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### Peak Area ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held electronically by Zoom  
On 04/11/2020 19:30

## Minutes

36 in attendance (counting the participant number)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair Andy Reeve opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Henry Folkard, Lynn Robinson, Glynis Judd, Bev England.

#### 2. Quorum

It was noted that a quorum was present in accordance with [Article 28.6.1 of the British Mountaineering Council's articles of association (the "Articles")].

#### 3. Voting at the AGM

It was noted that the votes to be held would be held by way of a poll on Zoom and to ensure all those voting were happy with this a poll was launched stating:

"All votes will be held via polls on Zoom on the understanding that those in attendance will only vote if they are Area Members and the results of the votes held will be valid on this basis"

Votes: For 93.9 % Against Abstain 6.1 %

#### 4. Minutes from the previous Area AGM 27/11/2019

4.1. The minutes from the previous Area AGM held on 27/11/2019, a draft of which had been produced to the meeting, were approved by way of a vote on a show of hands.

Votes: For 70.4 % Against Abstain 29.6 %

#### 5. Area Chair's Annual Report

A year's gone by. Andy & Ana have enjoyed being elected. Lots of support from everyone, particularly Louise & Henry for their access work, Ana for organising, Vikki for social media & Peter & Austin for hill walking. Highlight was Peter receiving his award. BMC here to engage with members and critique and give feedback. The last year has started with COVID, national upheaval lots of access changes. Been very well supported by Rob Dyer. Can't emphasise enough how much the access reps have done. Elderly cliff (?) given a new lease of life. Great day at Horseshoe Quarry shifting loads of hard stuff around. Counting butterflies. Great feedback on work. Also feedback on commercial groups getting involved. Sadly lots of events cancelled such as hillwalking & sphagnum moss planting. Kim has been very productive counting Ring Ouzel. Some things have been a lot less positive, spate of resignations from the board. Whilst not local without a strong foundation local issues such as access become more

difficult. Resolve of the staff at the office will be tested a lot more. Number of attendees has dropped off, would like to know if that's online or BMC politics. Feel free to give feedback on ideas to make meetings more engaging. Sad news of John Allens passing. Touched many peak area climbers and thanks to Neil Foster for his homage to John. Brief year in sum. Won't try and predict 2021. Responsibly make the most of it.

## **6. Election of Officers**

6.1. The chair noted that the Articles set out the length of terms for each position as follows:

- 6.1.1. Area Chair and Area Secretary are subject to annual election at an Area AGM (article 28.5.1) and therefore terms of one year;
- 6.1.2. Area Representative is a three year term (article 28.5.2);
- 6.1.3. All other positions are subject to annual election at an Area AGM (article 28.5.4) and therefore terms of one year.

6.2. The chair stated that therefore the following positions were subject to elections at the Area AGM:

- 6.2.1. Chair
- 6.2.2. Secretary
- 6.2.3. National Council
- 6.2.4. Clubs Committee
- 6.2.5. Hillwalking

### **6.3. Area Chair**

6.3.1. Andy Reeve was proposed by Rick Payne and seconded by David Brown

Votes: For 93.9% Against 0 Abstain 6.1%

Andy Reeve was elected as Area Chair for the forthcoming year.

### **6.4. Area Secretary**

6.4.1. Ana Was was proposed by Becky Hammond and seconded by David Brown

Votes: For 93.9% Against Abstain 6.1%

Ana Wass was elected as Area Secretary for the forthcoming year.

### **6.5. National Council Representative**

6.5.1. The Chair noted that Alison Cairns had completed her three year term as National Council Representative and they wished to continue for a further three year term, Alison Cairns was proposed by Rik Payne and seconded by Becky Hammond

Votes: For 90.6 % Against Abstain 6.4 %

6.5.2. Alison Cairns was elected as National Council Representative for a three year term, such term expiring November 2023.

### **6.6. Club Rep**

6.6.1. Paul Justin was proposed by James Hoys and seconded by David Brown

Votes: For 76.7 % Against Abstain 23.3 %

6.6.2. Paul Justin was elected as Area Representative for the forthcoming year.

### **6.7. Hillwalking**

6.7.1. The Chair noted that Peter Judd, Austin Knott And Vikki Hughes had completed their three year term as Hillwalking Representatives and they wished to continue for a further three year term. Peter, Austin & Vikki was proposed by Martin Wass and seconded by Ana Wass

Votes: For 86.7 % Against Abstain 13.3 %

6.7.2. Peter Judd, Austin Knott And Vikki Hughes were elected as hillwalking representatives for the forthcoming year.

**7. Date of next Area AGM**

7.1. TBC as no national council meetings announced.

**8. Other business**

There being no further business the chair declared the meeting closed.