

BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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BMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held at Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig on Saturday 25 April 2015 at 10.30 am.

Directors Present:

Scott Titt*	President	Director & Chair
John Simpson*	Honorary Treasurer	Director
Rupert Davies*	Vice-President	Director
Mina Leslie-Wujastyk*	Vice-President	Director
Mike Watson*	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).

Gordon	Adshead	Honorary
Richard	Applegate	Individual
Michelle	Aukland	Club
Ian	Billingsley	Club
Michelle	Bradbury	Club
Bernie	Bradbury	Club
David	Brown	Club
Judith	Brown	Club
Monica	Brinkman	Club
Deirdre	Collier	Club
Richard	Dodds	Individual
Martin	Doyle	Club
Kim	Durham	Individual
Roger	Fanner	Individual
John	Farrow	Club
David	Fisher	Club
Pete	Foster	Individual
Rob	Foster	Individual
Peter	Friend	Club
Charles	Gameson	Individual
Colin	Godfrey	Individual
Janet	Godfrey	Individual
K.C	Gordon	Individual
Tim	Greenhalgh	Club
Rob	Greenwood	Club
Brian	Griffiths	Club
Sally	Hancox	Club
Hatty	Harris	Club
Graeme	Hill	Individual
Alan	Hinkes	Club
Stephen	Hobdell	Individual
Sue	Hodgkinson	Club
Gwilym	Jackson	Club
Barbara	James	Club

Kelvyn	James	Individual
David	Jones	Club
Jim	Kelly	Individual
Julia	Kelly	Individual
Will	Kilner	Club
Nick	Kurth	Individual
Anna	Lawford	Club
Steve	Long	Club
Sherry	MacLiver	Club
Harry	Marshall	Individual
John	Mason	Individual
Karl	Midwane	Individual
Dave	Musgrove	Individual
Vic	Odell	Club
Kasia	Osipowiz	Individual
Gareth	Palmer	Individual
Mike	Parsons	Individual
Marian	Parsons	Club
Robert	Pettigrew	Honorary
Daphne	Pritchard	Club
Shaiqur	Raham	Individual
Andy	Railton	Club
Mike	Raine	Individual
Gail	Roe	Club
Christine	Rogers	Individual
Ted	Rogers	Club
James	Rowe	Individual
Peter	Salenieks	Club
Keith	Sanders	Club
Fiona	Sanders	Club
Christine	Scarborough	Club
John	Scarborough	Club
Kamala	Sen	Individual
Tarquin	Shiple	Club
Rehan	Siddiqui	Club
Phil	Simister	Club
Brian	Smith	Individual
Sally	Smith	Club
Peter	Smith	Club
Trevor	Smith	Club
Christopher	Smith-Duque	Club
Peter	Sterling	Club
Laetitia	Sterling	Club
Michelle	Sweeney	MCoFS
Martyn	Thomas	Individual
Jane	Thompson	Club
Al	Thompson	Club
Andy	Tucker	Club
Sam	Turnbull	Individual
Mark	Vallance	Club
Martin	Wass	Individual
Richard	Wells	Individual
Peter	Whittaker	Individual
John	Willson	Honorary
Martin	Wragg	Individual

Allan Young Club

Others Present:

Richard Doubleday Perkins Slade
Andy Goulbourne Perkins Slade

BMC Staff Present:

Kate Anwyl HR & Office Co-ordinator
Lynda Buckley Membership Services Team (MST) Manager
Alvin Foy IT & Database Co-ordinator
Jim Krawiecki MST Administrator
Arun Patel Senior MST Administrator
Tony Ryan Publications Co-ordinator

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies Actions

- 1.1 Scott Titt (Chair) opened the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from: Malcolm Baxter, Nick Bond, Sir Chris Bonington, Lord Chorley, Nick Colton, Anthony Eccles, Henry Folkard, Mick Fowler, Dave Gregory, Ron Kenyon, Colin Knowles, Neville McMillan, Andy Newton, Dick Peart, Graham Richmond, Doug Scott, Angela Soper and George Steele.
- 1.4 The Chair explained the voting procedures for the meeting.

2. Approval of the previous AGM minutes held on 26 April 2014

- 2.1 Nick Kurth proposed the approval of the minutes, seconded by Charles Gameson.

For: 510 Against: 2 Abstentions: 29

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

3. Presentation & adoption of the 2014 Annual Report

- 3.1 The chair gave a brief summary of the Annual Report and thanked Tony Ryan and the BMC office for the production of the document.
- 3.2 James Rowe proposed the adoption of the Annual Report, seconded by Will Kilner.

For: 539 Against: 2 Abstentions: 16 Agreed

4. Presentation & adoption of the 2014 Annual Accounts and Auditors Report

- 4.1 John Simpson (Honorary Treasurer) presented the Accounts.

