

BMC AGM 2017
Saturday 22 April

Agenda item 7 - elections

a) Graham Richmond is recommended by National Council for the position of Honorary Treasurer (nominated by John Simpson & Zoe Pickering).

I started climbing in 1967 and joined the Bowline Climbing Club in Leicester and have been a member ever since. We would climb mainly in the Peak and Wales. Bog trotting, skiing and fell running followed. Various trips to the Alps, Dolomites etc.

I became Chairman of the Bowline on a number of occasions totaling around 20 years and I joined the Climbers' club in the late 90s. Being involved with the Bowline led to BMC involvement at local level in the Midlands especially with our interest in developing climbing in the local quarries. I chaired the Midlands area of the BMC for a number of years and became the National Council representative on the Executive and Finance Committee. I have remained on FinCom ever since and have been Chair for the last few years.

Outside of the climbing scene I have a family business which my son now is running on a day to day basis which frees me up to do BMC work and get out climbing.

b) Roger Fanner is recommended by National Council for the position of National Council representative on the Executive Committee.

I have been climbing and enjoying the mountains for over 50 years, I have represented the Midlands on National Council for the last two years.

Before my retirement, I spent 40 years working in Magistrates Courts. Whilst I am qualified as a barrister, I have never been in private practice and all my legal expertise was in criminal and family law. However, sitting in court day in day out does give one the ability to sift evidence, evaluate arguments and usually come to a logical, reasoned decision. Within HM Courts Service, I was a fairly senior manager and I hold various qualifications in management, training and personnel practices.

Nowadays I work as a climbing instructor, mostly at Midlands climbing walls. I hold both an SPA and a summer ML.

c) Will Kilner is recommended by National Council for the position of National Council representative on the Executive Committee.

For the past 18 years I have been active hill walker, climber and mountaineer. I first joined the BMC in 2003, since then I have been involved as a volunteer on many different levels across a range of BMC committees and events. I am interested in representing National Council on the Executive Committee as I believe some areas can be strengthened between NC and the Exec. I believe it is also important to have a voice for Wales to help address some of the issues associated with representing a country where many of the issues that affect walkers, climbers and mountaineers are devolved to the Welsh assembly. I want to help further the important work the BMC do and am passionate about the organisation and its aims.

d) Rik Payne is recommended by National Council for the position of National Council representative on the Executive Committee.

Through my work in education, ten years spent running my own business and working as the acting manager of an outdoor centre, I have gained experience in a number of areas that I believe would be of assistance to the Executive Committee.

I have been on the Board of Governors of two schools, sitting on Personnel, Health & Safety and Finance committees. As part of these positions I have been involved with dealing with issues such as long-term sickness, capability procedures, serious breaches of health and safety regulations by contractors on site and the difficulty of balancing budgets.

From November 2015 to September 2016 I was the acting manager of an outdoor centre where I am the deputy. Though this experience and that of running my own business I have dealt with the finances of the business, again gaining experience of the difficult choices involved with limited financial resources. I have also been involved in funding bids to both the public and private sector. I also have gained experience of the monitoring and evaluation processes necessary to ensure that funds are used within the conditions set by the fund holder.

When running my own business and through my current position I have responsibility for ensuring regulatory health & safety obligations as an outdoor activity provider. I also now line manage all of the teaching staff at the centre I work at, through this work I am gaining an appreciation of personnel and HR issues from a management perspective as well as the experience I gained as a member of a Board of Governors.

I feel with the experience I have gained I could make a positive contribution to the Executive Committee of the BMC.

e) Simon McCalla is recommended by the Executive Committee for the position of Independent Director.

I learnt to climb on the sea cliffs of Devon and Cornwall in the late eighties, discovering some of the esoteric delights of the Culm coast and the joys of dodging the tides to get to routes. Moving on to gritstone, Scotland and the Alps, I decided to use my climbing to help kids gain confidence through exploring the outdoors. More recently, I've focused on winter climbing exploring Norway, Italy and Scotland in a quest to find some ice that doesn't terrify me.

Professionally, I have a background in technology and have worked in a wide range of industries, helping businesses achieve commercial growth. Of relevance to the BMC, I am currently running the technology behind the .UK domain name system for a membership organisation that is undergoing change, representing the interests of UK internet users, businesses and stakeholders internationally.

f) Matthew Bradbury is recommended by the Executive Committee for the position of Independent Director.

I have been enjoying the outdoors since learning to climb, hill walk and ski when I was at school. I have never looked back!

I have made a career out of caring for the countryside and 'wild places' in particular. For over 20 years, I ran a national consultancy business advising landowners on environmental management, access and sustainability. Since then, I have been privileged to work in senior positions for one of the largest Wildlife Trusts, The Land Trust and now I enjoy running one of the largest independent Parks Trusts in the UK. My current role, amongst many other things, involves the development and management (and use!) of Outdoor Activity Centres, which include climbing and bouldering in the broad range of activities on offer. Having had many years working with, or for, well established charities and membership organisations, I have gained a great deal of experience in fundraising and in developing and valuing sustainable and complimentary activities, outcomes and benefits. I am also experienced in developing and implementing organisational strategies and 'change'. Outside of my 'day job', I hold a number of voluntary positions including Chairmanship of The Parks Alliance and as a Member of a National Park Authority.

When I am not working in the flatlands of East Anglia, I spend my time hill walking in the Peak District and as often as I can, helping out the Knoydart Foundation in Scotland.

-End-