

Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting Weds 23rd March 2018, at The Cavendish Arms, Embsay.

The meeting was attended by 16 members.

Present: Sylvia Vida, Dick Winslow, Jon Lury, Shirley Emptage, Vikki Bassek, Steve McCain, Dave Wilkinson, Paul Fairburn, Amanda Marriott, Fiona Burnett, Martin Heming, Andy Barton, Michael Faulkner, Giles Cooper, Roy Bradley, Barny Hopton.

1. **Chairpersons Welcome:** Sylvia Vida welcomed everyone and offered thanks to the individuals involved in organising the AGM.
2. **Apologies for absence received from:** Andy Hudson, Alan Scowcroft, John Brayshaw, Dave Hunter, Jesse Bryant, John Ward, Anne Freund, Hanne Barton, Dave Dixon.
3. **Minutes of the 2017 AGM:** These were proposed by Dick Winslow and seconded by Vikki Bassek.
4. **Matters arising from 2017 AGM minutes:** No matters arising.

5. Officers Reports:

I. Chairperson. (Sylvia Vida)

SV reported that the club had had a successful year. SV thanked the Committee and Members for work and participation during 2017.

As part of the 40th Anniversary celebrations, a ceilidh had been booked for September to be held at Embsay Village Hall. Spinning Jelly had been booked as the band.

A new club logo had been designed and clothing with the club logo would be available to order from committee members.

II. General Secretary. (Jon Lury)

There were 68 members at the end of 2017, of which 60 renewed for 2018. We also had 3 new members at the start of 2018 (Anne Freund, Amanda Marriott, Dan Justice) which brings the total membership up to 63 members. 3 prospective members have paid their BMC subs so will probably become full members (Dera Walpole, Francis Trueman, Ian Daws).

4 committee meetings occurred since the last AGM. Business covered was membership, applications for membership, club meets, and planning of Committee members for the next year.

Management of BMC membership has been done via the BMC Member Services Online (MSO) which works well and is easy to use.

Membership rejoining administration fee: It was confirmed that members are charged an extra £3 for late renewal. As far as the committee are aware this has been done for several years. It is allowed in the constitution (e.g. sec 10.v).

Emergency Contact details: Emergency contact details are still collected on the new member application form, but there is no master list that the committee are aware of. It is not clear whether the club ever maintained a list of emergency contact details of members. Jon proposed that no emergency contact list will be maintained. No members objected.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation): Comes into force on 24 May 2018 and will require the club to seek consent from members to store their personal data (Name, address, email address, phone number etc.) and for it to be available on the members list. Jon Lury will follow up on this.

Communication: The committee has discussed communication at each Committee meeting during the year. Communication is done via email, the Club website, and Facebook. Generally the website is preferred by most committee members. Mention was made of the website outage due to the SSL certificate not being bought in time. Discussions took place regarding the use of Facebook and WhatsApp.

All members - please make sure to allow alerts from the website so that you receive email reminders of events.

- III. **Treasurer.** (Michael Faulkner) Copies of the 2017 accounts were sent out by email prior to the AGM. When the spreadsheet was reviewed during the meeting it appeared that the totals did not add up correctly. Michael and Martin Heming will check this after the meeting.

MF informed the meeting that there had previously been a decision to reduce the club's surplus funds.

MF requested that all members making online payments include their name and the purpose of the payment in the reference. This makes it much easier to keep track of financial activity.

- IV. **Day Meets Secretary.** (John Ward – not present. Sylvia Vida presented in his absence) See footnote 1 regarding role description.

Events have occurred approximately monthly over the last year and have been successful and well attended.

Sylvia asked all members to consider leading a club meet of some sort and publicising it on the website.

- V. **Climbing Meets Secretary.** (Vikki Bassek)
Tuesday night climbing meets were generally well attended with a regular attendance of approximately 8 members. Winter Tuesday meets at Ingleton wall were also consistently attended by a few members. Vikki will stand down after the AGM, Andy Barton has volunteered to take over.
Andy Barton commented that some members go to the Harrogate wall on Fridays.
- VI. **Hut Meets Secretary.** (Shirley Emptage)
Shirley provided a detailed report which was circulated in advance of the AGM.
12 hut meets occurred in 2017-18 which was more than previous years. Huts meets were generally well attended and there was a small profit overall on hut meets.
Shirley requested the members to suggest some future venues.
- VII. **Social Secretary.** (John Ward was not present).
- VIII. **New Members Secretary.** (Andy Hudson – not present, his report as follows was presented in his absence).
Since the last AGM there were 17 enquiries, of which 3 became full members, 3 paid as prospectives, 1 prospective still interested but not paid (Rob Pamment), the remaining 10 will not join for various reasons.
Andy will step down after the AGM, Amanda Marriott has volunteered to take over the role.

6. Charitable Donations.

After the 2017 AGM £400 was donated split equally between UWFRA and the BMC's Mend Our Mountains. For 2018 it was decided to donate just £200 to the Cave Rescue Organization. One person objected to this proposal on the basis that he felt it was up to individual members to make their own donations if they wish. The proposal to make the aforesaid donation was approved by a majority of those present.

7. Election of Committee Members. Refer to footnote 2.

Communications Officer: No nomination. Post not filled.

Climbing Meets Secretary: Nomination – Andy Barton proposed by Vikki Bassek, 2nd Michael Faulkner.

Steve McCain questioned the fact that this role was sometimes being referred to as the Tuesday Climbing Secretary. Constitutionally the role is climbing meets secretary and also he was concerned that if there was a weekend climbing related issue, the climbing meets secretary would probably be named on any writ issued and that person would have to represent the club in court. Andy Barton confirmed that he was prepared to take on the full climbing meets secretary role although would seek others to arrange some of the weekend meets.

Walking Meets Secretary: No nomination. Post not filled

New Members Secretary: Nomination – Amanda Marriott proposed by Jon Lury, 2nd Paul Fairburn.

Other roles remained as for 2017:

Chairperson: Sylvia Vida.

General Secretary: Jon Lury.

Treasurer: Michael Faulkner.

Hut Meets Secretary: Shirley Emptage.

Social Secretary: John Ward

8. AOB

Constitution: The constitution is dated 2010, so is due for Review. Sylvia volunteered to review.

9. Open Forum.

No issues raised.

END.

Footnotes

The notes below do not form part of the minutes but provide an explanation of some of the matters reported in the above minutes:

1. At the 2017 AGM the committee position of walking meets sec was changed to Day meets sec, including Cycling and Walks. This was due to the lack of committee members to do individual roles
2. At the 2017 AGM it was agreed that Constitutional change was not needed in order to change the title of a committee role and that the Committee can decide amongst themselves who will be responsible for differing aspects of the roles and it could change as needed. The current constitution requires a maximum of ten and a minimum of six individuals to make a Committee.