

**Red Rope:**

**Minutes of NC Meeting held in Leicester 26 th February 2011**

Present: John Dickie (Trip Treasurer), Adrian Jones (Secretary), Steve Wright(Membership secretary), Dave Jeffries (Sheffield), Colin Knowles (Hut Officer), Don Kinnibrugh (Ramblers), Barbara Segal. Plus Chris Walker, (part time), Lancashire Mountaineering Club

Item No	Minutes	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and appoint minutes taker</b>                      Chair - Colin Knowles (am), John Dickie (pm)                      Minutes Adrian (am) Barbara (pm)</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>                      Rebecca Bates, Janet Saunders, Dave Symonds, Dave Doody, Sherry Mc</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of NC meeting Birmingham 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010</b>                      The minutes of the last NC meeting were accepted, subject too:                      Membership Secretary Report – the term 2 months membership ‘expired’ not ‘terminated’ .                      John Dickie still to revise the trip treasurers form (Steve offered to assist).</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from previous minutes (unless on this Agenda)</b>                      Steve Wright – membership application form – not yet amended                      Ramblers /Campaigns job specification to go to the next AGM for approval/Constitution</p>	Steve W
5	<p><b>Reports from officers:</b>  <b>National Secretary</b> Adrian J                      See below NC meetings and AGM</p>	
	<p><b>National Treasurer (admin)</b> Sherry Mc  <b>Current Accounts</b> Income slightly less than expenditure but have paid BMC affiliation, our most significant annual expenditure.                      No printing invoices received in last 3 months  <b>AGM Accounts</b> – see attached sheet                      Still await Lockerbrook invoice. Gill is chasing  <b>Hut Fund</b> – £10,200 approx  <b>Regional Accounts</b> – no more have been received since last meeting  <b>Regional Subsidy</b> – article written for Bulletin. No response to date  <b>Bank Account</b> – Application form sent recently to Co-operative Bank  <b>Archives</b> – have gone through and streamlined. Found 30 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage stamps!  <b>Defunct regions</b> – have found bank details for West Scotland and written to bank. Has a small balance and only one of the three signatories can close it. Meeting requested Sherry prepare a note on how to deal with lapsed accounts -and report to next NC  <b>Job description ref Trip Treasurer</b> – no progress  <b>Implementing Policy</b>                      Very concerned that recent policy changes are not reflected in documentation eg trip transport cap on payment for passengers, trip charges for non-members: both trip organizer’s pack and trip treasurer’s form need updating, as well as the booking form, happy to help with this, or to take it on.  <b>Bank Account</b> –move to Co-operative Bank is underway, signatories revised to Sherry Mc, Adrian J, Johnathan Bridge  <b>BMC Affiliation Fee</b></p>	Sherry

<p>It is the member that is affiliated to the BMC, not RR. However the BMC affiliation fee is paid annually on anniversary. The problem of part year membership therefore arises for new members in respect of their insurance. The meeting requested Sherry contact/discuss with the BMC the part year insurance issue.</p>	<p>Sherry</p>
<p><b>National Trips treasurer</b> John Dickie  Trip treasurer has not yet updated the trip treasuring form or written a job spec for this job as proposed at last NC meeting. Hoping to do the two at same time as finishing the trip organiser pack with Becky (waiting on the 'public transport sub-committee').</p>	<p>John D</p>
<p><b>National trips secretary</b> Becky Bates – written report  Scottish Trips for this year are full, not sure if they have reserve lists yet.  The cancellation rate has fallen with just one late drop out on both Feb Trips. Although unavoidable this does have a negative impact particularly if cars have 3 people in. When this drops to two we lose money as drivers are still entitled to payment at 3x E band.  Members do not get their nightly charge back if cancelling the month before the trip and this has helped reduce the loss. Although this can feel unfair, didn't think we can afford to do otherwise.</p> <p>Organisers are working very hard to arrange transport economically but it is a challenge. One quote this week for adding an extra driver to a policy was £80 so we just have to hope that most will be cheaper or not needed. It is hard work to research costs of using different cars and there is not always a choice. I think organisers should aim for four in cars to give a cushion for late cancellations. For the Easter trip I have arranged two cars of 4 with extra people on the train.</p> <p>Has booked two trips for next year and will book more. This year there was a lot of interest in the two winter trips and others have been arranged privately by Red Rope members who couldn't get places or wanted to take friends/family. Some of them hope to meet up with us next week to walk or climb. Hope that next year we may be able to accommodate everyone but it is hard to predict numbers. Have heard people say they will book on early for next years Feb Trips.</p> <p>We have started to review the trip organiser's pack but need confirmation of public transport guidelines. Will this be confirmed at the next meeting?  The trip organiser has to authorise all arrangements including the booking of train tickets as they have the overall picture. It is important that they are aware of the date at which cheap fares become available - often a few days after 12 weeks before travel.</p> <p>It will be interesting to see how the Feb 'cottage' trip went and whether people will want to repeat it next year. Cottages can be cheaper than huts during low season and so long as we aim for £8 pppn, good reasons to extend their use. It would widen opportunities in terms of locations. Will talk with Sherry, who will be going on both Feb Trips to see how they compared and also with Malcolm who organised the first trip.</p> <p>Does not think we will have to raise trip charges this year or next but does keep an eye on arrangements being made</p>	<p>Rebecca B  John D</p>

