

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

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| <b>Committee name</b>          | <b>Competitions Committee</b> |                           |     |
| <b>No. of meetings in 2018</b> | 5                             | <b>Average attendance</b> | 80% |

### Changes required to Terms of Reference & Membership

- Overseeing the development of competition climbing in Britain, including international events hosted in the UK.
- Overseeing the Talent Development Strategy.
- Overseeing the policies, procedures and governance surrounding the GB Teams (Ice, Development Squad, Junior Team, Senior Squad and team, Paraclimbing Team and Ski Mountaineering Team).
- Addition of Area Youth Coordinators - will receive redacted minutes only.
- Parent's representative to be added to the committee- in a non-voting capacity only.
- Mark Glennie rejoins the committee.
- Jack Palmieri joins the committee.
- Area Youth Coordinators are added as paper members.
- GB Team Officials are added as paper members.

### Summary of key achievements & outputs (2018)

- Successfully ran BLCC, BSCC, and BBC, Junior Bouldering Championships, Open Youth Events and the Paraclimbing Series.
- Successfully bid in conjunction with Edinburgh Leisure and Edinburgh Council to host the European Championships in 2019.
- Will Bosi made a senior male lead final and has been granted Olympic Solidarity funding for Tokyo 2020.
- Major haul of medals achieved by Paraclimbers in the World Championships; too many to mention here, but a list will be published / distributed highlighting the achievements of this group.
- BBC's continued in Sheffield City centre in an open air free to watch venue – which in conjunction with a high quality webcast through the BBC.
- Ran the BMC YCS covering Youth A-E, conducted a review and completed a massive re-structure of the series for 2019.
- Ran four, two-day training weekends for junior development squad. The development squad has seen the highest number of finalists at international events this year (12).
- Ran ten, one day training days for the senior team in conjunction with Rockover.
- Ran five Training days for paraclimbing team.
- Ran two Official Senior Team Training events, one at Rockover and one at Mile End.
- Administered team travel and entry to international events.
- Organised new sponsorship deal for National Competitions in 2019.
- Maintained the use of the online application process for entering competitions on the BMC website and stuck to a strict closing date policy.
- Graeme Alderson was technical delegate at multiple IFSC World Cup events, and Tim Hatch was jury president at multiple IFSC World Cup events in 2018.
- Achieved first Junior World Bouldering champion, Hannah Slaney at Youth world climbing championships in Moscow 2018.
- Successfully recruited two Talent Development Coordinators.
- Successfully implemented an open and transparent recruitment process for GB development squad coaches and GB Team Officials; including a formal interview process.
- Introduction of route setting apprentice scheme; with Emma Twyford the first person to try it out.
- Formed tighter bonds with Mountaineering Scotland and undertaking a review of the Ice team management and structure.
- Design of new team kit to make the athletes look more professional.

- Strategy produced for GB Climbing with vision, mission and key strategic aims.
- Zoe Spriggins and Colin Knowles attended IFSC Plenary in Innsbruck.
- Volunteer expenses policy and International events expenses policy written.
- Redacted minutes of the competitions committee are published on the BMC website.
- Jamie Cassidy worked for the IFSC as chief route setter at the Vail world cup and as a route setter at the Munich and Meringen world cups.
- Percy Bishton worked as route setter at the Japan world cup, and continues in the role of route setting commission director for the IFSC.
- Working closely with EIS and UK Sport supporting Shauna Coxsey and the MSP.
- Signed non-disclosure agreements .

#### **Was there anything you hoped to achieve in 2018, but didn't / couldn't? If so, why not?**

- Achieve the goal of finding a large commercial sponsor for GB Climbing.
- Did not run an IFSC Paraclimbing competition.
- Did not run a judges course.
- We need to appoint a vice chair for competitions committee.

#### **Summary of key projects for 2019**

- To find sponsorship and run a successful European Championships in Ratho.
- Run BLCC, BSCC, BBC in all categories and Open Youth Events, IFSC Paraclimbing Cup, Paraclimbing Series and Youth Climbing Series.
- Raise the profile of the GB Climbing Team and continue to seek external funding to support their efforts and continue to work on the goal of finding a large sponsor for the team.
- Administer team travel and entry to international events.
- Review and alter the Paraclimbing Series.
- Continue the development of the climbing teams and the "GB Climbing Team" brand/image.
- Continue the review and development of the ice climbing team and ski team.
- Work to integrate all competition teams under the one umbrella within the BMC.
- Continue to forge closer links with the IFSC.
- Support the UIAA in its quest to have Ice Climbing included in the Olympic movement.
- Organise competition belaying and judging courses to improve the competition experience for competitors.
- Assist the bid for a Boulder World Cup Bristol in 2020.
- All policies and procedures with regards to the GB teams to be published on the BMC website.
- To work to complete the strategic aims of the GB Climbing Team.
- To create a procedure for athletes and National route setters to vote for their representative to sit on competitions committee.
- To develop a document which sets out how competitions committee works with reference to voting and non-voting members.

#### **Update on UIAA / IFSC representatives (if applicable)**

The BMC Executive Committee asked BMC member and longstanding volunteer Colin Knowles to be their special representative to try and broker an agreement between the two organisations. To begin that process Colin organised a meeting in Paris on 30th October and the following statement was agreed by all present:

*"On October 30th 2018, Board-level representatives from the IFSC and the UIAA met in Paris, to discuss, in a constructive and friendly atmosphere, matters of mutual interest. A follow-on meeting is planned for Spring 2019. The participants would like to thank the FFME for hosting the meeting at their offices."*

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| <b>Additional comments</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoe Spriggins is the Anti-Doping Officer of the BMC and will be carrying out the BMC anti-doping strategy in 2019.</li></ul> |

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| <b>Completed by</b>    | Zoe Spriggins    |
| <b>Date</b>            | 07 November 2018 |
| <b>Agreed by Board</b> | 1 December 2018  |