

Summary note of the 25th Meeting of the BMC National Council

Date: Saturday 16 April 2011
Venue: Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig

In attendance:

Voting Members: Rab Carrington (President), Audrey Seguy (Vice President), David Lanceley (Honorary Treasurer), Polly Sullivan (Lakes), Elizabeth Holley (L&SE), Claudia Sarnier (Midlands), Nick & Tom Bond (North West), Lynn Robinson & Rick Gibbon (Peak), Sam & Rich Mayfield (South West), Deirdre Collier & Mick Johnson (Yorkshire), Tom Hutton & Ray Wood (Cymru/Wales - North), Stuart Llewellyn (Cymru/Wales - South), Dave Turnbull (CEO).

Specialist Committee Chairs: Roger Bennion (ACE Group), Iain McKenzie (Competitions).

Observers & staff: Martin Doyle (Plas y Brenin), Andy Say (MLTE), Martin Skinner (MLTW), Nick Colton (Deputy CEO), Tony Ryan (minute taker).

Summary:

- **Area Reports.** Most areas had not held a meeting since before the February National Council. The Midlands Area reported on the success of the Leicestershire Quarries Forum held in April. The South West reported on the outcome of the April open meeting which voted on a number of motions relating to fixed equipment in West Cornwall. Cymru/Wales (South) reported that a fixed equipment debate would be held in the area in early June. The Lakes reported on preparations for the BMC Climbing & Walking Festival, to be held in the Duddon Valley, 11/12 June.
- **Developments in the uplands / Windfarms.** It was noted that the BMC planned to hold a seminar addressing development in the uplands (particularly alternative energy projects), in North Wales later in the year.
- **Finance & Membership.** A budget deficit for 2011 in the region of £100k is forecast, predominantly due to the downturn in travel insurance sales. Having ended 2010 on a record high membership of almost 74,000, numbers are relatively static so far this year.
- **BMC Patron appointment.** It was agreed that George Band would be invited to become a Patron.
- **2012 AGM.** It was agreed that the proposed date and venue for the 2012 AGM would be Saturday 28 April, in the Settle area, Yorkshire Dales.
- **Club applications.** The following four clubs were accepted for membership: Dobroyd Mountaineering Club; Oldham Climbing Club; Prestatyn Climbing Club; and Kings Mountaineering & Kayaking Association.