The Treasurer reported an end of year deficit of £45k for 2014 and explained this was the result of a combination of factors including:

a downturn in insurance sales; the additional costs for the 70th anniversary edition of Summit; £25k expenditure on the Glen Brittle Memorial Hut (GBMH) and increased postage costs.

It was noted that savings had been made in the marketing budget and salaries (staff did not receive an RPI increase in 2014). In addition 5% of the Sport England grant had been returned. JS added that the subscription increase agreed at the 2014 AGM comes into effect in the 2015 budget.

- 4.2 The Chair added that the GBMH refurbishment cost was planned expenditure from the reserve; he confirmed the work is very near completion and thanked John Farrow for his role in the project; once complete the hut will be a premier facility for BMC members.
- 4.3 Brian Griffiths noted that the 2014 AGM minutes showed the GBMH spend had been treated as capital expenditure. The Treasurer confirmed that it had been treated as revenue expenditure as it was a grant to the hut and had not been capitalised. **Noted**
- 4.4 Brian Griffiths asked when the BMC's budget will return to a surplus. The Treasurer confirmed that small surpluses are forecasted in the 2015 and 2016 budgets.
- 4.5 Charles Gameson asked whether the BMC should have a surplus each year. The Treasurer repeated that small surpluses are forecasted in 2015 and 2016.
- 4.6 Steve Long asked why the BMC had had to return 5% of the Sport England grant. Dave Turnbull explained it was due to a drop in participation figures as recorded in the Active People's Survey (APS). On a positive note however the 5% (c.95K) had been re-allocated to the Association of British Climbing Walls and the Outdoor Industries Association has received some Sport England funding for an outdoor participation research project.

John Mason questioned the reliability of the APS figures. The Chair noted that the BMC has signed a contract with Sport England to receive grant funding based on APS results and the BMC's performance is measured on that basis.

- 4.7 Brian Griffiths proposed the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report, seconded by Will Kilner.

For: 542 Against: 4 Abstentions: 18

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 2015.

- 5.2 John Simpson proposed the appointment, seconded by Mike Watson.

For: 540 Against: 6 Abstentions: 14

Agreed

6. Elections

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

- 6.a.i **John Simpson: Honorary Treasurer** (eligible for re-election until April 2018)
- Proposed by Martin Wragg, seconded by Rob Greenwood.
- For: 547 Against: 3 Abstentions: 10** **Agreed**
- 6.a.ii **Rupert Davies: Vice-President** (eligible for re-election until April 2017)
- Proposed by Martin Wragg, seconded by Rob Greenwood.
- For: 545 Against: 3 Abstentions: 10**
- Re-elected. **Agreed**
- 6.a.iii **Mina Leslie-Wujastyk: Vice-President** (eligible for re-election until April 2017)
- Proposed by Martin Wragg, seconded by Rob Greenwood.
- For: 540 Against: 9 Abstentions: 10** **Agreed**
- 6.a.iv **Brian Smith: Independent Director** (eligible for re-election until April 2017)
- Proposed by Martin Wragg, seconded by Rob Greenwood.
- For: 546 Against: 4 Abstentions: 10** **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 President: **Rehan Siddiqui**
- Nominated by Rab Carrington and Ken Sutor.
- For: 540 Against: 12 Abstentions: 11** **Agreed**
- 6.b.ii The following candidate was recommended by the BMC National Council for the position of Vice-President: **Nick Kurth**
- Nominated by Emily Flynn & Ian Richardson.
- For: 545 Against: 5 Abstentions: 13** **Agreed**
- 6.b.iii The following candidate was confirmed as National Council representative on the Executive Committee (Director): **Deirdre Collier**
- For: 540 Against: 8 Abstentions: 16** **Agreed**
- 6.b.iv The following candidate was confirmed as National Council representative on the Executive Committee (Director): **Colin Knowles**
- For: 540 Against: 5 Abstentions: 14** **Agreed**
7. **Membership subscriptions for 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016**
- National Council recommends that subscription rates for 2016 remain unchanged at the levels set for 2015.

7.1 Peter Friend proposed the motion, seconded by Barbara James.

For: 544 Against: 4 Abstentions: 3

The subscription rates will remain at the levels set for 2015.

Agreed

After the meeting, Scott Titt announced that:

- a. National Council had agreed to make Dave Cronshaw an Honorary Member of the BMC, and;
- b. The George Band Award is to be presented to Robert Pettigrew MBE for his service to mountaineering over 50+ years.

Scott Titt then thanked Mike Watson for his contribution as Vice-President and the meeting thanked Scott Titt for his important contribution as President.

The meeting finished at 11.25 am.