

Quarterly Update from the BMC Clubs' Committee (November 2018)

This quarterly update from Clubs' Committee covers:

- Clubs' Committee meeting (3 Nov) – ***New line-up plus lots for student clubs***
- National Council meeting (15 Sep) – ***Focus on organisational development***
- Organisational Development Group (Nov) – ***A great team to represent clubs***
- Area Meetings (Nov) – ***What's happening in your area***

Clubs' Committee Meeting (3 Nov)

The committee met at Awesome Walls, Sheffield on 3 November, immediately after a productive and well-supported Training Day for Club Committee Members. We welcomed BMC President Lynn Robinson to the meeting. The following may be of interest to your club:

- There have been changes to the committee's line-up, with Peter Salenieks as Chair, Andy Potter as Deputy Chair and John Holden appointed as one of our two National Clubs reps. The committee recorded its thanks to Fiona Sanders and Trevor Smith for sterling service.
- Lots of good work has been done with student clubs, including a successful BMC Student Safety and Good Practice Seminar at Plas y Brenin (PyB) in October and launch of a new student splash page on the BMC website: <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/student-clubs>. This has links to plenty of information and a new student club Facebook page. Working in partnership with PyB, there will soon be funding available for BMC-affiliated student clubs to hire an instructor for a day to deliver training of their choice at a significantly subsidised daily rate. Details are being confirmed and it will be promoted soon. Get ready to apply – first-come-first-served.
- Achievements over the previous year were reviewed and will be presented to the Board of Directors at the National Council meeting on 1 December. We have a good record, especially with student clubs. The committee looks forward to delivering on a number of key projects next year.



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National Council Meeting (15 Sep)

From the National Council meeting, you may be interested to know that:

- The Implementation Group has been renamed as the Organisational Development Group to more accurately reflect its role and mandate (see below).
- Dave Turnbull, Chief Executive Officer, presented a draft strategic plan for comment, before it is put out to the wider membership. It was noted that detailed review and implementation of the ORG recommendations would very likely form the main focus of the BMC's work over the period of this plan.
- Comments were invited from National Council members on a draft paper setting out the BMC's position on climbing as an Olympic sport in advance of it being published on the BMC website.
- A working group was formed on the Code of Conduct, which includes the Clubs' Committee Chair and the Clubs & Partnerships Officer.
- Three new club affiliation applications had been processed and accepted since the June National Council meeting: Crystal Palace Outdoor Climbing Club; Defence Army Academy; Senderismo en Londres Ltd (Hiking in London Ltd).

Organisational Development Group

The November Organisational Development Group (ODG) update is available on the BMC website: <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/bmc-organisational-development-group-update-november-2018>. This includes links to information that it's worth clubs and their members reading ahead of the up-coming area meetings.

We have a great team in place on the ODG Clubs workstream: John Holden (National Clubs rep on Clubs committee and FRCC member), Emily Pitts (Karabiner club & founder of WomenClimb), Fiona Sanders (Partnerships Workstream Lead), Mike Spooner (Student Clubs rep on Clubs committee) and Jane Thompson (Clubs & Partnerships Officer). They have already talked extensively about what we are wanting to achieve, the background and how we are going to go about it.

In addition, the Chair of Clubs' Committee will serve on the BMC Cymru/Wales Review Group and be a paper member of ODG Clubs workstream.

Area Meetings

We've just had our Midlands area AGM which included an excellent talk by Alex Roddie. We're pleased to have filled all the places on our committee for this year although you will notice the same names as last year with some people doing more than one role. It would be great to have some more people volunteer in future and in particular I for one would like to see more engagement from the clubs in our area. There must be club members out there who'd be keen to represent their clubs at area meetings and perhaps take up a role on the area committee?

You can find details of the committee members, and of course the info about our next area meeting on Wednesday 23rd January over on our page on the BMC website - <http://community.thebmc.co.uk/midlands>.

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