

## **Minutes of BMC North Wales Area Meeting and Wales AGM**

Held at Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015

### **Attendance:**

Andrew Davies, Allan Sleight, Margaret Ross, Lydia Murphy, Adrian Salter, Helen Salter, Ray Wood, Tim Neill, Eluned Roberts, Pete Johnson, Pete Harrison, Tom Livingstone, K C Gordon, Richard Bale, Anthony Eccles, Mike Byrne, Christine Courtneil, Steph Duits, Kate Worthington, Liz Fowler, Zofia Reych, Martin Doyle, Karl Midlane, Kamala Sen, K W Robertson, Anne Vowles, Marian Wintringham, Jim Kelly, Julia Kelly, Nick Livesey, Calum Muskett, Elfyn Jones, Tom Hutton

### **Apologies:**

Bev Hull, Nigel Tuckley, Mike Raine, Ross Worthington, Andy Boorman, Tim Lloyd

## **North Wales Area Meeting**

**Issues arising from previous meeting/minutes** – None

**Challenge Events** – Issues have been raised around littering and route markers left in place after challenge events in the National Park. These are becoming more common place and people have been concerned with soluble paints and sprays that have been used which haven't washed away.

Tim Lloyd, director of Always Aim High (AAH) events unfortunately couldn't make it to the meeting to explain his position but did send an email explaining the AAH position and problems regarding these events. Tim has been pushing for a country wide 'best practice' code for challenge events. Issues around route markings have been created by people removing temporary markers such as bamboo or tape resulting in soluble paint being used. Route marking is currently under review. If you have further questions for Tim please get in touch by emailing: [tim@alwaysaimhigh.co.uk](mailto:tim@alwaysaimhigh.co.uk)

**Access Green Paper Update** – The Welsh Government have now finished consulting on this green paper. The BMC have continued to lobby and support improved access with articles written and appearances in BBC Countryfile. There will be further discussion now at the Welsh assembly.

**Cadair Idris Cairns** – The National Park is after support to dismantle some of the less useful cairns on the mountain. If you can help then please get in touch with them.

**Snowdon Have Your Say** – SNPA want to produce a management plan of Snowdon. They have been hosting some local access forums and hosted a seminar at the Victoria Hotel in Llanberis on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Crag Access: Trefor Quarry** – Access to this crag has become sensitive after a large increase in usage. This is currently being discussed with the landowner but please be sympathetic to over use of this crag.

*End of local area meeting.*

## **BMC Cymru AGM**

**Issues arising from previous AGM meeting/minutes – None**

### **Chair**

Tom Hutton's term as chair is now complete and a big thank you to Tom for all his help over the last few years.

Taking over from Tom is Kate Worthington – proposed by Tom Hutton and seconded by Jim Kelly.

### **Secretary**

Calum Muskett – proposed by Anthony Eccles – seconded by Richard Bale.

### **National Council Reps**

Anthony Eccles - proposed by Marian Wintringham – seconded by Tom Hutton.

Jim Kelly – proposed by Kate Worthington – seconded by Richard Bale.

Will Kilner – proposed by Calum Muskett – seconded by Mike Byrne.

### **Climbing Wall Rep**

Jon Ratcliffe - proposed by Chris Parkin – seconded by Kate Worthington.

### **Area Youth Co-ordinator**

Chris Forrest – proposed by Calum Muskett – seconded by Tom Hutton.

### **Clubs Committee Rep**

Mike Byrne (New to Post) - proposed by Kate Worthington – seconded by Richard Bale.

### **Mountain Training UK Rep**

Andy Boorman - proposed by Tom Hutton – seconded by Tom Livingstone.

### **Mountain Training Wales Rep**

Ross Worthington - proposed by Mike Byrne – seconded by Calum Muskett.

### **Hill Waking Rep**

Anthony Eccles (New to Post) - proposed by Calum Muskett – seconded by Richard Bale.

*End of AGM.*