



Lakes Area - Annual General Meeting - 2019 - Minutes

Eagle and Child, Staveley, Kendal - Wednesday 20th November 2019 - 7.30pm

1. Welcome by chairman

17 in attendance with apologies from –

Mark Thompson, Mary Breakell-Rose, Stu Smith, Al Phizacklea, Alan Hinkes, Max Biden

2. Overview of BMC structure by Fiona Sanders.

- BMC Structure with Local areas feeding to National Council (NC) via NC representatives (Lakes area NC Representatives being Fiona Sanders and Mike Parsons)
- Need to debate issues with Local areas but also via Facebook and other media to get wider feedback
- Fiona also on BMC Board being 1 of 3 Representative Members.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting & Matters arising.

- Minutes agreed and all in favour.

4. Area Chair's Annual Report

- Evolution and cultural changes within BMC HQ, the volunteer board of directors and National Council and the 9 areas, of which we as Lakes are one.
- ORG, the organisation review group,
- The digital shifts

Evolution of our Lakes area direction and achievements in 2019.

- Creation of a Lakes Area newsletter.
- Generating an active Facebook page.
- Introduction of interest talks at area meetings.
- In depth footpath construction project carried out (yet to be published) linking with Fix the Fells.
- Declaration of Climate Crisis Emergency has gone to BMC board for ratification
- The main Lake District bodies we seek to influence, where relevant.
- Other bodies we aim to collaborate with, both nationally and locally as partnership assembly.
- Key directions
- Influencing early from within, rather than reacting late in the planning cycle.
- New additions to our team; Ken Taylor and Rik Outhwaite
- Quarterly link-up between our CEO Dave Turnbull and LDNP CEO Richard Leafe.
- LD Planning.
- Cumbria Bolt Fund paving the way for improved (age dated) abseil points and
- Agreeing a Lakes Area climbing and walking festival (Lakes Fest) in 2020.
- Last but perhaps most important was membership engagement with the 2,500 BMC members resident within Cumbria.

5. Election of officers

- The various officers were thanked by the Chair for the work done during the year.
 - Pete Glasper has stood down as one of the Club Representatives and the area is looking for a replacement.
 - Rik Outhwaite agreed to be the Access Representative for the North Lakes area covering Borrowdale and Thirlmere area.



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- The area is also looking for someone to be the Lakes Area Newsletter editor
 - Ron Kenyon will continue till someone steps forward
 - a. **Area Chair:** - Mike Parsons
 - b. **Area Secretary:** - Ron Kenyon
 - c. **Area Treasurer:** - James Bumby
 - d. **Area National Council Representatives** - Fiona Sanders and Mike Parsons
 - e. **Area Access Co-ordinator:** - James Bumby
 - f. **Area Access Reps**
 - i. **South Lakes** - James Bumby
 - ii. **Kentmere and Longsleddale** - Max Biden
 - iii. **Duddon and Eskdale** - Al Phizacklea
 - iv. **Wasdale, Ennerdale and St Bees** - Richard Outhwaite
 - v. **Borrowdale and Thirlmere** - Richard Outhwaite
 - vi. **East Lakes and Eden Valley** - Ron Kenyon
 - b. **Climbing wall representative** - Ali Wood
 - c. **Area Youth Co-ordinator** - Ali Wood
 - d. **Clubs Representative** - Ged Champion
 - e. **Hill Walking Representative:** - Stu Smith
 - f. **Newsletter editor** - Ron Kenyon wishes to stand down.
 - g. **Park planning representatives.** - Richard Outhwaite and Ken Taylor
- These positions were Proposed by Dan Robinson, Seconded by Ian Bradley and agreed unanimously

6. Proposed dates of Area Meetings in 2020, locations to be decided

- Discussion about venues and length of meetings. Concern about having a venue which allowed to continue after 10.00pm with talks and issues etc – but counter concern about meetings going on too long. Agreed to meetings at 7.30pm and look to using Climbing Wall venues as well as licensed premises.

Suggested Area Meeting

National Council Meeting

Core group around 4-03-2020

Lakes area **Weds 11-03-2020**

NC **28-03-2020**

Lakes area **Weds 03-06-2020**

NC **14-06-2020**

NB - BMC National AGM 13-06-2020

Lakes area **Weds 09-09-2020**

NC **19-09-2020**

Lakes area **Weds 11 -11-2020**

NC **14-11-2020**

NB - KMF 19/22-11-2020

7. Any other business.

- None