

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Peak Area Annual General Meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 The Maynard, Grindleford

### **Present:**

Neil Foster (Chair)	David Brown	Nick Longland
Lynn Robinson (Secretary)	Cath Lee	John Cook (Castle MC)
Will Harris (BMC Office)	Chris Taylor	Tim Grice
Simon Lee (NC Rep)	Emlyn James	Sean Jennings (Castle MC)
Adam Long (Access Rep)	Mark Rankine	Graham Parkes
Henry Folkard (Access Rep)	Mitch	Ian Daniel
Martin Wass (Newsletter Editor)	Cath Graveling	Gary Panes
Rick Gibbon (Access Rep)	John Graveling	Toby Wilson
Rob Greenwood(acting Chair for the AGM)	Eric Andrew	Dave Parry
David Brown (Clubs Rep / Peak CC)	Laura Goodare	Kristian Clemmow
Niall Grimes (BMC Office)	Alan Sanderson (Peak CC)	Tom Pape
Hazel Gibson	Mick Ryan	Martin Kocsis
Gary Gibson	Clare Reading (FRCC)	Rae Cowie
Ian Carr	Andy Elliot	Phil Cooper
Debbie Birch	Chris Moor	Christina Richards
Richard Howells	Steve Coughlan	Richard Wheeldon (CC)
John Cook	Graham Hoey	Peter Judd
Neil Roden (FRCC)	Rick Scott	Rab Carrington
David Wright (FRCC)	Ellie Howarth	Mary Waters
Steve Clark	Linda McLeish (Castle MC)	Mike Waters
John Bayliss (Peak CC)	David Pendlebury (Castle MC)	Phil Robins
Alan James (UKClimbing & Rockfax)	Robert Townsend (The Mountain Club, Stafford)	Charles Skeavington (Bassetlaw Hill & Mountain)
James Turnbull	Mike Hutton	Mick Walsh (Peak CC)
Dee Sayer	<b>Total signed in = 70</b>	<b>Total present = 78</b>

### **1. Apologies**

Louise Hawson (Access Rep)	John Coefield	Mark Vallance (CC)
Dave Bishop (SW Peak Access Rep)	Sophie Milner (The National Trust)	Matt Heason
Jim Watkin	Claire Carter	Geoff Nichols
Danny Udall	Margi Bryant	

### **2. Minutes of previous AGM (held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013)** – accepted as a true record.

### **3. Chair's Report**

Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Will and Niall (BMC Officers) and Rab Carrington (an ex-BMC President).

## Summary of 2014 meetings

Month	Venue	Main items discussed	Talk	Number of attendees
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	Grindleford	AGM	Quiz	74
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	Grindleford	Mary Bagley from the Peak Park - Stanage	Pete Whittaker	93
9 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Grindleford	Stanage	Mina Leslie-Wujastyk	72
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Ramshaw	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust warden and deputy		32
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	Glossop	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	Andi Turner	30
<b>Average Peak Area Attendees - 2014</b>				<b>60</b>
<b>Average Attendees in 2013 (Peak Area)</b>				<b>47</b>
<b>Average attendance at other BMC Area Meetings from last Annual Report</b>				<b>15</b>

The Peak Area meetings are the best attended of any area in the country, as the figures above indicate. We have excellent debates and have had some interesting and inspirational talks/slideshows from a variety of people. Most importantly, the quality of our meetings and the attendance levels gives Peak Area Meetings very real credibility. Representatives of other key stakeholder groups such as landowners and land managers are always keen to attend our meetings when asked, and the level of engagement achieved in the Peak Area means the voice of local climbers and hillwalkers is always heard.

The BMC Peak Area Facebook page now has 457 'likes'.

#### **4. Election of Officers, National Council Representative and Hill Walking Representatives**

Neil Foster stood down temporarily from his position as Chair and Rob Greenwood ran the election process. This was for the positions of Chair, Secretary, National Council Representative and Hill Walking Representatives. The results of the elections are outlined in the tables below:

Post	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By	Result
Chair	Neil Foster	Richard Wheeldon	Tim Grice	Voted in Unopposed
Secretary	Lynn Robinson	Chris Moor	Steve Coughlan	Voted in Unopposed
National Council Representative	Rob Greenwood	Clare Reading	Claire Wilson	Voted in Unopposed
Hill Walking Representative	Cath Lee	David Pendlebury	John Cook	Voted in Unopposed
Hill Walking Representative	Peter Judd	Martin Wass	Graham Hoey	Voted in Unopposed

The Peak Area has an experienced and able set of Access Representatives but new input is always required; anyone interested in helping out should contact Henry, Neil or Lynn. There is a particular need for the limestone areas.

Mark Warwicker has agreed to volunteer as the Northern Area access representative.

## **5. Vote of Thanks**

Rob went on to thank several people:

- To all access reps, particularly Henry and Adam, they give up huge amounts of time, to attend many meetings etc. They need more folk to help.
- A special thanks to Rick Gibbon for all the work he has contributed as Access Rep for the North Area of the Peak.
- Martin Wass has continued to do an excellent job in editing and compiling the newsletter
- Tony Ryan has provided a huge amount of support from the BMC Office.
- Neil Foster for his continued role as Chair, and for his contribution as one of the Peak Area National Council Representatives.
- Lynn Robinson in her role as Secretary.
- All the other Peak Area representatives and everyone else for attending and contributing to the debates/discussions.

Neil then took back the Chair's position.

## **6. Dates for 2015 meetings**

**Provisional** dates for the 2015 meeting are:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 7.30pm, The Maynard, Grindleford.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 7.30pm, The Maynard, Grindleford.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015, 8.00pm, The Winking Man Pub.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 7.30pm, Glossop.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 7.30pm, The Maynard, Grindleford – AGM.