

Red Rope National Committee Meeting (by Zoom) - 8pm Tuesday 22 March 2021

MINUTES

Present: Adrian Jones (AJ), Barbara Segal (BS), Becky Bates (BB), David Doody (DD), David Symonds (DS), Gill Platt (GP), Humphrey Southall (HS), Olya Bowers (OB), Janet Saunders (JS), Jon Marsden (JM), Julian Batsleer (JB), Pete Watson (PW), Robert Manby (RM), Sarah Bates (SB), Steve Wright (SW) (minutes).

Apologies: Aileen Somerset

Chair: Humphrey Southall **Minutes by:** Steve Wright

Item		Action By
1	Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill Proposed by Pete Watson for inclusion in 2021 AGM: The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will make access to the countryside and the right to protest more difficult. We therefore must assert our right to roam and make it a main campaign for Red Rope: 1) Each region to prioritise a local campaign to keep rights of way open 2) Wild camping and the right to protest should be supported 3) Support the Kinder Trespass 90th anniversary in April 2022, and Winter Hill 125th anniversary September 5th 2021. This to include donations of £50 to each of the two campaigns if they have fundraising requests 4) To maximise turnout for the Kinder event we book a national trip to coincide with the anniversary which will be in early April 2022. Hayfield or nearby would be the best venue 5) The bulletin to carry articles on the issue, including the history of trespass, book reviews and legal pieces on our right to roam and camp. Agreed for these to go forward to the AGM Action: Draft proposal in form suitable for AGM Agreed to try and arrange a national trip in conjunction with Kinder event Action: Investigate availability of bunkhouses, etc in Hayfield area for weekend of April 22/23/24 Action: Contact event organisers if any accommodation being arranged	DS BB DS?
2	Request from a member: Can Red Rope sign the open letter urging the government to reconsider the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill? Not just nationally but perhaps regions as well? The meeting also suggested that we ask individual members to send letters to their MPs expressing their opposition. It was agreed that we would sign the letter as an organisation Action: Sign open letter on behalf of Red Rope It was also suggested that regions are asked to support the Ramblers campaign "Don't lose your way" (saving footpaths not on definitive maps) Action: Contact Regional Secretaries to initiate above	DS? DS?
3	Request from a member: Could we extend Red Rope material on the Working Class Movement Library in	

	Salford? Little has been updated since 2005. BS noted that she has a lot of old material. JS noted that the website contained much historic material (Bulletins, Meeting minutes) and has copies of various materials. SW noted that he has membership material from his time as Membership Secretary. HS noted that he had various digital and hard copy records. Action: Send material to Julian Batsleer Action: Ask members if they have any old records or photographs (Bulletin and MIS) It was agreed that the club will pay for postage of any bulk paper records, subject to the sender first checking the cost and confirming postage with the Club Treasurer	BS, JS, SW, HS DS, JM
4	AGM 2021 (DS) Jane Thompson, BMC Clubs Contact, to be invited as guest speaker Draft programme to be produced and circulated within NC (Note: Since meeting DS has emailed Jane but has not yet had a reply) Action: Action:	DS DS
5	Training (RM) “At the moment RR training seems fairly ad hoc - should we be looking to get something more structured in place?” It was noted that much training took place as skill-sharing on walks on trips – exceptionally so for walking clubs. However it was also apparent that many members are nervous about planning walks. However many are not interested in leading walks or learning about navigation but are content to follow.	
6	Trips a) Trip attendance and Covid vaccination status (JS) It was generally agreed that asking members about their vaccination status was an infringement of personal data. However, BMC have suggested that people should not come on events if they are exhibiting symptoms of CoViD-19. Action: Wording to this effect to be incorporated on our Trip Booking Form b) “Someone cancelled going on a trip when the organiser didn't tell who was going.” (BB) Action: Trip Organisers Pack to include advice to send list of trip members to all c) “prioritise low band members on trips where hut occupancy has to be reduced” (BS) Agreed that if too many applicants for a trip, low banded would be given priority. However those excluded from trip should not be ‘bumped’ more than once. Action: Advise trip organisers of this policy d) Trip Transport (BS) – need to clarify transport charges for forthcoming trips due to likelihood of some members not being willing to share cars.	DS, BB BB BB
7	Regional Walk/Trip Plans Are plans in place for the possible reinstatement of the ‘rule of six’ from March 29, and the complete lifting of restrictions from June 21? Sheffield, London, Bristol (climbers) and West Midlands have a walk and/or trip programme for most of the rest of 2021. Merseyside have a short-term programme and	

	a trip planned to Cae Ysgubor. Car-sharing is recognised as a problem and especially where a region has members who do not drive (Through 2020 Bristol arranged walks based on public transport). Suggested that each region should organise some walks adjacent to public transport Action: Post information and encouragement on website	JS
8	Approval for funding: a) £135 for first-aid training on main October trip - Agreed b) A maximum of £30 to Chartist magazine for use of article in Bulletin on history of trespass – Agreed* c) A maximum of £30 to use the poem 'Routes' by Helen Mort in Bulletin, dedicated to the climber Alison Hargreaves – Agreed* * Agreement was for these items only and not to be interpreted as a general policy. In principle we should not be paying for articles for the Bulletin.	
9	Any Other Business a) Membership renewals. Cut off date for receiving MIS and club information for those who have not yet renewed will be the end of April Action: include information in next MISs and on website b) Hut key holders who have not renewed will be chased first and then Lancashire Mountaineering informed c) Consider activities for National Meet in September (for discussion next meeting)	JM, JS BS All
10	Date & Time of Next Meeting (by Zoom) 7 pm Tuesday, June 8th	All

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