

## BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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### Specialist Sub-Committee Membership and Terms of Reference

#### Technical Committee

The purpose of the technical committee is to provide an informed source of technical knowledge and technical advice to climbers, hillwalkers and mountaineers on safety related mountaineering equipment and its use.

#### Equipment Investigation Panel

Technical investigation and reporting of incidents involving safety related equipment submitted by individual climbers or retailers.

The Technical Committee and Equipment Investigation Panel were previously separate, although overlapping, groups. The decision was taken to merge the two groups in order to increase the range of input into technical matters and because the current EIP workload does not warrant separate meetings. If the workload of either committee changes greatly in the future the two groups may again be de-merged to increase the efficiency of operation.

#### **Technical Committee**

Chair	Oliver Milling	Independent Expert
Members	George Steele	Independent Expert
	Neville McMillan	Independent Expert
	Alan Huyton	Independent Expert
	Ben Lyon	Manufacturer
	Rob Foster	Independent Expert
	Scott Titt	Exec Rep
	Stu McAleese	PyB Rep
Secretary	Dan Middleton	Technical Officer

#### **Equipment Investigation Panel**

Members	Fred Hall	Manufacturer
	Steve Long	MLTUK Representative
	Jane Blackford	Independent Expert
	Richard Terrell	MRC
	Phil Dowthwaite	BMG/PyB Representative
	Mark Taylor	Independent Expert
	Phillip Tootill	Independent Expert
	Dan Robinson	AMI Representative
	Virgil Scott	Independent Expert
	Megan Hadley	Independent Expert
Paper Members	Nick Williams	BCA
	Petra Ernst	Independent Expert
	Paul Seddon	Independent Expert
	Mike Margeson	MRC
	Roger Wild	MCoFS
	Rob Allen	Independent Expert
	Dave Brook	Independent Expert
	Trevor Hellen	Independent Expert
	Bill Stronge	Independent Expert

## **Terms of Reference for the Technical Committee**

*The following terms of reference were reviewed and agreed by the National Council at its meeting on 5 December 2009:*

1. To investigate incidents of failure or apparent failure of safety equipment, to represent climbers and the BMC on appropriate bodies especially standards making bodies and to communicate its findings and recommendations to climbers in general by way of articles, publications and other appropriate media.
2. To ensure that the work of the Technical Committee is carried out in a timely and effective manner and in accordance with BMC Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
3. To prepare an annual work plan and budget for approval by the National Council and to control the activities of the Technical Group within the agreed financial limits.
4. To delegate areas of work or specific tasks to working groups, sub-committees, panels or individuals and determine their areas of activity. To nominate and brief delegates to the UIAA safety commission, BSI committee on mountaineering equipment and any other appropriate bodies.
5. To monitor the activities of the delegated bodies, and modify their TORs or terminate their activities, as appropriate.
6. To deal with any technical correspondence or other matters raised by the Technical Committee or National Council.

**Reviewed: 17 November 2009**

**Agreed by National Council: 5 December 2009**