

Summary note of the 20th Meeting of the BMC National Council

Date: 8.30 – 11.00am, Saturday 17 April 2010

Venue: Rhossili, Gower Peninsula

Attendance list:

Members: Rab Carrington (President), Pat Littlejohn, (Vice President), Rehan Siddiqui (Vice President), Audrey Seguy (Vice President), David Lanceley (Honorary Treasurer), Chris Lund & Vic Odell (L&SE), Scott Titt, Sam & Rich Mayfield (SW), Mike Raine & Ray Wood (Cymru/Wales - North), Stuart Llewellyn (Cymru/Wales – South), Polly Sullivan & Steve Scott (Lakes), Chris Moor & Neil Foster (Peak), Mick Johnson (Yorkshire), Alan Hinkes (NE), Charles Gameson & Fiona Devine (Midlands), Dave Turnbull (CEO).

Specialist Committee Chairs: Bill Renshaw (Access) and Ian Carr (Guidebooks).

Observers & staff: Nick Colton (Deputy CEO) & Kate Anwyl (Co-ordinator).

Summary:

- **People:** A note of thanks was recorded for Pat Littlejohn who was attending his last National Council as Vice President. Mick Johnson and Chris Lund were elected as National Council reps on the Executive Committee in place of Lyndon Gill and Scott Titt. It was agreed that Polly Sullivan would be appointed as the BMC's representative on Mountain Rescue England & Wales.
- **Finance:** Following a discussion about future membership subscription rates National Council agreed that, *'the balance between individual and club levels is now about right'*. It was agreed that this should be reported to the AGM the following day. It was noted that the current forecast was for a year end surplus of £61k.
- **Office:** It was noted that the office had commenced discussions with IT contractors over the possible development of a new membership database. Staff and administrative support for the Areas was also discussed and a working group of National Council members was drawn up to advise the office and Executive Committee on support requirements.
- **Mountain Safety Forum:** The BMC is currently investigating the scope and benefits of setting up a Forum which would act as a liaison group between the BMC, MREW and other bodies with a key role in mountain safety; advise and assist the BMC and MREW on mountain safety priorities; and ensure that mountain safety initiatives do not impinge upon the mountaineering ethos. An initial meeting of the BMC, MREW and other key mountaineering bodies will consider this further.
- **Operational Plan:** It was reported that a draft Operational Plan had been produced and had been circulated amongst Specialist Committee chairs and officers. This will be published on the BMC website once finalised.
- **Club applications for membership:** Birmingham based club - Extreme Sports Central - was accepted as a BMC affiliated club.
- **Dates of next meetings:** 12 June, Malham - Yorkshire; 25 September, Croyde - North Devon; 4 December, PyB - Snowdonia.

Dave Turnbull, 30 April 2010