

Minutes of Red Rope NC Meeting, 25 July 2024, via Zoom

Present: Becky Bates, Sarah Bates, Janey Hewitt, Jon Marsden, Gill Platt, Mark Ryle, Janet Saunders Humphrey Southall, David Symonds, Hugh Wallis, Pete Watson, Sue Whittle

Item	Comment	Action
1.	Chair: Humphrey Minute- taker: Jon	
2.	Introductions and Welcome	
3.	Apologies: Steve Wright	
4.	Minutes of previous meeting 15.5.24 Accepted as accurate	
5.	Matters arising from the minutes: (Minute 5 from NC meeting November 2023, Action point 2) New Members' handbook: work in progress (Action point 3) Wild camping – work in progress (Minute 8 from 15/5/24) Solo walkers: Need to keep this under review. Difficult to ensure solo walkers fill in route card but new Safety Card must be filled in for every walk made as part of all trips. (Minute 12) AoB: Pete W met with chief exec of BMC and fed back from our members on the need for the BMC to have a stronger presence at, or links with, climbing walls, and on the perceived bias within BMC and the Summit magazine towards climbing not walking. On both counts comments were accepted and acknowledged and will be followed up. BMC's currently limited finances will impact on progress.	Gill to come up with something for October NC mtg. Humphrey and Steve to assist if needed. Sarah and Becky to email trip organisers and remind them about the need to fill in the forms. NC to discuss further at October Meeting (Pete to add to agenda)
6.	Action points from previous meeting 15.5.24 (Steve's spreadsheet) 14.) First aid training to be encouraged and subsidy for members continued. Humphrey has so far made 4 subsidy payments at £60	Jon to issue reminder in MIS about First Aid training available

	19.) Red Web and Personal Ads: agreed should not be part of MIS. More appropriate to National discussion list and Facebook pages. 24.) National Gathering: completed 27.) Revised Covid Policy: partially completed 28.) Review Route and Safety Cards: completed 29.) General Election: completed Pete 30.) Donations to Mountain Rescue Teams: not yet made. Agreed not to set a rule where payments would be automatically made to Mountain Rescue whenever they might be involved, but to discuss and agree amounts at NC if any such occasions arise in the future. 31a.) October NC trip: roles to be allocated 32.) Help with IT services: Work in progress 33.) Group to look at social media use: Work in Progress	Pete to advise members about where to post ads Janet to check website Humphrey to make donations regarding Brecon Beacons trip (£100) Gill to co-ordinate food Humphrey to be trip treasurer Janet to contact specific members she's aware might be interested, and also to send an appeal via WebCollect
7.	Report on Serious Incident on Brecon trip: The NC thanks Janey on behalf of the club for a great job in responding to the situation and helping to achieve the best possible outcome in a very difficult situation. Lessons learned include: better communications of locations e.g. include colour of car; ensure all trip members have all participants' phone numbers; members should carry foil emergency blankets. (Previous NC decision confirmed, that the club should not buy or provide foil blankets to members, but should strongly encourage members to buy their own). Glynn Rowlands could advise on preparing a set of "What to do in an Emergency" guidelines. ~~These should be referenced in an article in the Autumn Bulletin.~~ Regions should all have a group shelter and will be financially supported from central funds if necessary.	Becky and Sarah to check Route Card and Safety Card Pete to email all members Sarah to contact Glynn Rowlands ~~Pete to submit an article for the Autumn Bulletin~~ Pete to send a message to all regions
8.	Trips Group report: Safety issues are currently being discussed and guidance being prepared. Hugh is continuing to investigate a method of recording payments that is not Google Sheets.	Hugh to trial alternative method on upcoming trip

9.	National Gathering 2025: Gill's venues suggestions have had some responses. Would like to hear from Scottish members. Agreed Gill should book Dovedale. Mark advises the Scottish National Group can offer a travel subsidy. Hugh asks that we remind regions that they should organise transport and that central funds can subsidise if necessary. 2 nights or 3? Feeling was that this depends on arrival and departure times on first and last days. If 3 days is agreed we may need to increase charges	Mark to consult with Scottish members Gill to book Friday and Saturday nights and enquire about arrival time (parking) and departure time.
10	Autumn Bulletin: Dave S. has noted things to be included. More material would be welcomed: photos; written pieces max 700 words, min 350. Deadline 8 September. Dave's email has changed General Election: proposed that we ask for members' views on what the new government should be doing about access to land. Pete Watson and Humphrey Southall both said they would make statements on the RR national list about how the club could make a case for greater access, where possible, and their views on the Right to Roam campaign. They would make it clear that this was to encourage others to join in a debate. Contributions would then be featured in the next bulletin, after asking for author's permission.	Janet to ensure emails to "bulletin@redrope" go to his new address Pete and Humphrey to post statements on National List; Dave to publish highlights of responses in Bulletin
11	Donations - general policy on donating to mountain rescue teams who have given us help Donation to Right to Roam. Humphrey queried the validity of applying Scottish regulations to England. Others felt that R to R's work in raising awareness of the access issue in England justifies our support. 8 of those present voted in favour of donating.	dealt with under 6 (30) above Humphrey to make the donation (£50)
12	11-14 Oct 2024 NC trip / meeting at CY (Thurs night an option)	All NC members to state in an email whether they are going early or staying an extra night or not
13	Any Other Business Agreed to discuss membership renewals at the October NC	Pete to add to agenda