

BMC Specialist Committee: 2018 Report and 2019 Forward Plans

Committee name	Technical Committee		
No. of meetings in 2018	4	Average attendance	8.5

Changes required to Terms of Reference & Membership

- No changes to ToR.
- Keith Ball resigned as representative for Plas y Brenin.
- Phil Baker replaced Sandy Paterson as representative for the AMI.
- Spenser Gray joined the committee.
- Chris Robbins joined the committee as a Paper member.

Summary of key achievements & outputs (2018)

- Produced skills articles for Summit.
- Published website articles covering equipment advice and recalls.
- Provided a club equipment seminar for the Student Seminar.
- Published equipment failure incident reports.
- Produced the latest online advice pdf titled “Bolts: a Climbers’ guide”.
- Provided technical advice to members and partner organisations.
- Successfully recruited new volunteers for the committee.
- Undertook testing of bolt anchors installed in the marine environment.
- Rob Foster represented the UK at the UIAA Safety Commission.
- Rob Foster attends CEN TC136/WG5 Mountaineering Equipment as BSI SW136/5 representative, which the BMC supports. Dave Ellis chairs BSI Technical Committee SW136/5.

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

- To publish an online advice guide titled “Bolts: an Installers’ guide”. This turned out to be a more complex piece of work than expected, leading to a delay in production.

Summary of key projects for 2019

- Produce skills articles for Summit.
- Publish website articles covering equipment advice and recalls.
- Provide a club equipment seminar for the Student Seminar.
- Publish equipment failure incident reports.
- Provide technical advice to members and partner organisations.
- Publish abseil knot research findings.
- Publish belay device research findings.
- To publish an online advice guide titled “Bolts: an Installers’ guide”.
- UIAA Safety Commission – Nick Galpin to take over as new BMC representative after Rob Foster retires in 2019.
- To support Nick Galpin as our representative on CEN TC136/WG5 Mountaineering Equipment.

Update on UIAA / IFSC representatives (if applicable)

- Nick Galpin is a corresponding member of the UIAA Safety Commission, Rob Foster continues as our official representative until his retirement.

Additional comments

- None

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