

Lakes Area AGM and Open Meeting 26th November 2013.

Hawkshead Brewery, Mill Yard, Staveley

AGM

1. Ewen Turner (Chairman) welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Mike Parsons and Ron Kenyon. .
2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM were read, accepted and signed.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes
4. Ewen gave his annual report, highlighting significant events of the previous year. Dry Tooling stimulated discussion culminating in the FRCC heading a winter ethics committee. The new Langdale guide was published. Cathedral Quarry, bolting and abseils still ongoing. The Lakes Festival was not so good this year.
5. Officers elected:

Chairman- Ewen Turner

Secretary- Polly Sullivan

Treasurer- James Brumby

National Council Reps- Steve Scott and Ted Rogers

Access Co-ordinator- Peter Latimer

Clubs rep- open

Peter will contact all area access reps to see if they still wish to stand.

6. All dates and venues for 2014 meetings and AGM will be confirmed at the first open meeting in 2014. These will be dependant on National Council meetings.

Open Meeting

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.
2. No matters arising.
3. **Winter Ethics Committee** is going well, with BMC in Manchester looking at environmental issues. **Stoney Croft Ghyll** is faced with an erosion issue. Fencing is to be installed and a sign put up. Chains will be installed to avoid trashing the ghyll. The new land owner at **Church Beck, Coniston** wants to start charging people to go up the ghyll. The BMC has a new **Landscape Charter** (see website) It will deal with such issues as fracking and wind farms. Access and Conservation Trust have applied for funding to 'fix the fells' **Dalehead Tarn to Dalehead** path. No objection from the floor. A quarry in the Duddon near Ulpha has been found to have bolts. Its owner wants them removed. Lakes area not getting involved.

Broadstand the guidebook description is to be to be 'un-gradable.' The bolts that were in place have been removed. It was noted that it is highly polished and very dangerous. A suggestion that maybe a ladder be installed was not well accepted. FRCC are contacting Cicerone and requesting that they include in the scrambling guidebook that it is unsafe. Wasdale MR are not in favour of having any permanent protection in place. Carey Davis (BMC Hill Walking rep) pointed out that walkers are aware of the dangers in the mountains and that the safety on Broadstand becomes an educational issue. He felt a ladder was not the answer.

4. No report
5. National Council update bullet points

MEMBERSHIP 2% overall - up
 3.5% individual - up
 1.5% clubs - down

INSURANCE 7% - down

BUDGET £50,000 + deficit

 £17,000 MHT
 £25,000 GBH
 £4,000 ice climbing
 £10,000 bolts
 £3,000 para climbing

MHT Nat Trust connection developing well
 Chair Julie Summers willing to stand another 3 years
 Bonington lecture raised £29,000
 £42,000 Lottery Grant for Tasker Collection

DRY TOOLING Awaiting short statement from DT
 Most areas in agreement on guidelines

DRILLED EQUIPMENT Amended version without appendix

V.P. Kate Phillips standing down.
 6 candidates, 3 male and 3 female being interviewed

U.I.A.A. Ice climbing competitions - BMC to run training and selection on artificial walls

ACCESS Legislation review in Wales top priority for access team

Scott Titt Producing a paper on long term strategy - commercial development

2014 AGM Portland 25-27 April - £20,000 funding
 70th Anniversary in Westminster, themed events - 15K budget
 50th Anniversary Mountain Training

6. 2014 marks the 70th anniversary of the BMC giving a bigger focus to hold a Walking and Climbing festival. This item to be discussed at the first open meeting in 2014.

7. AOB- Ewen read out the Winter Ethics Statement
8. Meeting dates for 2014 will be:
 - 28 January – Kendal Wall, 7.30pm
 - 4 June – Langdale Hotel, 7.00pm
 - 10 September – Penrith Leisure Centre, 7.00pm
 - 26 November – Hawkshead Brewery, 7.30pm.

The meeting closed and was followed by a short talk by Alan Hinkes and refreshments.