

## BMC Specialist Committee: 2018 Report and 2019 Forward Plans

<b>Committee name</b>	<b>Clubs' Committee</b>		
<b>No. of meetings in 2018</b>	4	<b>Average attendance</b>	11

<b>Changes required to Terms of Reference &amp; Membership</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update to the list of committee members</li> </ul>
<b>Changes required to Operating Procedures</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All references to 'Executive Committee' updated to 'BMC Board'.</li> <li>Update of the term of office for the Chair to reflect the standard two terms of three years.</li> <li>Addition of a clause to allow the committee to appoint a Deputy Chair, using the same process as for appointing the Chair.</li> </ul>

<b>Summary of key achievements &amp; outputs (2018)</b>
<p><i>Facilitate consultation, communication &amp; sharing information with clubs (Roles 1-4).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communications were enhanced through regular email updates to club points of contact and e-newsletters to club members, featuring a blend of national and area-specific topics.</li> <li>Promoted engagement on the ORG recommendations, eliciting matters of concern to clubs and providing feedback to the BMC.</li> <li>Created a student splash page on the BMC website, enabling growth of student news/resources.</li> <li>Launched a Student Clubs' Facebook Page to engage Student members and connect them to news/resources aimed at those new to hillwalking, climbing and mountaineering.</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitate BMC assistance and support for clubs (Role 5).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivered a programme of training courses for clubs and club members, including: supporting those club members who train novice members, and growth in club officer training.</li> <li>Provided guidance and support to clubs on compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) via the BMC website, area briefing and direct communication.</li> <li>Developed a handbook of guidance for officers of Student Clubs, launched on the BMC website.</li> <li>Assisted with the delivery of another successful BMC Student Safety and Good Practice Seminar at Plas y Brenin, gained valuable contact with club officers and recruited new Student Advisory Group members.</li> <li>Supported several student clubs with issues including tensions with Students' Unions.</li> <li>Reviewed the BMC affiliation process for clubs.</li> </ul> <p><i>Liaise with other relevant organisations and BMC committees in particular the Huts Group (Role 6).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued to support Student Advisory Group (SAG), playing a key role in development of the Officers' Handbook and recruiting four new members for 2018/19.</li> <li>Development of partnership with Plas y Brenin, providing instructor support to student clubs for training courses.</li> <li>Joint BMC Clubs &amp; Huts Seminar at the AGM weekend; Huts Group liaison sat on Clubs' Committee.</li> <li>Supported the ODG with members of the committee sitting on the 'Clubs' working group.</li> </ul>

<b>Was there anything you hoped to achieve in 2018, but didn't / couldn't? If so, why not?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introduction of club workshop programme postponed due to the lack of Sport England funding.</li> <li>Reviewing the format of guidance advice was postponed as no funding was available.</li> <li>Recruitment of area representatives for Cymru North Wales, NW, NE and the Lakes.</li> <li>Clubs requesting more support for GDPR compliance.</li> </ul>

<b>Summary of key projects for 2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actively engage with the ODG and its workstreams to represent the needs and address the</li> </ul>

concerns of clubs.

- Champion proposals to keep clubs at the centre of BMC strategy & initiatives, promoting the benefits of club membership to all relevant stakeholders.
- Deliver a programme of subsidised training & support for affiliated club members and club officers.
- Further enhance communications with clubs and their members through a structured comms cycle, specific support to club committees, and engagement with new clubs via the relevant area rep.
- Empower the Student Advisory Group to take ownership of student communications and producing news, guidance and resources.
- Develop a printed version of the Student Handbook and guidance for Students' Unions to pre-empt possible issues.
- Further focus on engagement and retention of members after graduation.
- Secure resources to deliver key projects, including BMC staff support and filling committee posts.
- Review the Terms of Reference / Operating Procedures in accordance with any changes in the BMC.

<b>Update on UIAA / IFSC representatives (if applicable)</b>
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<b>Additional comments</b>
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<b>Completed by</b>	Peter Salenieks, Chair BMC Clubs' Committee
<b>Date</b>	16 November 2018
<b>Agreed by Board</b>	1 December 2018