

Clubs Committee

A report for the BMC Yorkshire area meeting

This is a brief report on the meeting held at the BMC Offices on 20 November 2014.

1. A new 'micro-site' is being developed to help new/novice mountaineers find information about their chosen activity, clubs, how to find training etc. It was agreed that there are still improvements needed for the main BMC site. Top priority is the searchable clubs list. The new database will allow more information to be held about clubs. There may be opportunities for additional information.
2. It was requested that Carey Davies attend a future Clubs' Committee meeting to discuss walking and clubs
3. A paper has been produced discussing the options for holding 'Clubs Meets' following feedback received via the Clubs Survey earlier in 2015. It was agreed that
 - An Open Huts Weekend be held in North Wales in September 2015, and if successful to be continued and rolled out wider.
 - For the event to be a success the clubs need to be fully engaged and the promotion by the BMC needs to ensure that the people attending are fully willing and able to participate in club activities
 - The 'festival' type of idea was popular but needs further discussion to ensure that it is a success. Agreed to discuss again at the May meeting.
4. At the May meeting the Clubs' Committee will start planning the areas of work that it would like to have included in the next Whole Sport Plan for funding from Sport England. As yet there are no details from Sport England but going by the timescales of the current plan, wishes need to be identified by late 2015.
5. Work continues on how clubs can retain members and increase membership.
6. Following discussion on the proposed annual RPI-led increase to membership fees the meeting agreed that there is an acceptance on why RPI is being used as the measure, however a way needs to be found of implementing these increases by and for clubs.

Paul Exley 29th November, 2014