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BMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held at Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre, 4.30pm, Saturday 28 April 2012.

Directors Present:

Rab Carrington*	President	Director & Chair
David Lanceley*	Honorary Treasurer	Director
Ed Douglas*	Vice-President	Director
Scott Titt*	Vice-President	Director
Dave Turnbull*	CEO	Company Secretary

* = also registered as voting members

Voting Members Present:

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

Chris	Ashton	Ind
Bob	Astles	Club
John	Barrett	Club
Roger	Bennion	Club
Dave	Bishop	Ind
Tom	Bond	Ind
Nick	Bond	Club
Andy	Boorman	Ind
Mel	Brown	Ind
Ian	Carr	Club
Sue	Carrington	Club
Albert	Chapman	Ind
Deirdre	Collier	Club
Nick	Colton	Ind
Alan	Dougherty	Ind
Martin	Doyle	Club
Julie	Dundas	Ind
Rob	Dyer	Ind
Paul	Exley	Club
Catherine	Flitcroft	Ind
Henry	Folkard	Club
Neil	Foster	Ind
Charles	Gameson	Ind
Richard	Gibbon	Club
Dan	Goldsmith	Club
Claire	Goldsmith	Club
Matt	Gordon	Club
Rob	Greaves	Upgrade
Miles	Hillman	Club
Alan	Hinkes	Club
Elizabeth	Holley	Club
John	Howard	Club
Jennifer	Howard	Club
Mick	Johnson	Club
Barbara	Jones	Ind
Elfyn	Jones	Ind
Colin	Knowles	Ind & Club

Sharron	Lea	Ind
John	Mason	Ind
Zara	Maung	Ind
Geoff	Milburn	Honorary
John	Moore	Club
Kerstin	Muller	Club
Dave	Musgrove	Club
Bernard	Newman	Club
Tom	Parkin	Ind
Arun	Patel	Ind
Alec	Peacock	Ind
Dick	Peart	Ind
Sonay	Peckham	Ind
Kate	Phillips	Ind
Daphne	Pritchard	Club
Mike	Raine	Club
Graham	Richmond	Club
James	Rowe	Club
Mick	Ryan	Ind
Tony	Ryan	Club
Andy	Say	Ind
Beryl	Shaw	Ind
John	Shaw	Ind & Club
Christine	Smart	Ind & Club
Angela	Soper	Club
David	Staton	Club
Alison	Stockwell	Ind
Alex	Street	Club
Polly	Sullivan	Ind
Mark	Vallance	Club
Derek	Walker	Club
Mike	Watson	Ind
Martin	Wragg	Ind

Others Present:

David Fieldhouse	Perkins Slade
Helen Lawless	Mountaineering Ireland
Patrick O'Sullivan	Mountaineering Ireland

BMC Staff Present:

Kate Anwyl	HR & Officer Co-ordinator
Lynda Buckley	Membership Services Team (MST) Manager
Jim Krawiecki	MST Administrator
Arun Patel	Senior MST Administrator
Hannah Skeldon	MST Administrator

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Actions

- 1.1 Rab Carrington (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
- 1.2 The Chair introduced those seated at the top table – David Lanceley (Honorary Treasurer), Ed Douglas (Vice-President), Scott Titt (Vice-President), Dave Turnbull (BMC CEO) and Kate Anwyl (minute-taker).
- 1.3 Apologies were received from: Dennis Gray, Tom Hutton, Beverley Jowett, Iain McCallum, Iain McMorrin, Andy Newton, Bob Pettigrew, Bill Ruthvin, Claudia Sarner, Steve Scott, Audrey Seguy and Pete Stacey.

1.4 The Chair explained the voting procedures for the meeting.

2. Approval of the previous AGM minutes held on 16 April 2011

2.1 Nick Bond proposed the approval of the minutes, seconded by Mark Vallance.

For: 515 Against: 1 Abstentions: 26

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the President. **Agreed**

3. Presentation & Adoption of the 2011 Annual Report

3.1 The Chair gave a brief summary of the Annual Report. It was reported that at National Open Forum, there was a request that a version of this report be made available (in written format) to all BMC members. It was noted that a summary version would be included in Summit, Spring 2013 edition.

