

BMC Peak Area Meeting April 2022

Members' Council Report

Minutes of all Members' Council meetings can be found at <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/bmc-members-council-minutes>

There have been the standard 3 meetings since the last Peak Area meeting in January:-

Feb 1st - interim meeting (pre) (Zoom)

This was mostly given over to reports from all the Areas & other Constituencies, the CEO and Board Chair.

Feb 12th - full meeting (Zoom)

Mountaineering Vision Event - in the morning we held our third 'Vision Event' hosted by Aaron Hodgson, NEC representing Mountaineers.

The remainder of the meeting covered the following topics:

- Update from the **Ethos & Ethics Task & Finish Group**, which is looking at all of the BMC Policies, and has started a review of the Participation Statement.
- Fiona Sanders was re-elected for a second 3 year term as one of the 3 **Council Nominated Directors** (CNDs, who represent Members' Council on the Board). We have also set up a working group to look at how we can plan better to fill this role in the future given the increasing responsibility and workload of this in addition to that of simply being on Council.
- **Support for Areas**, in particular how we can increase attendance at meetings and engagement generally, and improve the recruitment of volunteer vacancies. We focused on three initial themes (more details can be found in the meeting minutes):
 - What should and shouldn't we be discussing at Area meetings?
 - How can Areas increase engagement with members both at and outside of meetings?
 - Alternative structures for Area meetings in the future (especially given the increasing availability of new technology).
- Initial report from the **Member Code of Conduct** Task & Finish Group, which is looking at how BMC members are expected to behave and what might happen if someone doesn't.
- Update on the current situation re appointment of a new Chair of the Equity Steering Group.

March 1st – interim meeting (follow-up) (Zoom)

This covered the following topics:

- Review of the wording in the current BMC policy and Articles regarding **participation**, in particular around 'actively seeking increased participation'. This was in advance of the Open Forum meeting to be held the following evening (see below).
- Review of the proposed Article changes to **support Clubs 2.0** (the current phase of the BMC Clubs Strategy)
- Initial findings from the working group looking into **Councillor succession planning and CNDs** (see above).
- Progress report on the issues the North East area are currently having.

Other Matters

There have been two **members' Open Forum meetings** held on March 2nd & April 20th to discuss issues around the BMC Participation statement, and possible associated changes to the Articles.

The 2022 **BMC AGM** is on Wednesday May 18th at 7pm, this year it is once again online.

Alison Cairns

April 2022.