart Llewellyn	Individual
John Mason	Individual
Iain McCallum	Karabiner MC
Becky McGovern	Individual
Iain McKenzie	Individual
Neville McMillan	Honorary Member
Ian McNaught-Davis	BMC Patron
Karl Midlane	Individual
Chris Moor	Individual
Gareth Morgan	Individual
Vic Odell	Climbers' Club
Simon Panton	Individual
Mike Pinder	Rucksack Club
Daphne Pritchard	Individual / Climbers' Club / London MC
Mike Raine	Climbers' Club / Individual
Bill Renshaw	Climbers' Club / Northumbria MC
Tom Ripley	Individual
Dave Roberts	Midland Association of Mountaineers
Phil Robins	Climbers' Club
John Robinson	Fell & Rock CC
John Rogerson	Castle MC
Fiona Sanders	Climbers' Club
Keith Sanders	Climbers' Club
Andy Say	Individual
Jean Scholes	Chamois MC
Audrey Seguy	Individual
John Shaw	Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club / Individual
Colin Shone	Fell & Rock CC
Monica Shone	Individual
Chris Simpkins	Climbers' Club / Individual
Mike Simpkins	Climbers' Club / Individual
Polly Sullivan	Individual
Pete Tapping	Individual
Alex Thompson	Club & Individual Member
Scott Titt	Wessex MC
Glyn Tomkins	Individual
Mark Vallance	Climbers' Club
Derek Walker	Club & Individual Member
Martin Wass	Individual
Phil Wickens	Alpine Club / Individual
John Willson	Honorary Member
Judy Wilshaw	Chamois MC / Individual
Ken Wilson	Honorary Member
Gwenda Wiltshire	Individual
Jim Wiltshire	Individual / Mountain Club Stafford
David Woodhead	Chamois MC
Judy Woolfenden	Individual
Martin Wragg	Individual
Chris Wright	Individual

Others Present:

Richard Doubleday	Perkins Slade
David Gibson	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Simon Moody	Warners Group Publications
Lucie Roper	Warners Group Publications

BMC Staff Present:

Lynda Buckley	MST Manager
Andy Gowland	Marketing Manager
Jim Krawiecki	MST Administrator

Arun Patel
Tony Ryan

Senior MST Administrator
Information Co-ordinator

- 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence** **Actions**
 - 1.1 The President, Charles Clarke welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the good turnout.
 - 1.2 Apologies were received from: George Band, Dave Bishop, Chris Bonington, Dave Gregory, Michael Hunt, Donald Lee, Jane Livingstone, Oliver Milling, Bill Ruthven, Angela Soper, Doug Scott, Beryl Shaw, George Steele, and Mike Watson.
 - 1.3 The President ran through the voting procedures for the day and reminded the meeting that nominated proxies must be in attendance to cast proxy votes.
- 2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on Saturday 19 April 2008**
 - 2.1 The President asked if there were any issues in respect of the minutes. No issues were raised.
 - 2.2 Brian Griffiths proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Iain McKenzie.

For: 901 Against: 2 Abstentions: 18

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the President. **Agreed**
- 3. Adoption of the 2008 Annual Report**
 - 3.1 The President presented the 2008 Annual Report.
 - 3.2 Audrey Seguy proposed the adoption of the Report, seconded by Scott Titt.

For: 885 Against: 5 Abstentions: 31

The 2008 Annual Report was adopted. **Agreed**
- 4. Adoption of 2008 Annual Accounts and Auditors Report**
 - 4.1 The President asked if there were any questions about the accounts.
 - 4.2 Dennis Gray asked if the expedition grants were now being funded wholly out of BMC funds. Honorary Treasurer Brian Griffiths confirmed that this was the case.

Martin Wragg asked for an explanation of 'Introducers Fees' in Note 10 (Sundry Income) of the accounts. Brian Griffiths explained that this income derived from financial services provided by the BMC to members.
Val Hennerley asked for an explanation of 'Deferred Subscriptions' in Note 18 (Creditors: amounts due within one year) of the accounts. Brian Griffiths explained that this figure related to membership subscriptions – a proportion of which always referred to the following calendar year.

- 4.3 Andy Say proposed the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report, seconded by Rehan Siddiqui.

For: 914 Against: 6 Abstentions: 7

The 2008 Accounts and Report were adopted.

Agreed

5. Appointment of Auditors

- 5.1 The Finance Committee recommended the appointment of Bentley & Co as auditors for the year ending 31 December 2009.

- 5.2 Brian Griffiths proposed the appointment, seconded by David Lanceley.

For: 918 Against: 3 Abstentions: 5

Bentley & Co were appointed as auditors.

