

## BMC Clubs' Committee meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2011

### Notes on the major items of the meeting.

1. **Insurance.** It seems that the cost of increasing the insurance limit of £10m for Civil Liability (which includes Professional Indemnity) to £15m would be about 14 pence per member. There is to be a meeting between Dave Turnbull and the insurers during the next week to take this further. It is hoped that it may be discussed at the next meeting of the National Council due on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
2. **Changes to the Clubs' Committee Operating Procedures.** These have now been approved by the National Council.
3. **Bad payers for hut use.** Martin K had circulated hut-owning clubs about non-payment of the use of their huts but had had only two responses, both relating to incidents a long time ago. John Farrow is to write a warning for Martin K to send out relating to non-payment for a Rucksack Club hut.
4. **Representation of Students' Clubs at the Clubs' Committee.** The web-based survey tool, Survey Monkey, was used to assess the feelings of Student Clubs about being represented on the Clubs' Committee. In general, student clubs were not very interested in sending a representative to meetings of the Clubs' Committee but would probably be interested in an on-line forum. Rob is to discuss the possibility of this with Alex Messenger.
5. **Payment of club subscriptions by Direct Debit.** It was felt that, because of many difficulties, this was not worth pursuing.
6. **Club administration.** Martin Wragg had produced a guidance note for clubs on aspects of clubs becoming Incorporated bodies. Several members of the Clubs' Committee had felt that aspects of this draft note were inaccurate and also heavily biased against incorporation. Two members of the committee had provided a critique of the guidance note. Martin has written a detailed letter accepting some of the criticisms and is to produce a second draft for review.
7. **Training courses** have been arranged based on the needs made apparent by the recent survey. Full details are on the BMC website and will be circulated to all affiliated clubs. These are booking up well. The First Aid and Winter Skills courses are full.
8. **Civil liability insurance for prospective members.** John Farrow outlined a scheme whereby potential RC members paid a sum to cover insurance. Paul Exley said that FRCC insisted that prospectives held BMC insurance already.
9. **Clubs' Committee representation at meetings of the National Council.** It was agreed that there should always be a rep. from the Clubs' Committee at National Council meetings. If Rob couldn't attend, he should appoint a deputy.
10. **Expenses claims.** It was agreed that travel expenses could not be claimed by members of the Clubs' Committee when attending their local BMC area meetings.
11. **The Clubs Seminar was successful.** The next will be in 2013.
12. **Future meetings of the Clubs' Committee.** These, for 2012, will be on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Paul Exley 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011