3.2 Charles Gameson proposed the adoption of the Annual Report, seconded by Dave Musgrove.

For: 526 Against: 2 Abstentions: 19

The 2011 Annual Report was adopted. **Agreed**

4. Presentation & Adoption of the 2011 Annual Accounts and Auditors Report

4.1 The Chair invited the Honorary Treasurer David Lanceley to summarise the accounts. DL reported on a small deficit for 2011 which was mainly due to a fall in travel insurance sales. He noted that it was encouraging that although sales were down – people were still talking up BMC membership. DL noted a technical error made at year end which has now been corrected. The forecast for the next two years (2013 & 2014) is to breakeven.

4.2 Geoff Milburn queried the cost of guidebook production. It was confirmed that guidebooks run on an overall loss of c.£30k a year. The BMC Finance Committee is aware of this and has been monitoring the situation. However the BMC considers guidebook production as a positive aspect of its work and a service to members. Ian Carr (Chair, Guidebook Committee) noted that the production of high quality guidebooks reflects very well on the BMC. Bernard Newman echoed this.

4.3 Alan Hinkes proposed the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report, seconded by Deirdre Collier.

For: 520 Against: 3 Abstentions: 22

The 2011 Annual Accounts and Auditors 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 2012.

- 5.2 David Lanceley proposed the appointment, seconded by Mike Watson.
For: 530 Against: 2 Abstentions: 14
Bentley & Co were appointed as auditors. **Agreed**
- 6. Elections**
- 6.1 The following candidates were eligible for re-election:
- 6.1a **David Lanceley** – Honorary Treasurer (eligible for re-election until April 2013)
Proposed by Daphne Pritchard, seconded by Dave Musgrove.
For: 531 Against: 3 Abstentions: 7
David Lanceley was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. **Agreed**
- 6.1b **Ed Douglas** - Vice-President (eligible for re-election until April 2014)
Proposed by Tom Bond, seconded by Alan Hinkes.
For: 531 Against: 4 Abstentions: 10
Ed Douglas was re-elected as Vice-President. **Agreed**
- 6.1c The following candidate was recommended by the BMC National Council for the position of President:
Scott Titt (nominated by Nigel Coe & Gordon Jenkin)
For: 532 Against: 7 Abstentions: 6
Scott Titt was elected as President. **Agreed**
- 6.1d & e The following candidates were recommended by the BMC National Council for the position of Vice-Presidents:
Kate Phillips (nominated by Jeremy Wilson & Andy Cave)
For: 530 Against: 5 Abstentions: 9
Kate Phillips was elected as Vice-President. **Agreed**
Mike Watson (nominated by Nick Bond & Ian Carr)
For: 524 Against: 6 Abstentions: 14
Mike Watson was elected as Vice-President. **Agreed**
- 7. Membership subscriptions for 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013**
- 7.1 Resolution: The National Council recommends that subscription rates for 2013 remain unchanged at the levels set for 2012.

7.2 Mark Vallance proposed the motion, seconded by Polly Sullivan.

For: 543 Against: 1 Abstentions: 2

2013 subscription rates were set at the same levels as 2012.

Agreed

2013 AGM to be held at Plas y Brenin. Date to be advised.

After the AGM was concluded, there was a presentation of the BMC George Band Award for Outstanding Voluntary Contribution. The 2012 recipients were Henry Folkard and Dave Bishop for their contribution to the BMC's access and conservation work in the Peak District over the last 15 years.

Rab Carrington explained that this was the 2nd year for the Award and that George Band himself had presented the inaugural Award in 2011 at Plas y Brenin. He noted that George had sadly passed away in August and that it was very fitting for the BMC to continue to honour his name in mountaineering. Without the volunteer sector the BMC would not be what it is today.

To close the meeting the in-coming President Scott Titt, thanked Rab Carrington for his Presidency over the last 3 year and presented him with a picture of Stanage.

The meeting was concluded at 5.25 pm.