

## **BMC Peak Area Meeting – 2 September 2020**

### **National Council Meetings Summary**

Since the last Peak Area Meeting in May the National Council has met on 5 occasions, all using Zoom which, as Peak Area Members appreciate, is quite a difficult medium for large interactive meetings.

With only one exception these Meetings have been dominated by Covid related issues and more latterly by the 3 resignations from the Board and the Chair's announcement that he would not be seeking a second term as Chair. National Council's Secretary, staff Member Tony Ryan, has been furloughed for much of the time which has added to the difficulty of managing a very heavy work load: welcome back Tony but it will be even better when you are full-time!

#### **Tuesday 16 June 2020 by Zoom**

A Meeting dedicated to developing the National Council Terms of Reference.

#### **Saturday 20 June 2020 by Zoom**

An attempted regular National Council Meeting which seemed to succumb to Covid.

#### **Saturday 1 August 2020 by Zoom**

#### **Tuesday 4 August 2020 by Zoom**

These two unscheduled meetings were in response to the resignation of the recently elected National Council Nominated Director, Jon Punshon, and the resignation of 2 (of the 3) Independent Directors, Mathew Bradbury and Amanda Parshall, and the announcement that the Chair, Gareth Pierce, would not be seeking a second term. However, the Board decided it would be better to find a replacement Chair immediately.

The first meeting was opened by The President, Lynn Robinson but then, as she was obviously conflicted, both meetings were chaired by the Deputy President, Andy Syme. During the discussions, the President and the Council Nominated Directors left the Meetings at various times to allow the Councillors unfettered discussion. During the first meeting, the Council Nominated Director who has resigned, Jon Punshon was questioned and at the second meeting the remaining Directors were questioned individually. [Post meeting addition: The President, Lynn Robinson did not attend the second Council meeting but sent her *apologies* and a letter of explanation.]

Without exception the Councillors all agreed to help and support the Board in resolving their problems.

In view of the sensitivity of the situation it was agreed that no Minutes would be taken. Following these meetings, National Council wrote to the Board: NC's response was both critical yet supportive.

**The text of National Council's letter has been up-loaded to UKC's forum by the Deputy President.**

#### **Tuesday 1 September 2020 by Zoom**

This Meeting reviewed the Board's progress in resolving their problems and were reasonably pleased with the actions taken but feel that this will not be a quick process.

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