

## Summary note of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the BMC National Council

**Date:** 3.30 – 6.30pm, Saturday 12 June 2010

**Venue:** Malham

### Attendance list:

**Voting Members:** Rab Carrington (President), Audrey Seguy (Vice President), Scott Titt (Vice President), David Lanceley (Honorary Treasurer), Sam & Rich Mayfield (SW), Mike Raine (Cymru/Wales - North), Polly Sullivan & Steve Scott (Lakes), Chris Moor & Neil Foster (Peak), Mick Johnson & Deirdre Collier (Yorkshire), Fiona Devine (Midlands), Dave Turnbull (CEO).

**Specialist Committee Chairs:** Ian Carr (Guidebooks), Nick Bond (Climbing Walls) and John Farrow (Clubs).

**Observers:** Martin Doyle (Plas y Brenin) and Andy Say (MLTE).

### Summary:

- **Office support for BMC Areas:** The production of a guidance document to inform and support Area post holders was agreed. This will define the roles and responsibilities of Area chairs, secretaries and BMC staff in relation to Area meeting administration and promotion.
- **Declaration of club members:** It was noted that the Clubs Committee had been investigating the possibility of introducing a facility to allow affiliated clubs to declare only their 'active' members to the BMC. There being very little support for this idea the Clubs Committee advised against introducing this facility; National Council subsequently agreed not to take this any further.
- **Length of service on BMC Committees:** Area Chairs and National Council reps can serve 5 years after which they must stand down for 1 year before re-election. The maximum term for Specialist Committee chairs is 6 years (i.e. two spells of 3 years) and it was agreed that the BMC should actively encourage 'new blood' whenever possible.
- **Climbers' Club – Loan of Hut Purchase:** Conflicts of Interest were declared prior to discussion of this item. The BMC has received a request from the CC for a £200k loan to fund the purchase of a hut in the Lake District. This would be repaid at a beneficial rate (i.e. more than the BMC is achieving on investments) over 10 years and security would be provided. After a wide ranging discussion a vote was taken and it was agreed (voting: 9 in favour, 3 against, 3 abstentions) to grant the loan subject to input from all BMC Areas, the Finance Committee and a further vote at the September 2010 National Council meeting.
- **Membership & finance:** It was reported that total membership now stood at 71,744 and that Sport England has confirmed the BMC's grant is secure up until April 2013. The year-end surplus had been revised down to £6k largely due to reduced travel insurance sales in May and June following the volcanic ash scare and reduced take up of BMC insurance from over 65's. The British Team has been allocated an additional £20k in 2010 and an additional £4.5k has been allocated to international expeditions.
- **Club applications for membership:** Calshot Climbing Squad and Hampshire Constabulary MC were accepted as BMC affiliated clubs.
- **Dates of next meetings:** 25 September, Croyde - North Devon; 4 December, PyB - Snowdonia.

Dave Turnbull, 3 July 2010