

Report from BMAF Secretary November 2024 - 2025

The year to November 2025 has been challenging for the Federation as we work through significant changes.

Incorporation progress

Some time ago, the Federation and our affiliated clubs and associations agreed to incorporate BMAF through a holding company structure with a subsidiary. This process has taken longer than we anticipated, and differences of opinion about the way forward created some tensions earlier in the year. When I took on the secretary role, I hoped that providing administrative stability would help move incorporation forward smoothly. While we're making progress, it's been slower than expected.

Executive capacity

We've had several Executive posts vacant following last year's AGM, and two members left during the year. This has meant some meetings haven't reached quorum (we need 5 voting members), and existing committee members have generously taken on additional responsibilities. Glen Reddington has covered International and IT, Alistair Kendrick has handled Treasurer duties alongside commercial and social media, Ian Richards as Vice chair has chaired the council, and I've also taken on Cross Country Secretary.

Looking ahead

These challenges have taken their toll, and given my existing health concerns, I've decided to step down as BMAF Secretary at this AGM. The Federation needs fresh energy and ideas as we complete the incorporation process and build our Executive team back to full strength.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to have served, and I know there are capable people in our community ready to take BMAF forward.

Robert Lands, BMAF Secretary

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