	<p>Non members on trips Supports payment of cost price (E band charge) for the first trip with subsequent trips at band plus 50%.</p>	
	<p><b>Membership secretary</b> Steve Wright Presented a membership report, with banding, region by region. Current total membership – 315. 12 new members in February. <u>Validating membership for trips and AGM</u> Offered to check all trip applications against the membership data to ensure organisers know who is and more importantly who isn't a club member (and even what band they are currently on for membership). The trip organisers instructions needs to be updated for this. In the meantime, we need to let national and regional trip organisers know that this is now club policy and to ask them to send trip applicants' names to steve by email for verification, <u>before the trip takes place</u>. Will mail all current trip organisers for applicant details. We may need to consider if there is some way of ensuring organisers provide this information. To facilitate this process it may be useful to add a space for the membership number on the trip form. <u>Non-members on national trips, regional trips and other events</u> Knows of several people who are no longer paid-up members who are actively involved with RR activities. At our next meeting would like to discuss how we might encourage these folk to re-join – possibly some sort of financial 'penalty' for participation, over and above the 20% mark-up for trips? <u>Members requesting no MIS</u> A small number of members have requested that they no longer receive the MIS by email. The meeting agreed that MIS would continue to be emailed to all addresses held, onus being on the recipient to delete if not required. – RR policy is to send MIS to everyone as it contains significant club information.</p>	
	<p><b>Bulletin editor</b> Dave S written report Sent the latest bulletin to the printer a month early. However, it is due be sent out with the March MISs, so it should be available soon. It is also now on the website. Was pleased with the standard of the articles and photographs which have been submitted for the latest issue Because it's all in black and white Dave is expecting it to cost about £70 less than usual, but we've paid £30 for the use of the poem on the back page. Dave is requesting material for the summer edition, which will revert to the colour/ b&amp;w format, by the end of June. Would appreciate it if the organisers of the AGM could send some promotional material, and photos of the venue. It's helpful if text is sent as a Word attachment, and photos are sent as Jpegs.</p>	
	<p><b>MIS editor</b> Mark Wallis No written report, MIS seems to be running soundly.</p>	

<p>MIS on the web-site: The prototype alternative version produced by Mark was an improvement, but there was still the issue of personal contact details in the header sections. Dave J. suggested that generic addresses for local walks and climbs coordinators could solve this. Dave to investigate this and John to continue discussions with Mark. The committee would like to see an actual prototype before making a decision. Mark has indicated willingness to do a full prototype MIS for us if we want, then at the summer June NC (or perhaps by email) decide if we want to go ahead and actually start putting the MIS on the Web.</p>	
<p><b>IT Officer.</b> David Doody. Nothing specific to report</p>	
<p><b>Training officer.</b> Mike Hargaden Nothing of great significance to report. Brief discussion on whether we might be able to offer small subsidies to individual members attending approved training courses, eg those run by the BMC. It was concluded this needed input from the treasurer so no decision taken at this meeting.</p>	
<p><b>BMC Contact</b> Chris D Nothing specific to report. It was decided by the NC meeting not to apply for an equipment grant from the BMC as we have sufficient already, there is a problem distributing it and it is little used anyway.</p>	
<p><b>Publicity</b> Janet S written report We are supposed to be preparing an exhibition for the Lockerbrook YHA very soon. We also need to get something together for Don to use at the Ramblers conference, was thinking of some cards with stuff on them. Or even printed boards? Janet would like it if a couple of folk would volunteer to help get both these together -one should be aimed at a younger audience. Barbara raised the idea that regional groups could request a budget from National funds for publicity purposes if they needed it.It was concluded that the Region should write to the National Secretary in such circumstances to request.</p>	<p>Volunteers for Janet?</p>
<p><b>Ramblers Campaigns officer</b> Don Kinnibrugh <u>1 The Ramblers General Council ('AGM')</u> takes place on Saturday/Sunday 16th/17<sup>th</sup> April this year at Keble College Oxford, and hopefully there will be at least two of us from Red Rope. (Bookings have to be in by March 11<sup>th</sup>) <u>A stall will be held there:</u> if anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of some RR merchandise – tee shirts, rucksack badges, penants etc –let Don know.  <u>2. Campaigns:</u> Plans for a possible Red Rope motion at the Ramblers' conference on the proposed sell-off of Forestry Commission land were negated by the Government's sudden abandonment of the policy!  However, the next big issue is that of local authority cuts to RoW budgets for 2011-12. (eg Bolton are making their entire rights of way team redundant; Cumbria are cutting their footpaths budget by a third and the Isle of Wight by 80%; Norfolk may be withdrawing their service and planning to hand it over to volunteers and parish councils) There is likely to be plenty of scope for RR joining local Ramblers groups in demos etc, if these decide to take action. More discussion under (10) below.</p>	<p>Don</p>

