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Annual General Meeting Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol BMC Cymru (Gogledd/North) Meeting held electronically by Zoom 3/11/2020

Minutes - Cofnodion

Attendance: - A total of 48 were recorded on Zoom's participants list. However, this is not necessarily an accurate record of attendance and includes approx. 10 non-voting BMC members, resident outside the N Wales area.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The chair, Tim Jepson, opened the meeting. Apologies were received from:
Pete Johnson, Lun Roberts, Ian Martin, Gwyn Jones.

Before continuing with the AGM, the Chair acknowledged the difficult circumstances that so many N Wales members found them themselves in due to the Covid 13 pandemic, especially those generating an income in outdoor sectors.

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"). The following names of members attending are recorded as proof of being quorate:

Geoff Bennett, Andy Boorman, Mike Pycroft, Mike Rosser, Ray Wood, Richard Bale, Anne Vowles, Kate Worthington, Simon Verspeak, Lou Tully, Stephen Williams, Will Miller.

3. Voting at the AGM

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

"Do you approve of the use the Zoom Poll function to conduct the voting process for the AGM and ordinary meeting?"

Yes (27) 84%

No (0) 0%

Not a voting member (5) 16%

Abstain (0) 0%

4. Minutes from the previous Area AGM, 19.11.2020

1. The minutes of the previous Area AGM held on 19.11.2019, a draft of which had been produced for the meeting, were approved as follows.

Proposed: Neal Hockley Seconded: Geoff Bennett

Minutes approved by zoom poll (71% of those present)

2. There were no requests for the minutes to be amended.
3. The chair agreed to send the approved minutes to the BMC office.

5. Matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere

1. Steve Williams was unable to take up the position of Clubs Rep.
2. Andy Boorman will continue as an access rep. for another year.

6. Area Chair's Annual Report

The Annual Report is available on the BMC Community website and members were encouraged to read it after the meeting, if they had not done so before. Many of the issues raised by the Annual Report will be discussed in the Ordinary meeting following the AGM.

7. Election of Officers

1. The Chair briefly explained the list of officers and representatives, included as part of the agenda. As all positions for 2021 are either uncontested or vacant, the meeting voted on the following time-saving proposal, as follows:

'Assuming all positions are uncontested, do you approve of voting candidates into positions as a 'block vote '?

Yes (27) 84% No (0) 0% Not a voting member (4) 13% Abstain (1) 3%

2. Election of Officers, Reps and Volunteers

36 voted Yes (30) 83% No (0) 0%

Chair - **Tim Jepson**;

Note: In the absence of a replacement, TJ agreed to stay in post for one more year.

Secretary(s) - **Neal Hockley & Stephen Hobdell**;

NC reps. - **Tarquin Shipley**;

Note: One rep. post remains vacant. Votes at National Council are one per rep., not two per area.

AYC -**Jemma Powell & Martyn Eade**;

Hillwalking rep - **Will Miller**;

MTUK - **Anthony Eccles**;

MTC - **Matt Woodfield**: Note: Matt also represents S Wales and was voted in there too!

Clubs – **vacant**. Note: Peter Salenieks (Chair of the BMC's Clubs Committee) emphasised the importance of each area having a Clubs rep., but offered to keep the N. Wales area informed of developments while the post was vacant.

Access reps., do not need to be elected or approved, but the following agreed to continue in the role:

Andy Boorman; Tom Furey; Gwyn Jones; Dave Williams:

Thanks was expressed to all officers and reps. For their work during 2020.

8. Date of next Area AGM

Undecided until National Council confirms its 2021 meeting dates.

9. Other business

Lynn Robinson (BMC President) thanked Dan and Anthony for their excellent representation over many years.

And Lynn welcomed Tarquin Shipley as the new Area rep.

If anyone would like to discuss the role of area rep., please do contact Lynn for an informal chat.

Tim Jepson
Local Area Chair
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