

**Lakes Area AGM and Meeting
Hawkshead Brewery Staveley Mill Yard
Wednesday 4th November 2015**

AGM

1. Mike Parsons (Area Chair) welcomed everybody
Apologies were received from Steve Scott, Kelvyn James and Alan Hinkes
2. Minutes of the previous AGM were agreed.
3. There were no matters arising from those minutes
4. Mike gave his annual report, giving a brief summary of the meetings held through the year. The main issue he felt had been bolting. He had attended a meeting in Manchester along with other area Chairs and felt that this gave him an insight into how each area had differing priorities. Looking to the future Mike hopes to make meetings controllable and interesting.
5. All officers were voted en bloc. No replacement came forward for Secretary so Polly Sullivan agreed to continue until a replacement found.
6. Meetings for the coming year will be

21 st January	Hawkshead Brewery
(post meeting note: rescheduled to 27 th January)	
8 th June	CC Hut Borrowdale
7 th September	King Kong Climbing Wall Keswick
9 th November	Hawkshead Brewery

All dates and venues are subject to booking

Peter Stirling then gave a brief summary on how the cogs of power turn in the BMC machine.

Area Meeting

1. James Bumby gave his report as Access Officer for the area. Key points were discussions with the National Trust regarding replacement stiles. On this point Dan Robinson pointed out that both stiles at Shepherds need looking at. An issue at Langdale Boulders which Max Biden had reported. Rocks in the area have been disturbed which the farmer is not too pleased about. James reminded the meeting that this is agreed access and the farmer is within his rights to withdraw his permission should he choose to. Fix the Fells footpath work continues. There is a growing concern within the National Park and National Trust that there are an increasing amount of memorials being left around the area. These memorials (scattering of ashes, plaques, flowers ect.) are altering the ecological balance. **(AP)** The meeting voted that the National Council reps take this issue to National Council. The area hopes that the BMC can work in partnership with other interested bodies in giving this matter the publicity that it needs.

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/ashes-to-ashes-how-human-remains-are-transforming-the-lake-district> Read an article on the BMC website.

2. Ted Rogers gave his report from September's National Council meeting. The minutes of the meeting can be read at <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/bmc-national-council-september-2015-meeting-minutes>

3. Dan Robinson gave his report from the bolt fund. He detailed the work that had been completed. Gave his thanks to Rick for his work at Tilberthwaite. Dan felt that 2015 had been a very good year. He made a plea for funds for resin.

(AP) A lengthy discussion followed and it was agreed that the matter be postponed to the January meeting when a full discussion with all interested parties can take place.

4. No clubs report

5. Carey Davies gave an update on the Pylon problem. Friends of the Lake District are encouraging people to write to National Grid with objections. More support to the SAY NO campaign is needed. The deadline for consultation is December.

<http://www.saynotopylonsinthelakedistrict.org.uk> for more details.

Mike informed the meeting that the Ullswater Way – walking route around Ullswater- was now complete. He felt that there may be an issue with parking. A question came from the floor to Carey concerning Fracking. Carey informed the meeting that there was no national policy on Fracking.

6. Matt Le Voi informed the meeting that since the June meeting there had been lots of discussion and clarification on the role of Hill Walking Rep. He felt that the memorial problem was an issue that could be dealt with within the mountain Magpie campaign.

AOB

- i) BMC are looking for a Chair for the Huts Committee.
- ii) Lakes Festival will be held 13th/14th/15th May 2016. The village hall at Rosthwaite has been booked. A ceilidh is booked for the Saturday night and also a talk on Millican Dalton.
- iii) Cumbria Bouldering League is to be reinstated. Climbing walls at Kendal, Eden Rock and Keswick are participating.
- iv) Lake District Rock won the award at Banff for the best guide book.
- v) Peter Stirling reminded people about the winter lecture series. For more details <http://www.alpine-club.org.uk/ac2/index.php#events>

The meeting closed at 9.25pm and there followed a talk by Geoff Ford on the work of the Mountain Heritage Trust.