<p><b>Hut Officer</b> Colin K  Chris Walker, Lancashire Mountaineering Club gave an update to the meeting on progress on hut construction at Bedgelert.  The foundations and floor are built. It will have mains electricity, self treated water, small sewage works. Cooking by gas. Single beds, not bunks. It is planned to have walls and roof installed by September. Opening planned for September 2012. Capacity 20 people.  LMC have enough funds to complete the shell; the BMC grant will fund internals.  RR will be charged on a per member basis, at the same rate as LMC members.  Camping on the site may be possible, during the interim before the hut is complete, once sewage treatment is operational.  Chris handed over 3 copies of the RR/LMC Agreement, signed by LMC. These were signed by RR at the meeting. Each to be forwarded to the BMC for signature (as arbitrator).</p>	<p>Adrian</p>
<p><b>Gear Coordinator</b> Adrian O’C  No report. It was discussed that a gear list be prepared and put on the web site; John Dickie will send him an email to request this, Nat Sec to back this up also.</p>	<p>Adrian Oconnor,  John D</p>
<p><b>Development and Recruitment sub-group</b> - Barbara Segal  Some work by Barbara &amp; Dermot (with input from half a dozen other RR members and subsequently from Janet), summarised as follows  <b>Ideas for Increasing Red Rope Membership were presented by Barbara</b>  <b>General publicity – some national and some to be done by local groups</b>  Articles for magazines (usually free, and more likely to be read than ads). Some possible ones: Great Outdoors, Morning Star, Red Pepper, Trade Union papers (regional and/or national), local alternative papers, such as West Highland Free Press, Green party &amp; other environmental publications  National ‘business cards’. (Could Dave J give us an idea of the cost of these?)  Reciprocal publicity with like-minded organisations, eg local cycling campaigns and socialist choirs  Direct contact with key organisations, such as Woodcraft folk. (Janet has tried emails so this may need personal contact by telephone at regional/local level)  Leaflets to be displayed in public places –Outdoor shops, libraries, radical bookshops – preferably accompanied by business cards or small flyers that people could take for themselves or friends, and which would point them to the web-site.  Stalls at suitable local events such as those to do with cycling and environmental issues  Get upcoming events into local listings magazines – often free  Web-site content to attract new members (may need to await</p>	

	<p>enhancements to site)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wiki to discuss activities, safety issues etc.</li> <li>○ Quotes from members about what they get out of Red Rope</li> </ul> <p><b>Involving regions and members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide support for local membership/publicity contacts</li> <li>● Article about membership profile for the Bulletin</li> <li>● Advise local groups of new members asap after they join</li> <li>● Publicise membership successes in the Bulletin</li> </ul> <p><b>Nurturing new and existing members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make personal contact with new members – if possible arrange to meet up on a forthcoming RR activity</li> <li>● Provide new members with a written introduction to Red Rope – how we organise, activities, banding, etc. (Janet is already working on this)</li> <li>● Try to keep in touch with local members that we haven't seen for a while</li> <li>● Contact recently lapsed members (locally) and/or carry out an exit survey</li> </ul> <p><b>How to organise all or some of this</b></p> <p>It's a lot of work – too much for the publicity officer. Local groups will have varying capacities to do their bit. An ad-hoc sub-group could make an initial push, but we'll need to keep at it until membership stabilises or begins to increase.</p> <p>Colin suggested the above be circulated to members/regional group contacts, and/or put on the website, as a prompt for members to assist in recruitment. Barbara to action.</p>	<p><b>Recruitment sub-group</b></p>
	<p><b>Others who may attend/Regional Reps</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Hut update</b> (Colin K)</p> <p>The final agreement (subject to ratification by the BMC) was available for signature, and Adrian was authorised to sign on behalf of Red Rope.</p> <p>The hut sub-committee's proposals for dealing with the available weekends and bed-nights, attached to these minutes, were welcomed. We thought they'd done a great job in coming up with a workable solution. The proposals were accepted in principle but referred back to the committee for further consideration of a few points:</p> <p>On point 4: The .8 multiplier on charges seemed about right in terms of costs, but didn't look like much of a benefit to members. The sub-committee will consider whether it could be reduced slightly, to 0.7 or 0.75.</p> <p>On point 9: it was suggested that it might be helpful if more than one person could attend the LMC quarterly Hut Management Committee meetings, to provide support for our liaison officer and additional input where decisions needed to be made on the spot. This person</p>	<p>Adrian</p>

