



## BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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### Lakes Area – Annual General Meeting

Meeting to be held at Lyon Equipment Offices at Tebay  
On Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 19.00 followed by General Meeting

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

Present - Frank Bennett, Martyn Hurn, Ron Kenyon, Matthew Collantine, Ken Taylor, Anne Chevalier, Anne Salisbury, Ric Outhwaite, James Bumby, David Brown, Nick Smith

Apologies - Mike Parsons, Cressida Allwood, Stuart Smith, Gavin Finch, Christian Dodsworth, Alan Hinkes, Phil Swainson

**1. Welcome by chairman**

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and no matters arising.**

**3. Area Chair's Annual Report**

- **2022 October**, the first in-person meeting since becoming Chair, held at Lyon Equipment offices in Tebay with a brief facility tour before the actual meeting. Good meeting - well attended but I, as Chair, forgot a few protocols, i.e., introduction to and of all by name and in-meeting discussion to be via the Chair. Meeting highlight was AOB Ennerdale Field Centre information courtesy of Paul Stewart.
- **2023 January**, meeting held at Kendal Wall arranged by Ron Kenyon. Great venue, room was a good size, a notable group of new to meeting attendees, however the dedicated seating set up together with the climbing area background music did cause some communication problems. Highlight was the discussion on bolts, bolting and the meaning of life!
- **2023 April**, meeting held at the Castle Centre Kendal arranged by Alison Cairns. Alison had taken over as secretary and with the assistance of Andy her husband and Anne Salisbury they had got to grips with the technology and apparatus to enable a highly successful Zoom hybrid meeting – went very well but not without its tech issues at the venue and of remote attendees - a credit to all involved.  
Until the meeting I hadn't met Alison nor appreciated the lobbying she'd had to do to get the BMC hybrid Zoom stuff to the venue and all the trails before. Alison a week or so after the meeting decided to resign the role. I sent by email my sincere thanks and my best regards.

Meeting had several highlights, of note was the Hill Walking report remotely delivered by Rose.

- **2023 July**, BBQ meeting held outdoors under canvas in damp but wonderful Patterdale within the grounds of the Old Water View arranged by Mike Parsons. Food was plentiful and wonderful, thank you Fiona and Mike. It rained quite heavily part of the evening. Low numbers in attendance but highly productive discussions with interesting AOB on recent i.e., that week BMC insurance underwriter complexities – grateful to Gavin Finch from BMC HQ attending to field the question and supply the answers as not something the area committee had knowledge of.
- On going discussions at meetings and in emails prior and following the on
  - Ennerdale Field Centre
  - Elterwater Quarry - its redevelopment plans of the owners.
  - Cumbrian Bolt Fund
  - United Utilities - Road on west side of Thirlmere
  - Access to Quarries, crags etc.
  - Visitor numbers to Cumbria implications, parking, use of buses.

#### 4. Election of officers

- a. **Area Chair:** Position vacant with Frank Bennett standing down. **Mike Parsons** had indicated he could take it on but has other priorities at the moment. Frank agreed to take on the position on a temporary basis with possibility of Mike taking over in due course.
- b. **Area Secretary:** Position vacant - **Ron Kenyon** agreed to take on position as acting secretary but would appreciate someone else taking on the position due to numerous positions elsewhere - there must be someone !!!

- c. **Area Treasurer:** **Ron Kenyon**

There is a balance of £631 from an old account of the BMC Lakes Area, which has been closed. This has been transferred, temporarily, into the account of the Cumbria Bolt Fund at the Skipton Building Society in Penrith.

**Action - It was agreed that an account in the name of BMC Lakes Area be opened at the Skipton Building Society, in Penrith, with signatories Ron Kenyon and James Bumby and RK would action accordingly**

- d. **Area National Council Representatives**
  - Fiona Sanders and Mike Parsons had stood down and indication of thanks for work done by them.
  - No one else appeared willing to take on this position. It was agreed that the Lakes was such an important area and should have a Representative on National Council.
  - **Dave Brown** indicated that this was a most interesting position and would be willing to take on the position for the oncoming year. This was unanimously agreed.
- e. **Area Access Co-ordinator:** - **James Bumby**
- f. **Area Access Reps**

- i. **South Lakes** - James Bumby stood down - **Christian Dodsworth** had just made contact and after communication he indicated that he was willing to take over the Langdale and South Lakes area.
- ii. **Kentmere and Longsleddale** - Max Biden stood down - **James Bumby** willing to take over this area
- iii. **Duddon and Eskdale** - Vacant
- iv. **Wasdale, Ennerdale and St Bees** **Richard Outhwaite**
- v. **North Lakes.** - **Richard Outhwaite** and **Ron Kenyon**
- vi. **East Lakes and Eden Valley** - **Ron Kenyon**
  
- g. **Climbing wall representative** - Vacant
  
- h. **Area Youth Co-ordinator** - Vacant
  
- i. **Clubs Representative** -
  - This position gives access to a position on the Clubs' Committee at the BMC - where issues affecting Club can be taken and actioned.
  - After discussion about this position **Anne Chevalier** agreed to take on the position for the coming year. This was unanimously agreed
  
- j. **Hill Walking Representative:** - Vacant
  - This position gives access to a position on the Hill Walking Committee at the BMC.
  
- k. **Newsletter editor** - **Marjolein Thickett** had been in touch just before the AGM and after contact she agreed to help with the editing and bringing of the Newsletter together
  
- l. **Park planning representatives.** - **Richard Outhwaite** and **Ken Taylor**

## 5 Any other business

- Feeling need to be able to send out details to all members of the area but issues of GDPR and data protection are restricting what can be done.  
**Action - Martyn Hurn to check re distribution of information to members.**
- Need to get word out about the Lakes Area - and a Newsletter, like which we used to produce would be an excellent route.

## 6 Proposed dates of Area Meetings in 2024, locations to be decided

- Next meeting either 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - possible on Zoom

Meeting closed 8.10pm