

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## BMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held at YHA Castleton, Losehill Hall, Peak District on Saturday 16 April 2016 at 11.00 am.

### Directors Present:

Rehan Siddiqui*	President	Director & Chair
John Simpson*	Honorary Treasurer	Director
Rupert Davies*	Vice-President	Director
Mina Leslie-Wujastyk*	Vice-President	Director
Nick Kurth*	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	Club	Philip	Moore	Club
Mark	Anstiss	Club	John	Mortimer	Club
Mike	Battye	Club	Dave	Musgrove	Ind
Nick	Bond	Club	Rosalinde	Nicholls	Ind
Jennifer	Breckles	Club	Penelope	Orr	Ind
Judith	Brown	Club	Lisa	Payne	Ind
David	Brown	Club	Rik	Payne	Club
Margi	Bryant	Ind	Bob	Pettigrew	Club
Frank	Cannings	Ind	Mike	Pinder	Ind
Martyn	Carr	Club	Ed	Prince	Club
Steve	Clark	Ind	Daphne	Pritchard	Ind
Deirdre	Collier	Ind	Jennifer	Raffle	Ind
Julie	Cook	Club	Spencer	Ramsey	Ind
Fiona	Devine	Club	Clare	Reading	Club
Kevin	Devine	Club	Graham	Richmond	Club
Roger	Dyke	Club	Lynn	Robinson	Ind
Anthony	Eccles	Ind	Neil	Roden	Club
Tim	Edwards	Club	James	Rowe	Club
Helen	Every	Club	Andy	Say	Ind
Roger	Fanner	Ind	Trevor	Smith	Club
John	Farrow	Club	Brian	Smith	Ind
David	Fisher	Club	Angela	Soper	Club
Emma	Flaherty	Ind	Laetitia	Sterling	Club
Simon	Fletcher	Ind	Pete	Sterling	Club
Emily	Flynn	Club	Alison	Stockwell	Club
Henry	Folkard	Club	Chris	Sweetman	Ind
Neil	Foster	Club	Alastair	Thompson	Club
Tim	Greenhalgh	Ind	Jane	Thompson	Club
Rob	Greenwood	Ind	Scott	Titt	Club
John	Gresty	Club	Phil	Tootill	Club
Rebecca	Hammond	Club	Robert	Townsend	Club
Neil	Hewertson	Ind	Mark	Turner	Ind
Alan	Hinkes	Club	Trish	Twohig	Club
Dave	Jones	Club	Mark	Vallance	Club
Peter	Judd	Ind	Martin	Wass	Ind
Paul	Kaye	Club	Jenny	Wass	Ind
Julia	Kelly	Ind	Peter	Whittaker	Ind
Jim	Kelly	Ind	Trevor	Willis	Club
Ron	Kenyon	Club	Judith	Wilshaw	Ind
Will	Kilner	Club	Clair	Wilson	Club
Jo	Kilner	Club	Kate	Worthington	Ind
Susan	King	Club	Martin	Wragg	Ind
Sherry	MacLiver	Ind	David	Wright	Club
Iain	McCallum	Club	Andrew	Wright	Ind
Mark	McKenzie	Ind			

**Others Present:**

Richard Doubleday	Perkins Slade
Andy Goulbourne	Perkins Slade

**BMC Staff Present:**

Kate Anwyl	HR & Office Manager
Lynda Buckley	Membership & Insurance Manager
Nick Colton	Deputy CEO
Alvin Foy	IT & Database Co-ordinator
Jim Krawiecki	Membership Administrator
Arun Patel	Membership Co-ordinator
Jo Rowbottom	Equity & Partnerships Officer
Tony Ryan	Publications Co-ordinator

**1. Welcome, introductions and apologies Actions**

- 1.1 Rehan Siddiqui (Chair) opened the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from: Malcolm Baxter, Dave Bishop, Sir Chris Bonington, Mick Fowler, Dave Gregory, Lord Greaves, Brian Griffiths, Eric Jones, Colin Knowles, Pat Littlejohn, Neville McMillian, Gareth Palmer, Mike Parsons, Ted Rogers, Doug Scott, Steve Scott, Phil Simister, Peter Trickey and John Willson.
- 1.4 The Chair explained the voting procedures for the meeting.

