

BMC North East Area Meeting
19 April 2018 – Durham Climbing Centre

MINUTES

In attendance:

Paul Mitchinson
Stephen Heiniger
Mark Anstiss (Chair, NC Rep)
Jon Punshon (NC Rep, Acting Secretary)
P Powell
Chris Bullock
Franco Cookson
Mike Conlon
Stephen Blackman (Treasurer of CC)
Bob McAdam
Mike Fachini

Observers:

Rob Dyer (BMC, Access and Conservation Officer)
Andy Syme (ORG Implementation Group Chair, Yorkshire Chair and NC Rep)
Dave Brown (Peak NC Rep)

Apologies:

Sarah Johnson
Alan Hinkes
Mark Goodings
John Herron
Steve Jenkins
Jess Wortley
Steve Blake
Graham Harkness (FRCC)
Rose Hakin
Peter Simcock
Martin Ballantyne
Bill Renshaw

Welcome and Introductions

The chair welcomed the attendance of Stephen Blackman who has recently re-located to the NE.

Previous minutes

Both the new chair and the outgoing chair had requested amendments to the draft minutes; these amendments had not been made to the minutes available at the meeting. There was broad agreement that the minutes were a fair record of the discussion at the previous meeting. Some minor changes to ensure clarity were agreed.

ORG and the work of the ORG Implementation Group (IG)

The chair delivered a very detailed Powerpoint presentation to the meeting which:-

- Summarised the NE views from the last meeting
- Delivered a brief history of the governance of the BMC since 1993
- Described elements of the ORG report, proposals and the work of the Implementation Group
- Possible implications of both a **yes** or **no** vote to what NC propose on 28 April 2018.

Following the chair's presentation Andy Syme (AS) clarified a number of points of detail and gave some very recent updates on Reserved Matters.

Jon Punshon (2nd NC rep) followed this with his perspective, which was that he was uneasy with the proposal for a number of reasons which he outlined.

AS responded with some lengthy comments in support of the proposals.

Discussion from the floor followed and the following points were made:-

- The case for charitable status seems to have been dismissed. Why was this not given greater consideration?
- The board must have the primacy.
- "There is some browbeating and brainwashing going on tonight ... " directed at AS.
- The BMC can survive without SE funding but youth/talent development and comps may lose out if SE funding goes. A response developed along the lines that a combination of cuts to other areas and/or subs increase (or reserves depletion) could ensure that youth and comps continue to be funded at the current level.
- Can we vote on the possibility that the threshold for bringing a resolution to the AGM be raised to 100?

A vote followed on the proposals:-

1a For 2
Against 8
Abstentions 1

1b For 11
Against 0
Abstentions 0

1c/i *Threshold = 100*
For 2

1c/ii *Threshold = 1% + fall back of 25 plus mediation*
For 0

1c/iii *Threshold = 100+ fall back of 25 plus mediation*
For 8

1c/iv No change
For 0

Proposal 2
For 10
Abstentions 1

Finance and audit committee proposal on subs
For 10
Abstentions 1

At 9.45pm. it was agreed that the remainder of the agenda would be postponed until the next area meeting.

Date and venue of next meeting

Thursday 7 June 2018 at Newcastle Climbing Centre.

Jon Punshon (acting secretary), 19 April 2018.