

Annual Report for year ended 30th October 2018

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The Association is in its second year since joining the International EOMTBing as an Executive partner in 2017. Key developments in 2018 have included.

- **ABMG Handbook & Syllabus publication**
- **ABMG Train the Trainers workshop 1**
- **EOMTBing Collaboration meeting Slovenia**
- **ABMG Train the Trainers Workshop 2**
- **Alpine Association of Slovenia AAS collaboration Slovenia**
- **ABMG Trainers Resource Pack issued**
- **ABMG inaugural Training Course**
- **EOMTBing Final Exam Landry France**

The handbook publication clearly illustrates the policy and management structure of the ABMG, with separate chapters allocated for the Public, Trainee Guides and ABMG Trainers.

In April 2018 the inaugural Train the Trainers Workshop 1 was held in North Yorkshire, inviting the first selected trainers to discuss the delivery and structure of the syllabus and course content.

In May 2018 three of the ABMG executive attended an EOMTBing collaboration meeting at the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) Summit in Slovenia. Seven EOMTBing member countries attended and the first Guide Trainers Licenses were presented, including three to ABMG Trainers.

A second Train the Trainers Workshop 2 was convened in August to invite the newly joined British Cycling (BC) Trainers to discuss the content of the syllabus, it's structure and delivery.

In September the Chairman was invited to Slovenia by the Alpine Association of Slovenia AAS, to collaborate on each organisations structure, course content, and standards of delivery.

The first pilot ABMG Training Course was delivered in October at Reeth North Yorkshire, to train and assess both ABMG Trainee Guides and test the ABMG course delivery and syllabus.

To close the loop on delivery and standards, two ABMG Executive and Trainers were invited as assessors on the EOMTB Final Exam in Landry France. This supplied useful information in training and assessing ABMG Trainees for that exam.

The administration of the association has included maintaining and updating the website with the assistance of our website designer and host “woof” as well as administering and mentoring all new applicants and ABMG members.

Our Cycle Trade Industry partners Hope Technology continue to give us continued support in the form of a trade deal discount to all ABMG members.

Training Officers report

The biggest challenge for the newly formed ABMG has been setting the standards and delivery to match the equally newly developing EOMTBing organisation. As stated by EOMTBing on its emergence; “We are the representative organisation of our member countries who’s standards and equivalences have been excepted”.

ABMG have taken lessons learnt from the British Mountain Guides BMG, as well as the BASI ski scheme. Whilst considering and modifying the performance elitism of professional mountain guides, ABMG have produced a Scheme and Syllabus that will qualify Guides to work reliably and effectively worldwide.

2018 has been a development year that has piloted and researched the key training and standards delivered by EOMTBing member countries to develop and deliver our own ABMG courses. These courses meet the expectations of EOMTBing and the international communities requirement for qualified and effective mountain bike guides.

A pilot Trainers Resource Pack has been produced and issued with the key resources to enable Trainers to deliver standardised training and assessment courses to trainee guides.

This has been designed through a strategic approach, using the key development stages listed in the Chairman’s report and is edited, as and when required.

Each stage has been reported, evaluated and actioned on, to prepare the ABMG for the effective delivery of Training and Assessment of future ABMG Guides in 2019.

Treasurers report

As with most newly formed Associations, much of the work done has been on a voluntary basis by the four executives of the Association. A small working capital has been sourced and maintained through organisation and individual members annual subscriptions.

Course fees have and will increasingly add to a working capital. The main expenditure has been the website design and maintenance; The routine Administration costs i.e. bank, Companies House and stationary costs. All the key development work and attendances listed in the chairman’s report have been done on a mainly voluntary basis, with a small cost for facilities and expenses. A full audit of the accounts are available to ABMG members.

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