

**BMC North West Area Meeting
11th November 2019 @ 19:30, Sedgley Park Rugby Club**

This meeting dealt with both the area AGM, and the normal area meeting business.

At the request of BMC HQ, separate minutes have been prepared for

- **The AGM (which will be approved at the next AGM).**
- **The normal area meeting business (which will be approved at the next normal meeting)**

These minutes are for the AGM portion of the meeting.

MINUTES

AGM Attendance – 15 (13M: 2F)

BMC Officer in attendance – Rob Dyer (RD)

Chair – Emily Pitts; Secretary – Paul Evans

Area Members –

Les Ainsworth (LA)

Emily Pitts (EP)

Paul Evans (PE)

Tim Greenhalgh (TG)

Robin Mueller (RM)

Stuart Igoe (SI)

Carl Spencer (CS)

Jim Gregson (JG)

Matthew Jones (MJ)

Christian Clail (CC)

Roberta Spagnul (RS)

Shaun Stephens (SS)

Stephen Charles (SC)

Stuart Holmes (SH)

Eric Grindle (EG) - joined meeting after AGM business concluded.

1. Apologies. Apologies reported to meeting: Mark Hounslea, Dave Robinson.

2. Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report: EP gave a report on the last 12 months in the area year. This covered numbers and types of members in area, topics discussed at area meetings, how people found out about meetings, proposed dates for 2020 meetings, and summarised the great work done by area volunteers.

Of particular note was the continuing success of Wilton Fest, going from strength to strength under Tim Greenhalgh, sterling work on Lancs access by Les Ainsworth, and many many hours of effort by our dedicated NC reps and our area youth team. Emily thanked all area volunteers for their time and effort. Area meetings have been well attended with a varied programme of speakers.

Topics for attention going forward are Hillwalking, rotation of meeting venues, and Area communications / membership engagement.

Election of officers/ reps.

Chair and Secretary

Emily Pitts was re-elected as Chair, proposed Dave Dillon, seconded Jim Smith. 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

Paul Evans was re-elected as Secretary, proposed Les Ainsworth, seconded Cathy Gordon, with 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

National Council Reps

Carl Spencer was re-elected as NC rep, proposed Les Ainsworth, seconded Andy Say, 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

Bill Beveridge only became NC rep last year and has 3 years in post, no re-election needed.

Access Reps

Les Ainsworth was re-elected as Lancs Access Rep, proposed Dave Cronshaw, seconded Carl Spencer, 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

Mark Hounslea was re-elected as Cheshire Access Rep, proposed Colin Struthers, seconded Harold Walmsley, 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

Dominic Hartin was re-elected as access rep for Colne area, proposed Les Ainsworth, seconded Paul Evans, 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

There was some discussion on recruiting additional Access Reps which will be described in the minutes of the "area meeting" portion of this meeting.

Area Youth Coordinators and Walls Representative.

Stuart Holmes was willing to stand for re-election as Area Youth Coordinator and Area Walls Rep, proposed Carl Spencer, seconded Les Ainsworth, 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against

Jenny Chan volunteered as a second Area Youth Coordinator, proposed Emily Pitts, seconded Stuart Holmes, 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

Hillwalking Reps

Steve Charles stood for election as Hillwalking Rep, proposed Paul Evans, seconded Emily Pitts, 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

Dave Robinson stood for election as Hillwalking Rep, proposed Stuart Igoe, seconded John McIntosh, 13 votes for, no abstains or votes against.

Emily reminded the meeting that we did not have a clubs rep. Following a suggestion from Tim Greenhalgh, Paul Evans took an action to email local clubs asking for volunteers. **ACTION: PE**

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3. Minutes of the last AGM meeting.

Accepted as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the last AGM minutes

None.

At this point the AGM portion of the area proceedings completed, and the normal area meeting commenced - see separate minutes.