

Report for BCA AGM from BCA Qualifications Management Committee

This working group has made significant progress initially under the Chair of Graham Mollard and more recently with Phil Baker as Acting Chair, assisted by Gethin Thomas as Acting Deputy Chair. Mary Wilde has again carried out a tremendous job as Training Administrator in a complex and demanding role. The group is made up of a number of other people all of whom have committed much time and energy developing and supporting the BCA Award schemes.

Some headline items from 2017/18 include

1. Resources - QMC have started developing a series of resource documents to support not only the award schemes but recreational and club cavers. Once completed these will include
 - LCMLA Level 1 Rope Work
 - LCMLA Level 2 Rope Work
 - Geology
 - Rigging Tyrolean Traverses
 - Cave Anchors
 - Hazards – Cave and Mine
 - Access and Conservation
 - Equipment
 - Knots

QMC would appreciate input from the various appropriate BCA constituent bodies once initial drafts are available
2. Finance – The BCA Awards generated a surplus of £2139 last financial year following a restructuring of the charging regime within the schemes
3. Award Scheme numbers – these remained largely static last year
4. Membership of BCA – all Trainer/Assessors (T/As) for the award schemes are now members of BCA and this forms part of their Trainer/Assessor agreement
5. Governance of QMC – this has been clarified/discussed with BCA Council who will be proposing a final governance and structure at this AGM.
6. Radon and the Ionising Radon Regulations 2017 (IRR17) – a radon working group led by QMC with BCA, Association of Heads Of Outdoor Education Centres and Peak Instructed Caving Affiliation representatives has sourced funding from all three bodies to allow ongoing work with Public Health England. This aims to ensure instructed caving meets HSE requirements, under the new IIR 2017, and update BCA radon advice .
7. Chair and deputy Chair of QMC roles – a new process for recruitment for these roles has been agreed. Applications for Chair and Deputy Chair will be welcomed from any current T/A who has been operating for at least three years in that role. He or she should also have been working for a minimum of two years on a group or role for the BCA or constituent body. Job roles will be circulated mid June to all T/As and the interview panel will include a member of BCA Council, QMC and the Training Administrator.

8. Work is continuing to seek an appropriate data base management system to support the overall management of the scheme

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