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BMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held at the Heights Hotel, Portland, Dorset on Saturday 26 April 2014 at 10.30 am.

Directors Present:

Scott Titt*	President	Director & Chair
John Simpson*	Honorary Treasurer	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).

Colin	Billinge	Club
Chris	Bonner	Individual
Judith	Brown	Club
David	Brown	Club
Martyn	Carr	Club
Nick	Colton	Club
Rupert	Davies	Individual
Kerri	Devlin-Alce	Club
Martin	Doyle	Club
Wayne	Elliott	Club
Jan	Elliott	Observer
Charles	Gameson	Individual
Terry	Gifford	Club
Anne	Gregory	Individual
Hatty	Harris	Club
Craig	Harwood	Individual
Tony	Hemingway	Club
Neil	Hewertson	Club
Brad	Holmes	Individual
Nadia	Ilyas	Individual
John	Innerdale	Club
Edwin	Jenkins	Individual
Christopher	Jones	Individual
Will	Kilner	Club
Colin	Knowles	Individual
Nicholas	Kurth	Club
Nuno	Maderia	Individual
Mark	Mathews	Individual
Peter	McErlean	Individual
Malcolm	McPherson	Individual
Gareth	Palmer	Individual
Joanna	Payne	Individual
Tom	Penrose	Individual

Ralph	Ranford	Club
Mike	Ratty	Individual & Honorary
Ted	Rogers	Club
Christine	Rogers	Individual
Claudia	Sarner	Club
Anne-Marie	Shepherd	Club
Debbie	Sims	Individual
Christine	Smart	Club
Brian	Smith	Individual
Trevor	Smith	Club
Reece	Smith	Club
Alison	Stockwell	Individual
Pelle	Stones	Observer
Mark	Vallance	Club
Matt	Warner	Individual
Peter	Whittaker	Individual
Tony	Williams	Club
John	Willson	Honorary
Martin	Wragg	Individual

Others Present:

Richard Doubleday	Perkins Slade
David Fieldhouse	Perkins Slade

BMC Staff Present:

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

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies Actions

- 1.1 Scott Titt (Chair) opened the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from: Malcolm Baxter, Ed Douglas, Henry Folkard, Neil Foster, Alan Hinkes, Mina Leslie-Wujastyk, John Mason, Robert Pettigrew, Kate Phillips, Daphne Pritchard, Graham Richmond, Bill Ruthven, Phil Simister, George Steele and Mike Watson.
- 1.4 The Chair explained the voting procedures for the meeting.

2. Approval of the previous AGM minutes held on 27 April 2013

- 2.1 Nick Kurth proposed the approval of the minutes, seconded by Martin Wragg.

For: 441 Against: 2 Abstentions: 39

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

3. Presentation & adoption of the 2013 Annual Report

- 3.1 The Chair gave a brief summary of the Annual Report.

- 3.2 Charles Gameson proposed the adoption of the Annual Report, seconded by Colin Knowles.

For: 453 Against: 1 Abstentions: 25

The 2013 Annual Report was adopted.

Agreed

4. Presentation & adoption of the 2013 Annual Accounts and Auditors Report

- 4.1 The Honorary Treasurer, John Simpson presented the Accounts.

JS reported an end of year deficit of £52k for 2013 and explained this was the result of a combination of factors including: additional expenditure on the Glen Brittle Memorial Hut (£25k) and Mountain Heritage Trust (£17k), a fall of 20% in insurance sales and increased postage rates.

Tony Williams asked if the money allocated to Glen Brittle Hut was capital expenditure; JS confirmed it was and that another £25k would be given in 2014; he also confirmed that the annual contribution towards MHT would be revenue expenditure.

- 4.2 ST thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work over the last 12 months.

- 4.3 Will Kilner proposed the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report, seconded by Tony Williams.

For: 452 Against: 1 Abstentions: 30

The 2013 Annual Accounts and Auditors Report were adopted.

Agreed

5. Appointment of Auditors

- 5.1 The Finance Committee recommends the appointment of DonnellyBentley Chartered Accountants as auditors for the year ending 31 December 2014.

- 5.2 John Innerdale proposed the appointment, seconded by Craig Harwood.

For: 462 Against: 5 Abstentions: 16

DonnellyBentley were appointed as auditors for 2014.

