



Cymru South Wales Area Meeting

Venue: Rock UK Summit Centre

Date: Tuesday 19 March 2019, 7:30pm

Minutes

Present: Peter Sheppard, Matt Woodfield, Tim Hoddy, Martin Skinner, Peter Salenieks, Daniel Mazhindu, Steve Quinton, Joe Lewis, Ollie Burrows, Will Kilner

Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Roy Thomas, Goi Ashmore, Eben Muse, Bethan Frugtniet.

The minutes of the previous Area meeting were accepted, but a point of note was raised to ensure the record was correct and could not be mis-construed: At the point in time of the meeting the proposed membership fee rise was slightly less than the AGM proposal, and a half rise for club members.

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Llandarcy Update

National Council cautioned on amount of time spent, referred back to Elfyn to progress further.

Tirpentwyn Quarry and area access

Gone to public enquiry, too late for a formal response, awaiting further news.

Congratulations – BMC Volunteer Award

Stuart McDowell has been given an award in recognition of his efforts with the Gower Festival

Clubs Update

Quarterly update ahead of the area meetings. Sport England funding for club training flowing again, take-up so good they are full! Lots of work on ODG, workshop during AGM weekend, encouraged to send 2 reps per club – good opportunity to meet other clubs and compare notes.

Lots of reaction to the way subs rise is handled, particularly for student clubs. Discussion around insurance benefits.

New Crag/Information

- Morlais topo now on SWCW.
- Ferndale Right Hand – E2-ish cracks, 6b-ish sport.
- Some winter seepage-free routes can be found at Rams Tor etc
- There is a newly re-discovered crag to be unveiled shortly, with a mix of trad and new sport routes
- The bolt fund now very low, please consider donating.

Pembroke Festival will take place on the 24-27 May (bank holiday) weekend

It was agreed to move the next Area meeting to 24 May, viewing national council policy as guidance (MW)

AOB

- Boiler slab – path repair – Saturday 18 May
- Query raised about Gilwern East access – no issues known by those present
- Penallta cleanup – SWMC are proposing a cleanup here (note: since the meeting the provisional date mentioned has been postponed until later in the year)
- New indoor bouldering in Swansea – The Hanger, opening shortly on the business park near Go Outdoors
- Wintour's Leap (Woodcroft Quarry) – now has a code on the gate (visible on RAD)
- Range West briefing – they have got shorter!

BMC Business

National Council Report

Lots of time spend discussing financial details, insurance claim, membership fees etc. ODG, priority for the AGM. Consistent messages about YCS organisation.

Membership fees – proposal to rise £6 across the board. Those present were keen to see full breakdown of figures behind the proposal - ultimately no subs increase would lead to a reduction of services – need pretty pictures/pie charts alongside the annual report.

ODG Update

Various workstreams ongoing, priority to things relevant to this AGM; Cymru workstream slower burning, hoping to have some proposals by the next area meeting.

Mend our Mountains

This campaign has now raised over £600k

Other notes

- Climbing skills videos from the South West – link to be distributed by Peter Salenieks
- Incident notification system close to going live