

BCA AGM Youth and Development Report 2018

As BCA Y&D Officer I have to thank the dedicated group of people who have joined the group and have really changed the way we do things. It might be my name on it but it certainly isn't all my work and so I'll swap to the 'we' and 'our' pronouns for the rest of this report.

The Youth and Development Working Group has continued to go through many changes - piece by piece we are getting closer to a good sustainable framework that will allow BCA to effect significant change on our currently unbalanced demographics.

Standing Committee Application

Our application of the Working Group to become a Standing Committee serves to formalise its existence and will grant the Youth & Development Officer a vote on council. Structurally it will require us to invite representatives from Regional Councils and National Bodies, however many of whom are already keen participants. On the face of it this is largely a cosmetic change but underlines a symbolic permanence and commitment that BCA has towards supporting and expanding Y&D.

The Charterhouse Question

One of the members of the working group, was asked on behalf of a BCA member why they were refused access to CCC Ltd Caves, namely under the provisions 3.1, 4.6 and 4.7 of the BCA constitution. Despite a small furore, misconceptions and miscommunication, a clear path to resolution of the issue has emerged with the BCA obtaining a legal opinion (the question written by representatives of Y&D, the Executive and CCC Ltd). Hopefully a solution can be found in the next few weeks.

We would like to reiterate that we in fact acted in accordance with the constitution and have also complied with the request that we not publish our version of events.

Lancaster University and other Phoenix Clubs

If you've read any Y&D report in the last 9 months you will be familiar with the recreation of LUSS, who have gone from strength to strength and have now applied for BCA membership. Our (as well as caving in general's) support will continue as the first major test of a club is seeing how it can attract new members and gain a body of caving experience. We are looking to see if this model can be exported to other areas of the country. This will be done in a variety of ways:

Documents - now a tried and tested batch of everything from constitutions to risk assessments, the Student Handbook having been taken on by CHECC and expanded into a wiki (a comprehensive guide to running a club).

Equipment - a lend to buy scheme from BCA allowing us to support new student clubs by removing that initial capital cost hurdle.

Local links - we have a very well connected team able to make introductions and find the appropriate sources of support for newly started clubs.

Mountaineering Caving Sections - we are taking an in-depth look at the way we can help grow new clubs in the same way many traditionally started.

Under 18s advice and Meet the Members

Our campaign for Under 18s advice and clarification is temporarily on hold given the Charterhouse question. However we will be running a meet the members campaign through the summer whereby members of BCA Y&D will be available to attend clubs/regional councils for advice/help on how to improve/implement youth and development policies. We can't emphasise enough that we are

expecting to learn just as much (if not more) from the membership than we could teach. Our main aim is to build up a network of expertise.

We're all looking forward to the coming year, and delivering on what's been promised.

Terms of reference for BCA Youth and Development Standing Committee

These terms of reference were drafted on the 30/05/2018 and comply to both the BCA Constitution and its Manual of Operations.

Purpose

- The aim of the group is to assist with and promote BCA Youth and Development projects.

Membership

- Invites are to be sent from the executive of the standing committee (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer).
- There will not be any restrictions on numbers in this terms of reference, rather allowing it to reach an organic operable size.
- There will not be a restriction in membership duration, however if non attendance at meetings and no communication for 1 year occurs membership will be withdrawn.
- There will be a place on all committee meetings/discussions for representatives of each Regional Caving Council and National Bodies of the BCA.
- The Chair of the working group will be the appointed BCA Youth and Development Officer.

Accountability

- The BCA Youth and Development Officer will report back to the BCA by quarterly reports to the council

Review

- This will be done annually and presented at the BCA AGM under the relevant subsection report.

Methods

- Engaging with a wide array of cavers and organizations to achieve the aims of both the BCA and our community.
- Meetings will occur at least once yearly with regular discussions between members of the standing committee occurring in between.
- There will be a minimum of 2 weeks notice for all meetings.
- The Chair will compile the agenda and make it publicly available 1 week before the meeting.

Youth & Development Budget Plans			
2017-2018			
Kit Lend Scheme			
4 SRT kits with spares (footloops, cowstails, pulley)	£1000 for SRT kits plus slings and spares		
One 30ft Electron ladder	£160 for Ladder		
Ropes (m): 60, 50, 30, 30,15,	£220 for Rope		
20 Steel mailions	£70 Mailions		
1 bothy and first aid kit (with daren drum)	£70 for Bothies, Drums and First Aid		
3 tackle sacks	£120 for Tackle Sacks		
Total:	£1,640		
Under 18s legal standpoint campaign			
Fuel, Equipment Hire & Access Fees	£360		
Total until December	£2,000		
2018-2019			
Kit Lend Scheme			
Wear & Tear	£50		
Expansion of the Scheme:			
Horizontal			
8 Helmets (inc lights)	£760		
10 Oversuits	£750		
15 pairs of Wellies	£140		
Total:	£1,700		
Vertical			
4 SRT kits with spares (footloops, cowstails, pulley)	£1,000		
Ropes (m): 60, 50, 30, 30,15,	£220		
20 Steel mailions	£70		
1 bothy and first aid kit (with daren drum)	£70		
3 tackle sacks	£120		
Total:	£1,480		
Combined total:	£3,180		
Under 18s legal standpoint campaign			
Fuel, Material fees.	£200		
Total:	£200		
Youth & Development Grants			
Venue Hire	£500		
Total:	£500		
Club Outreach Scheme			
Fuel, Equipment Hire & Access Fees	£500		
Total:	£500		
Yearly Total:	£4,380		

Note: An agreement was struck with the treasure regarding lending money to start up events, namely the mountaineers weekend and the student scout collaboration			
2019-2020			
Kit Lend Scheme			
Wear & Tear	£100		
Expansion of the Scheme:			
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20 Steel mailions	£70		
1 bothy and first aid kit (with daren drum)	£70		
3 tackle sacks	£120		
Total:	£1,480		
Combined total:	£1,580		
Advertising Budget		£500	
Youth & Development Grants			
Venue Hire	£500		
Total:	£500		
Club Outreach Scheme			
Fuel & Materials	£500		
Total:	£500		
Yearly Total:	£3,080		
2020-2021			
Kit Lend Scheme			
Wear & Tear	£100		
Expansion of the Scheme:			
Replacement/losses from rent:	£500		
Combined total:	£600		
Advertising Budget		£500	
Y&D Training Grants			
Venue Hire	£500		
Total:	£500		
Club Outreach Scheme			
Fuel & Materials	£500		
Total:	£500		
Yearly Total:	£2,100		
I am expecting if the schemes and projects run well that we will have scope to expand our operations by this point Therefore I think it would be sensible to budget between £4000 and £5000 for Year 4			