



## BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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### **Annual General Meeting    Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol** **BMC Cymru (Gogledd/North)** Meeting held electronically by Zoom 25/10/2021

## **Minutes - Cofnodion**

**Attendance: - A total of 13 were recorded on Zoom's participants list. However, this is not necessarily an accurate indication of area members' attendance as it includes four, non-voting BMC Officers.**

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The chair, Tim Jepson, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, introducing the BMC paid-officers, and directors in attendance.

Apologies were received from:

Pete Johnson, Lun Roberts, Kate Worthington, Ross Worthington, Geoff Bennett, Mike Rosser, Tarquin Shipley, Neal Hockley.

### **2. Quorum**

The disappointingly low attendance caused the Chair to question whether the AGM was quorate or not.

A quick search for Article 28.6.1 of the British Mountaineering Council's articles of association concluded that it was. The Article requires five voting members to be present.

N. Wales members recorded as present were: Tim Jepson, Steve Hobdell, Dan Lane, Andy Newton, Anne Vowles, Phil Coleby, Stephen Williams, Adam Haynes, 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 process 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".

Yes: 9

No: 0

Not a voting member: 4

#### **4. a. Minutes from the previous Area AGM, 3.11.2020**

1. The minutes of the previous Area AGM held on 3.11.2020, a draft of which had been produced for the meeting, were approved by way of a vote on a show of hands, as follows.

Proposed: Steve Hobdell    Seconded: Dan Lane

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

#### **b. Matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere**

None

#### **5. Annual Report**

The Annual Report had been available on the BMC Community website for ten days.

The Chair reminded the meeting of the headline contents of the report which included contributions from the Chair, and from the Youth Development Co-ordinator, and he then invited questions.

Andy Newton asked whether there had been any response to the disappointment expressed by the Chair concerning the attitude towards the work of area volunteers by some paid officers.

The Chair reiterated the background to his concerns, but was pleased to be able to report that:

- i) a schedule for the attendance of paid-officers and directors at the current round of area meetings/AGMs had been distributed.
- ii) prior to the recording of the latest season of Wild Horizons podcasts, Niall Grimes had contacted area chairs and secretaries asking for advice on key, locally-relevant topics which could be raised in the interviews.

Andy Newton highlighted the plea for more belayers, judges and ushers at Youth Climbing Series competitions contained in the Youth Development officer's report.

#### **6. Election of Officers**

1. The Chair briefly explained the list of officers and representatives which had been included as part of the agenda, and moved to open the polling. The names submitted for re-election were all proposed by Andy Newton, and seconded by Steve Hobdell.

The following posts were all re-elected unanimously

Chair - **Tim Jepson**;

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

NC reps. - **Tarquin Shipley**;

Hillwalking rep - **Will Miller**;

Mountain Training UK - **Anthony Eccles**;

Mountain Training Cymru - **Matt Woodfield**.

Notes:

- i. One Area Rep. post remains vacant.
- ii. Clubs Rep. - Vacant: Peter Salenieks would be pleased to hear from any interested club member.
- iii. Youth Climbing Series Co-ordinator - Jemma Powell and Martyn Eade wish to stand down, but this post will be recruited centrally.
- iv. Access reps. do not need to be elected or approved, but the following have agreed to continue in the role: Andy Boorman; Tom Furey; Gwyn Jones; Dave Williams:
- v. Matt Woodfield is a S. Wales member but represents the whole of Wales on MTC. Next year, this post will revert to being elected from the N. Wales membership.

Both Peter Salenieks and the Chair expressed thanks to all officers and reps. for their work during 2020/21.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

## **7. Date of next Area AGM**

As yet undecided.

Tim Jepson  
Local Area Chair  
Cadeirydd yr Ardal Leol  
28/10/2021