

## BMC Clubs' Committee meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2012

### Notes on the major items of the meeting.

This committee is working on several fronts which should be beneficial to clubs.

1. **Clubs Officer.** Jon Garside, acting as the temporary Clubs Officer, explained that the appointment of a permanent Clubs Officer would depend on the outcome of the BMC application for funding from Sport England. Other appointments would depend on this same application and the outcome would be announced in the usual BMC communications.

2. **BMC website, Clubs section.** There was a great deal of discussion about the presentation and content of this. Much reference was made to the equivalent pages of the website of the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS) which was thought to be better in many ways.

One of these was the section on 'How to find a club' where the MCofS, by using an interactive map, allowed quick access to a list of clubs by region with links to each. The meeting recommended this approach to the BMC and to use it for locating clubs and huts by their location, not by the address of the Secretary. National clubs are also included.

FAQ sections and legal advice should be easier to find and should be more complete.

It was suggested that the BMC might approach the MCofS to ask if it could use legal advice documents already completed by the MCofS where the laws of Scotland and England/ Wales were the same. Incorporation, Data Protection and Equality were cases in point.

3. **Direct log-in by Club and Individual Members.** A system to allow this is almost complete and, after the completion of testing, will go on line within the next two months. This will allow members to change their own details. A similar system for clubs is being developed and will be put on trial with a few clubs before its general release.
4. **Central booking of huts.** The BMC is considering developing a system for on-line, central booking of huts.
5. **Clubs Seminar, October 2013.** The meeting felt that another survey, like the Survey Monkey one carried out two years ago, would be invaluable in assessing the topics to be included in the seminar. This is to be pursued.
6. **Increase in BMC subscription rates.** The meeting felt that, if the BMC were to consider an increase in subscription rates, it would want to have the opportunity to comment.
7. **Cycling covered by BMC insurance?** There were conflicting reports about whether occasional cycling activities undertaken as part of clubs' activities were covered by BMC insurance. This is to be clarified.
8. **Dates of meetings for 2013.** The following meeting dates were given for the National Council and agreed for the Clubs' Committee

National Council	9 February	27 April	15 June	21 September	30 November
Clubs' Committee	28 February	18 April	13 June	19 September	21 November

The BMC AGM will be at Plas y Brenin on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.

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