Agreed

6. Report from the President

- 6.1 The President reported that his tenure had been an extremely happy three years. He had come into the role as a relative stranger to the BMC, although he was already an Honorary Medical Advisor, and had found a cohesive organisation in which the balance balance between staff and volunteers seemed to work extremely well. He noted that he felt the BMC office and the organisation's financial security were in very good hands; he thanked both Honorary Treasurers, especially Brian Griffiths whose term was coming to an end. The President said that there had been subtle but substantial change at the BMC during his term. The BMC had shown Government that it was a responsible and coherent organisation compared to some other sports. The President said that we were very fortunate to have had the support of John Mann MP who had helped to engineer the 10 Downing Street reception, an invitation which is made to very few sports. He thanked the National Council for its support during what had been an enjoyable experience.

7. Voting procedure for elections

- 7.1 The President re-iterated the procedure, reminding the meeting that nominated proxies must be in attendance to cast proxy votes.

He called for Item 8c to go to a poll rather than a show of hands. This was agreed by the meeting.

Agreed

8. Elections

- 8a Candidates for re-election

The following candidates were eligible for re-election:

Pat Littlejohn Vice President (eligible for re-election until 2010).

Rehan Siddiqui Vice President (eligible for re-election until 2011).

David Lanceley Honorary Treasurer (eligible for re-election until 2013).

Rab Carrington proposed the re-elections, seconded by Martin Wragg.

For: 918 Against: 3 Abstentions: 6

The three candidates were re-elected.

Agreed

Val Hennerley raised a query concerning the voting forms for Item 8a. It was confirmed that members were being asked to vote for the candidates eligible for re-election *en bloc* – but it was noted agreed that such a procedure might be inappropriate in other circumstances.

- 8b The following candidate was recommended by the BMC National Council for the position of Vice President:

Audrey Seguy (nominated by Steve Taylor and Mike Watson).

The President invited Audrey to introduce herself to the meeting.

Audrey said that she was from the United States and had lived in London for eight years, where she is the Managing Director of the Castle Climbing Centre. She had also been a climber for those eight years, with experience of many forms of climbing including big wall, sport, trad, ice and bouldering, and was a three-time National Climbing Champion. Her nomination had been unexpected and she was flattered by it. She liked the fact that the BMC was a broad church and wanted all aspects of activity to be more accessible whilst ensuring this was done in a sustainable and responsible manner. She felt that the 2012 Olympics is a good thing for the country.

The President asked if anyone had any questions for Audrey.

Ken Wilson asked if Audrey was aware that she might be a controversial choice. Audrey replied that she was, and didn't expect everyone to vote for her.

Ian McNaught-Davis referred to his ten year tenure as UIAA President, during which various attempts were made to get climbing into the Olympics. He warned that this would bring the sport under the monitor of the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA), and that this could impact on non-competitive climbing and the use of high altitude drugs such as Diamox.

Tom Ripley asked for clarification about the role of the Vice President. The President replied that the main role was to sit on the National Council and the Executive Committee, and to act as a Director of the company.

The President asked the meeting to vote on the nomination of Audrey Seguy as Vice President.

For: 914 Against: 7 Abstentions: 7

Audrey Seguy was elected as BMC Vice President

Agreed

- 8c The following candidates had been nominated for the position of BMC President:

Rab Carrington (nominated by Martin Boysen and Brian Griffiths).

Doug Scott (nominated by Bob Pettigrew and Alan Blackshaw).

Ken Wilson asked if there was a provision for a filibuster, as Bob Pettigrew was stuck in traffic and had been nominated as a proxy for this agenda item by a number of members. Ken wished to delay the vote until Bob had arrived. The request was not agreed by the chairman.

The vote on Item 8c was conducted by a poll and the result was as follows.

Votes for Rab Carrington: 639

Votes for Doug Scott: 281

Abstentions: 2

Rab Carrington was elected BMC President.

Agreed

9. Subscriptions from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010

- 9.1 Resolution: The National Council recommends that subscription rates for 2010 remain unchanged at the levels set for 2009.

- 9.2 The President proposed the motion, seconded by Brian Griffiths.

For: 906 Against: 7 Abstentions: 3

2010 subscription rates were set at the same levels as 2009.

Agreed

Rab Carrington proposed a vote of thanks to Charles Clarke for the first class job he had done as President over the past three years. A gift was presented to the outgoing President.

K C Gordon asked about the date and venue of the next AGM, as it was not an agenda item. Dave Turnbull replied that the AGM would be on Saturday 24 April 2010 – venue to be confirmed. The AGM would then return to Plas y Brenin in 2011.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.