



Board of Trustees Meeting

Teleconference on Tuesday 13th September 2016

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be taken by	Date by
Welcome	Peter welcomed everyone at 18.45		
Attendance	<p>Board Members: Peter Walter (PW) Chairman Daniel Burford (DB) Secretary Alastair Warner (AW) Treasurer Andrew Henshall (AH) Danny McKeown (DM) Craig Owen (CO) Will Forshaw (WF) <i>Co-Opted Board member</i></p> <p>In attendance: Simon Pearce (SP) Nas Khalid (NK)</p>		
Apologies	Matt Tennant (MT) Vice Chairman Steven Allen (SA) Dave Lawrence (DL)		
Minutes from last meeting	The draft minutes of the previous meeting of 9 th August were approved.		
Office Board Update	<p>Feedback on the Office Board update was positive. The board commented on the Membership increasing again and also asked to get a clear understanding of how previous Summer Camps had performed financially and asked that they check what the final figure for 2014 Summer Camp was and to make sure this is a confident one.</p> <p>A comment was also made about the of the state of play for Summer Camp moving forward and opened up a discussion around looking at a new venue.</p> <p>A board member asked what had actually been done to look at other venues?</p> <p>It was mentioned that the key thing was the attraction to new members.</p> <p>The Peak District was also mentioned as people from London do seem prepared to travel for a range of activities or may wish for it to be on or near the M1 and easily accessible.</p> <p>Edale was also mentioned but it was noted that there is not necessarily a range of activities there.</p>		



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	<p>The Forest of Dean area was also suggested, as if we are looking at smaller locations could do one in the Peak District and then an Autumn camp in the Brecon Beacons or alternate.</p> <p>A board member commented that as a Londoner without a car Spring Camp was easy to get to and this should be considered.</p> <p>The board agreed that it HAD to be accessible on the train, not necessarily local and the big driver is activities and doesn't need to be as big as 400 members.</p> <p>An action was agreed to look into venues in the Peak District and Brecon Beacons and that the deal with the rugby club for BIG Spring Camp has been agreed for the next 3 years.</p> <p>A question was asked about the state of play with campsites in general and whether we had hit our capacity with camping activities?</p> <p>It was commented that they would definitely like to see an increase for next year and there is definitely an interest from leaders.</p> <p>It was also asked if we could get some testimonials from some camp sites we have used.</p>		
Fianance AGM 15'-16'	<p>The slide show for the upcoming AGM were discussed.</p> <p>The finance forecasting was requested to be revisited as needed to make sure this was spot on.</p>		
Foundation & Funds	<p>The Board asked to continue to look at ways we can make the most of the funds available, it commented that it had taken a while to get things going and now it's been great to get some funds in too. It was mentioned about pushing more support in mental health and distress and developing more outreach support now that we have set up some good foundations this year piloting the project.</p> <p>A comment was made about office role development to look at supporting members with mental health and those suffering with isolation and wanting to look at getting some base level training and working closely with 3rd party service provider who we could support.</p>		



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	<p>It was also commented that we would be continuing the £20 concession discount on overnight weekend events.</p>		
A.O.B National Coordination	<p>A point was raised with regards to whether there was a need for national co-ordination, as it seems the regional level are able to advise comfortably and the expertise is available across many areas and the office are already able to deal with a range of enquiries, and perhaps national co-ordination was not necessarily currently needed in any field of activity.</p> <p>It was also added that Risk Management now sits with the office and if needs be can be investigated.</p> <p>It was suggested that if we needed a short term check on an activity or route for ML we have a range of other ML Leaders to run things by.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would phase out the current National Leader role.</p>		
A.O.B Climbing Loopholes	<p>It was explained that currently climbing is free to everyone so you don't have to be a Member to go climbing every week and the board didn't feel this was right.</p> <p>A comment was made about it being a key gateway into the organisation due to the sheer number of events and people that then go on to do other activities too.</p> <p>It was asked if we were to change the tick box for members only to attend this event, how many people is that going to be effecting?</p> <p>The answer was we are not sure it is effecting many if any.</p> <p>The board asked if everyone was in agreement with closing the loop hole in non-members continuing with climbing after their trial period for free.</p> <p>All Agreed.</p>		
A.O.B Leader Sign off's	<p>A query around the sign off's for Hill Leaders was raised, as it should be a Mountain Trail Leaders signing off a Hill Leader, and the South East Region has a lack of Mountain Trail Leaders currently so</p>		



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	<p>wanted to see if it would be ok to have a revised list of Hill Leaders who are experienced, to sign off other Hill Leader applicants?</p> <p>The board asked where would this be documented?</p> <p>It was stated under the Assessment Procedures.</p> <p>The board asked that we come to an agreement on how this will work and get it formalised and documented.</p> <p>It was also suggested that in some cases 2 Leaders might be able to get together to sign off one Hill Leader together.</p>		
A.O.B OutdoorLads Calendar	<p>The question was asked about how we could make sure it was as inclusive as possible.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the board needed to make sure this also included people who may not be seen as having perfect bodies and yet might be confident to get some kit off, we could even mention it at the AGM.</p> <p>The board was informed that we are aiming for some well shot, happy people with a short testimonial next to the image about how or why they joined and their experience etc</p> <p>It was suggested we could get some names down at the AGM and follow up after.</p> <p>A note was added that we state clearly that it is within taste and value and open to a diversity of age and body shape.</p>		
Meeting closed	<p>The meeting closed at 21:30</p> <p>Next meeting on Saturday 1st October 2016 at 13:00 at AGM.</p>		

Dates of future Board Meetings

Saturday 1st October - AGM

Tuesday 8th November – Teleconference

Thursday 8th December – LGF