**2. Approval of the previous AGM minutes held on 25 April 2015**

- 2.1 Scott Titt proposed the approval of the minutes, seconded by Dave Musgrove.

**For: 541 Against: 0 Abstentions: 13**

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

**3. Presentation & adoption of the 2015 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 Angela Soper proposed the adoption of the Annual Report, seconded by Rik Payne.

**For: 536 Against: 0 Abstentions: 8 Agreed****4. Presentation & adoption of the 2015 Annual Accounts and Auditors Report**

- 4.1 John Simpson (Honorary Treasurer) presented the Accounts.  
  
JS reported that the initial year end forecast for the 2015 had been for a £11k surplus but that an actual surplus of £47k had been recorded. This was due to improved travel insurance scheme performance, reduced outlay on Civil Liability Insurance due to low claims and salary costs coming in under budget.

- 4.2 James Rowe proposed the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report, seconded by Frank Cannings.  
**For: 543 Against: 1 Abstentions: 11** **Agreed**
5. **Appointment of Auditors**
- 5.1 The Finance Committee recommended the appointment of DonnellyBentley Chartered Accountants as auditors for the year ending 31 December 2016.
- 5.2 James Rowe proposed the appointment, seconded by Frank Cannings.  
**For: 554 Against: 7 Abstentions: 8** **Agreed**
6. **Elections**
- The following candidates were eligible for re-election and were proposed by Bob Pettigrew, seconded by Will Kilner.
- 6.a **Rehan Siddiqui: President** (eligible for re-election until April 2018)  
**For: 543 Against: 7 Abstentions: 6**  
Re-elected. **Agreed**
- 6.b **John Simpson: Honorary Treasurer** (eligible for re-election until April 2018)  
**For: 546 Against: 4 Abstentions: 7**  
Re-elected. **Agreed**
- 6.c **Rupert Davies: Vice-President** (eligible for re-election until April 2017)  
**For: 544 Against: 4 Abstentions: 9**  
Re-elected. **Agreed**
- 6.d **Nick Kurth: Vice-President** (eligible for re-election until April 2018)  
**For: 541 Against: 6 Abstentions: 10**  
Re-elected. **Agreed**
- 6.e **Brian Smith: Independent Director** (eligible for re-election until April 2017)  
**For: 540 Against: 6 Abstentions: 8**  
Re-elected. **Agreed**
- 6.f **Deirdre Collier: National Council rep on Executive Committee (Director)**  
**For: 541 Against: 5 Abstentions: 8**  
Re-elected. **Agreed**

6.g **Colin Knowles: National Council rep on Executive Committee (Director)**

**For: 540 Against: 5 Abstentions: 9**

**Agreed**

Re-elected.

**7. The following candidates were eligible for election:**

7.a The following candidate was recommended by National Council for the position of Vice-President: **Emma Flaherty**

Emma Flaherty introduced herself, explained her professional and outdoor background and summarised what she can bring to the BMC.

**Agreed**

Nominated by Mina Leslie-Wujastyk and Rob Greenwood.

**For: 542 Against: 6 Abstentions: 6**

The Chair then welcomed Emma to the Board and thanked Mina for her important contribution as Vice-President.

**8. Membership subscriptions for 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017**

National Council recommended subscription rates for 2017 remain unchanged at the levels set for 2016.

8.1 Alison Stockwell (Alpine Club) asked the BMC to consider reduced subscriptions for non-active club members over 75 years of age. The idea was supported by Judith Wilshaw and Bob Pettigrew.

8.2 Others present voiced their support for the current subscriptions structure and cost, noting the benefits of membership and the organisation's good work.

8.3 Scott Titt proposed the motion, seconded by Judith Wilshaw.

**For: 535 Against: 9 Abstentions: 11**

2017 subscriptions will remain at the levels set for 2016.

**Agreed**

After the meeting, Rehan Siddiqui noted that:

a. National Council had agreed to award Honorary Membership to Gwen Moffat and Angela Soper. Angela then addressed the meeting, expressing thanks on behalf of Gwen and herself, and saying how delighted she was to receive the award.

b. The George Band Award for Outstanding Voluntary Contribution is to be presented to Ben Lyon later in the day for his service to the BMC Technical Committee and the mountaineering community over 20+ years.

The meeting finished at 11.35 am.