

**Minutes of the BMC Lakes Area Meeting
held at Kendal Climbing Wall on Tuesday 28 January 2014**

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Ewen welcomed everybody. Apologies were received from Peter Latimer, Alan Hinkes and Fiona Sanders.

2. Access updates and news

Peter Latimer was unable to attend the meeting but said there was nothing to report. Rob Dyer sent notice that there was the annual bird restriction meeting on 4th February. Ron Kenyon reported that the crack at Castle Rock was widening and the widening was picking up pace. Anne Salisbury reported that the Church Beck owner was now charging £1.50 per person for ghyll scrambling. It was also noted that the landowner at Fairy Steps does not encourage climbing and although not in our area it should be noted.

3. Lakes Area Bouldering League

Resurrection of the Lakes Bouldering League requires volunteers to co-ordinate it. If any body was interested they should contact either Ewen or myself. Ewen will speak to Mark at Kendal Wall to see if they would be interested. (see also notes attached to agenda).

4. Lakes mixed climbing guide update

Final draft of the winter mixed climbing ethics paper was presented. Vote to accept it was 28 for and 2 abstentions. The guide is to cover climbing issues and damage to rock; this is an interim guide before a full white guide is produced. The draft has been sent to BMC in Manchester for final tweeking and publication. Dave Turnbull gave a brief update about what was happening in Wales. See the BMC website for the full North Wales White Guide - <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/north-wales-white-guide>

5. BMC subs

Dave Turnbull spoke about the increase in BMC subs proposed for 2015; he then took questions from the floor. A motion from Anne Salisbury that Lakes Area be in favour of the increase, seconded by Ron Kenyon was accepted: 23 votes for, 3 votes against and 4 abstentions.

6. Lakes Walking and Climbing Festival 2014

It was decided that the Lakes Area Walking and Climbing Festival should take place in Wasdale to coincide with the publication in April of the new area guide. Marion and Mike Parsons agreed to help.

7. National Council

National Council report was given by Ted Rogers. Main points of interest: two new Vice-Presidents to be voted in at the AGM; inspections to take place of fixed belay points at crags that are owned by the BMC.

8. AOB

Kelvyn James was voted in unanimously as the Area Clubs Rep. Climbers' Club now have 2 crag guide apps: South Crag can be bought for 69p and Raven crag for £2.49.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Meeting dates for 2014:

Wednesday 4 June, 7.00pm: Langdale Hotel, Chapel Stile

Thursday 11 September, 7.00pm: Penrith Leisure Centre

Wednesday 26 November, 7.30pm: Hawkshead Brewery, Staveley

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