Agreed

6. Elections

- 6.a The following candidates were eligible for re-election:

- 6.a.i **Scott Titt:** President (eligible for re-election until April 2015)

Proposed by Nick Kurth, seconded by Craig Harwood.

For: 468 Against: 7 Abstentions: 9

Scott Titt was re-elected as President.

Agreed

- 6.a.ii **John Simpson:** Honorary Treasurer & Independent Director (eligible for re-election until April 2018)
- Proposed by Ralph Ranford, seconded by Will Kilner.
- For: 467 Against: 6 Abstentions: 8**
- John Simpson was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. **Agreed**
- 6.a.iii **Mike Watson:** Vice-President (eligible for re-election until April 2015)
- Proposed by Will Kilner, seconded by Ted Rogers.
- For: 472 Against: 3 Abstentions: 8**
- Mike Watson was re-elected as Vice-President. **Agreed**
- 6.b **The following candidates were eligible for election:**
- 6.b.i The following candidate was recommended by the BMC National Council for the position of Vice-President: **Rupert Davies**
- Nominated by Richard Kirby and Ashley Lewis.
- For: 457 Against: 7 Abstentions: 20**
- Rupert Davies was elected as Vice-President. **Agreed**
- 6.b.ii The following candidate was recommended by the BMC National Council for the position of Vice-President: **Mina Leslie-Wujastyk**
- Nominated by Claire-Jane Carter and Graeme Alderson.
- For: 455 Against: 10 Abstentions: 19**
- Mina Leslie-Wujastyk was elected as Vice-President. **Agreed**
- 6.b.iii The following candidate was confirmed as National Council representative on the Executive Committee (Director): **Neil Foster**
- Proposed by Craig Harwood, seconded by Ted Rogers.
- For: 462 Against: 3 Abstentions: 20**
- Neil Foster was elected as Director. **Agreed**
- 6.b.iv Scott Titt announced that Beverley Jowett had resigned from her position on Thursday 24 April 2014 due to personal circumstances. Scott thanked Beverley for her contribution during her time with the BMC. **Noted**
- 6.b.v The following candidate was confirmed as Independent Director on the Executive Committee: **Brian Smith**
- Proposed by Craig Harwood, seconded by Will Kilner.
- For: 428 Against: 13 Abstentions: 43**
- Brian Smith was elected as Independent Director. **Agreed**

Scott Titt thanked Ed Douglas and Kate Phillips for their contribution to the BMC as Vice-Presidents.

7. Membership subscriptions for 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

National Council recommends that individual and club member subscriptions be increased by £1.50 per person and students / unwaged / under 18's (including student club members) by £1.00 per person from 1 January 2015. Other rates (e.g. family membership) will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis.

7.1 Colin Knowles highlighted the need to ensure that the BMC has a balanced income stream; he noted the recent cut in funding from Sport England.

7.2 Nick Kurth asked when subscriptions were last raised. Scott Titt confirmed that subs were last raised in 2009 and had they increased based on inflation rates the rate would now be in the order of £37.00.

7.3 Tony Hemmingway questioned why there was no discount for the unemployed. Dave Turnbull confirmed that discounts are available to the unemployed.

Craig Harwood proposed the motion, seconded by Martyn Carr.

For: 424 Against: 55 Abstentions: 6

The subscription rates will increase as detailed above as of 1 January 2015. **Agreed**

8. Amendments to the Articles of Association

The following resolution is proposed by National Council as a Special Resolution: To replace 'And the quorum of the Executive Committee shall be four persons' with 'And the quorum of the Executive Committee shall be five persons'.

8.1 Scott Titt noted that as the Executive Committee now has more members the quorum for the Committee should be increased.

8.2 Nick Kurth proposed the special resolution, seconded by Will Kilner. As this vote was a special resolution it was decided by way of a poll.

For: 474 Against: 2 Abstentions: 11

The changes to the Articles were agreed. **Agreed**

After the business of the AGM, Scott Titt announced that National Council had agreed to make Eric Jones an Honorary Member of the BMC; this was welcomed by all those in attendance.

ST also announced that the George Band Award for Outstanding Voluntary Contribution would be presented later that evening to John Innerdale OBE for his services to mountain heritage.

The meeting was concluded at 11.45 am.