

AGM Minutes 2023

Review of the year: chair and secretary's report

Mike (Chair) presented Chair and Secretary's report summarising the club's activities from the past year including:

- The club's trips and training with thanks to K Woolley, Ibex Outdoors, AMI, Alpkit, Jay Jackson, Garland Mountaineering and Pride Expeditions
- ClimbOut festival with thanks to club committee and club members who helped organise and club members who attended.
- Changes to the Club committee – Laura standing down and Josh not re-standing. Jack changing roles.
- Introduced new roles – Plymouth Officer and Safeguarding Officer
- Thanks to all other re-standing committee members.

Training/Equipment Officer's report

K Woolley presented a report and photos covering the club's trips and training for this year, including:

- The Dewerstone
- Hound Tor
- ClimbOut Festival
- Hound Tor (Bouldering)
- CWI Training
- IBEX training
- Daddyhole
- North Wales multiday trip
- Cheesewring

K also invited members to help organise club trips and has put a doodle poll on the club's Trips discord channel (see below) for a meeting to discuss trips planning.

EDI update: Demographics and Demographic survey update

Mike Phillips (chair) presented a brief review of the club's demographics for the year compared to last years (collected from an optional anonymous survey at the end of the membership form. The charts are available in the attached slideshow.

Mike Phillips (Chair) also talked through and invited feedback on updates to the demographics survey which can also be seen on the slides. Also thanked Jack Wolley for his hard work on this in his time as EDI officer.

Club Comms: Moving to Discord

Char Harrison (New Members officer) outlined the club's move from Signal to Discord over the next month, why we are moving and that we will be entirely using Discord for club communications from the **27th of Dec 2023**.

You can join here <https://discord.com/invite/BNfGMGbKwG>

Char covered:

- Why we are moving
 - Feedback from members
 - More capacity on Discord
- Why Discord
 - Can customise to fit our needs.
 - Easier to use and follow.
 - More flexibility to split and customize conversations.
 - Ability to control notifications.
- How to join and brief overview of our server
- How to join and that we will be prompting regularly across all communications to ensure all members access before the cut off

Financial review: treasurer's report

Simon Aplin (treasurer) Presented the accounts for the year:

- Membership Fees – in £1269*
- Voluntary payments – in £176 (*included in fees)
- Pride expeditions (Instructor) – out £140
- Christmas Party – in/out £250
- Wales Trip – in/out £1466
- ClimbOut Banner – in £60 out £54
- IBEX training – in/out £536
- Club T-shirts – in/out £130
- Balance of account - £235

Certification of the accounts

Simon and Mike then signed the accounts during the meeting and on behalf of the whole committee.

Consider changes to the club's constitution.

Two proposed changes to the constitution have been received by the deadline. Mike Phillips described the changes:

- 2023-01 Change of terminology for committee roles to minimise constitutional amendment.
- 2023-02 Change to disciplinary process to allow for a clear disciplinary process for committee officers and committee members.

Full details of these changes were available to members prior to the AGM and in both digital a paper formats during the meeting. These can also be found here: [Constitutional-amendments-2023.pdf \(climb.lgbt\)](#)

Election of committee officers

This year the majority of committee officers and members stood for re-election this year. However, Josh Brockhouse smith chose not to re-stand and Jack Woolley stood down from the EDI role. We also introduced two new roles this year: Safeguarding and Plymouth Rep

Re-standing officers and members:

- Nominee for Chair - Mike Phillips
- Nominee for Treasurer - Simon Aplin
- Nominee for New Members' Officer - Char Harrison

- Nominee for Training/Equipment Officer - K Woolley

New and moving officers and members:

- Nominee for Secretary - Julia Bradley
- Nominee for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Officer - Joe Spurrell
- Nominee for Safeguarding Officer - Liz Morrison
- Nominee for Plymouth Rep - Jack Woolley

Agree membership fees for next year.

Mike outlined that the cost of BMC affiliation will increase by 7.5% which is below inflation for 2024.

Mike also outlined that in 2023 The committee proposed that the adult membership fee would be rounded up to £25 (£2.25 above the minimum) so the club had a small surplus to spend on equipment, transport, etc.

For 2024 the committee proposed that all fees would be rounded by approximately 11.5% on a voluntary basis to the nearest amount so the club had a small surplus to spend on equipment, transport, etc. It was also highlighted that members could pay more than the amounts discussed if they choose.

	BMC club membership 2023	BMC club membership 2024	Increase	Voluntary top up
Adult Club Membership	£22.25	£23.90	£1.65	£27
Student Club Membership	£18.35	£19.75	£1.40	£22
Discounted Club Membership	£16.45	£17.70	£1.25	£19.50
Upgrade from club membership	£16.70	£17.95	£1.25	N/A

Voting

At this point, ballot papers were handed out for members to vote on: #

- Membership fees for 2023
- Constitutional amendments
- Committee officer elections

29 ballot papers were handed out and 28 votes were cast.

All motions were approved by majority (detailed results available on request)

Other relevant business

N/A

Q&A

N/A