

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## COMPETITION CLIMBING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Competition Climbing Committee meeting held at the BMC office on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 7pm.

Present: Mike Watson (MW) Acting Chair  
Zoe Spriggins (ZS) Minute taker/ Competitions Program Manager  
Ian Dunn (ID)  
Lucinda Whittaker (LW)  
Freddie Naish (FN)  
Tim Cunnington (TC) via Skype  
Nick Colton (NC)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Alex Fry, Mark Glennie, Graeme Alderson, Dave Barrans, Kevin Howett and Iain McKenzie

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Changes were made to point 5 and point 6 of the minutes.

**3. Update regarding all the action points from previous meeting**

ZS ran through action point updates, there are a couple left to complete from the last meeting.

**4. Presentation from Rockover**

Miscommunication.  
ZS to apologise to Rockover.

**5. Senior Selection Document**

Points were raised from MS via email.

There was a discussion around the document and the fact that it had been sent to the Board of Directors.

It was recorded that none of the voting members of competitions committee approved the document.

Two changes were made to the document;  
The wording was changed on page 7  
The specific details relating to speed competitions were removed as it is required to be in a separate document, on page 9.

It was recorded that the decision to remove the allowance for team members who reside overseas was poor.

**ACTION; as changes had been made to the document, it needed to be sent back to the Board of Directors for final approval.**

**6. YCS route setting and boulder matrix**

ZS asked for these documents to be approved by the committee so they could be emailed to all host venues.

**APPROVED**

**7. ToR and Report for National Council**

The document was discussed and changes were made.

The documents were approved by the committee.

**8. Pricing structure for competitions in 2019**

ZS discussed she had been keeping track of expenditure on competitions thus far in 2018, however it was not complete. She recommended that the pricing structure be looked at in more detail.

**ACTION: ZS to recommend a pricing structure for the next committee meeting. Research is to be conducted on the correlation between numbers of entrants and the cost of the competition. Look at whether we can offer a group discount for academies and compare competition prices in other European counties.**

**9. Parent's Representative**

A discussion was held around the best way for a parent's representative to be voted by the parents to join competitions committee.

**ACTION: ZS to look at the parents' representative information from previous years and update.**

**ACTION; LW and TC to organise the voting of the parents' rep for the first development squad training weekend**

**10. Vice Chair**

A discussion was held around the need for a vice chair.

FN: nominated Ian Dunn

MW; Seconded

This will be formally voted on at the next competitions committee meeting.

**11. Competitions Schedule 2019**

ZS mentioned a number of venues still outstanding but she was waiting for confirmation from the venues in order to publish the schedule for 2019

**12. Competition appeals procedure 2019**

ZS shared the selection appeals procedure and explained after discussions with UK Sport, they had sent over a template for selection appeals. UK Sport recommends £250 as the standard cost for appeals, the BMC felt this was too high and recommend the amount remain at £100.

**APPROVED**

**ACTION; ZS to check all copies state £100 not £250**

**13. AOB**

**Sports Aid-** ZS asked if there were any criteria for Sports Aid allocations. Climbing has 6 nominations it can make. The fund is not a hardship fund.

It was clarified that the process had been the highest ranked climbers would be nominated

**ACTION: ZS to look into hardship funding**

ID proposed Jack Palmieri join competitions committee, FN seconded

**ACTION; ZS to email and invite JP to join**

**Paralimbing:** ID raised some concerns with the paralimbing series. The committee agreed the following:

No retrospective first place for late registration.

Competitors wishing to change categories- they need to stay in their category for the duration of the series. If they wish to change categories, they need to produce a medical certificate at least 6 months prior.

**Further Action points:**

**ZS to chase paralimbing selection document**

**ZS to organise a survey to be sent out to the competitors of the paralimbing series 2018**

**ZS to chase code of conduct review**

**ZS to inform senior team of selection policy and GB team Officials, after Board approval**

**ZS to circulate dates for meetings in 2020**

**Thanks to Mike Watson for chairing the meeting.**