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Annual Report for year ended 30th October 2023

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ABMG will always remain a niche organisation, servicing a minority of Trainee Guides who want to be at the top of their profession and qualifications.

However, 2022- 2023 has been an unusually quiet yet challenging twelve months in respect of ABMG members and courses. With only thirteen new members of the 97 registered members, and only six members undergoing Training Courses this year. Also due to retirement and promotion, posts have been left vacant by the departure of Dan Cook BC and Ross Adams CUK. The good news for 2022, was the signing of the MoU by all EO member countries and the availability of EU Erasmus funding for 2024.

The routine administration of the association has included maintaining and updating the website and Facebook with the assistance of our website designer and host "woof". Other work carried out has included administering Training and Meetings and managing all new applicants and ABMG members. The ABMG Policy Documents and Training Support documentation have been written and updated throughout the year.

Our cycle trade industry partners Hope Technology and Endura continue to give us their support in the form of a trade deal discount to all ABMG members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ABMG Officers and retiring Officers for all their hard work and support in maintaining ABMG as the jewel in the crown of Mountain Bike qualifications in the UK.

Training Officers report

As already mentioned in the Chairmans report above, 2022-2023 has been a challenging twelve months due to several factors! Post covid apathy, economic restraints, and a post Brexit political climate. ABMG have been in consultation with EOMTBing to overcome these challenges and a

Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted to ensure all EOMTBing member countries are agreed, which gives a greater confidence for Trainee Guides to invest in the schemes.

As in previous years, we have worked hard to get four Trainee Guides to the 2022 EOMTBing Final Exam in Switzerland and support the Exam with an ABMG Evaluator and Assessor. We continued with this support at the 2023 Final Exam in Slovenia by sending one ABMG Trainee Guide and an Evaluator-Assessor. ABMG now have access to EU Erasmus funding to support training and travel which will be applied for in 2024

The Trainers Resource Pack has been amended throughout the year to enable Trainers to deliver ABMG courses that meet the requirements of the EOMTBing Scheme and Final Exam. 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.

Treasurers report

Our biggest challenge has been the lack of paid-up members and the confidence of the organisation members to invest in ABMG.

Much of the work done has been on a voluntary basis by the Administrator, Executives and Officers of the Association. As a result of this voluntary work a small capital has been maintained through course fees and individual members annual subscriptions. The bank balance on the 30 Sept 2023 was £1,359 in credit compared with £1,859 on the 30 September 2022.

The main expenditure has been the ABMG membership fee to EOMTBing and the mandatory attendance of an ABMG Trainer at the EOMTBing Final Exams @ Switzerland 2022.

A full audit of the end of year 2022-2023 accounts is available to all ABMG members on request.

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ABMG Chairman and Administrator
30th September 2023.