	<p>need not be a member of the hut sub-committee, and we would not insist that they had voting rights at the meetings.</p> <p>The sub-committee would circulate a revised proposal to the NC, and once this was approved a note covering the main points would appear in the MiS.</p> <p>It was agreed that RR hut finances should be accounted for separately from general club funds – so that we would have information on surpluses/losses. The sub-committee was also asked to recommend what should happen to the Hut Fund.</p> <p>Regions and national trips would have priority for the period up to 3 months before the bed nights are to be taken, i.e. no individual bed nights could be booked more than 3 months ahead.</p> <p>Gill Platt has reported she is happy to act as hut booker for the LMC hut.</p>	Gill Platt
7	<p><b>AGM 2011</b> Adrian J</p> <p>Thorpe farm, Hathersage, is booked and deposit paid for the AGM weekend. There is no camping space on-site, but plenty of camp-sites nearby. Gill Cox has volunteered to coordinate catering and Barbara would deal with bookings. Dave Doody has offered to help with the walks.</p> <p>Some concern was raised about attracting members to the event, given the lack of controversial business! Suggestions were that we could get an interesting after dinner speaker, or organise some training for part of the weekend. Barbara to email the NC and the national list asking for suggestions.</p>	Barbara, Adrian, Dave Doody
8	<p><b>Future NC meetings: venues, dates – update</b></p> <p>Rota Birmingham, Leicester, Sheffield was agreed as an acceptable rota for the time being, no objections. To be kept under review.</p> <p>Dates and venues had already been fixed until the end of 2012 . It was agreed that in future we in future we will ensure National Committee meetings do not clash with national trips, especially the weeks of the February Scottish trips. These tend to occur at the time of school half-term holidays. Adrian to check this out for dates already agreed.</p>	Adrian
9	<p><b>Policy towards members who do not renew but continue to participate in club events.</b></p> <p>Non-members participating in club activities, especially trips.</p> <p>From the membership records it appears that some lapsed members are continuing to participate in club activities; there are also a few people who regularly join in Red Rope activities, but who have no intention of joining. Not only is this financially detrimental to the club, it also raises issues with respect to our insurance cover. Now that regions were receiving accurate monthly membership updates, it was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) We can advise regions to remove expired and lapsed members ( agreed to use the terms ‘expired’ for members who haven’t renewed 2 months after their due date, and ‘lapsed’ for those who don’t renew after 12 months)</li> <li>a) For insurance reasons, non-members should not be allowed to act as leaders of any Red Rope activities. A notice to this effect would be posted in the MiS, top of page 1.</li> </ol>	

	<p>Non-members would not be allowed to go on trips to the LMC huts. There was a discussion as to whether prospective members should be allowed to go on any trips. [Would it need to go to the AGM for decision].</p> <p>Steve will lead on preparing a set of proposed rules to clarify and strengthen our policy in this area and will consult the rest of the NC for persons wishing to contribute.</p>	Steve Wright
10	<p><b>Ramblers AGM, Oxford, 16th-17th April</b></p> <p>At the last NC meeting in Birmingham (27th Nov), it was agreed that two Red Rope members should attend the next Ramblers AGM or 'General Council'. This will take place at Keble College Oxford the weekend before Easter (Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th April). As booking forms need to be received by Ramblers Central Office by March 11th, we need to decide who is going as soon as possible. As Red Rope, as an affiliated organisation, has only one vote, one member will go as a delegate, the other as an 'observer' (as is also the practice with most of the RA's own Area delegations). To allow time for travelling the Council sessions usually begin at about 2.0 pm on the Saturday and finish at about 1.30 pm on the Sunday. Lunch, tea and coffee are provided on both days, as is dinner on the Saturday plus Sunday breakfast - these are included together with a night's accommodation in the fee of £178 per person (up on last year - presumably because it is Oxford). Just to reiterate, the aim of sending a Red Rope delegation of two (rather than a single member) is to raise Red Rope's profile within the Ramblers - including, eg, running a stall selling Red Rope merchandise at breaks and lunchtimes and generally talking to as many people as possible.</p> <p>Political struggles have taken place within the Ramblers in recent years, especially at last years AGM, which should make this year's one another interesting occasion.</p> <p>Steve Wright will support Don on the Saturday Ramblers AGM. It was agreed RR to put together an official motion so that RA undertakes not to replace the functions of the local authority footpath officers, etc.</p> <p>Barbara could attend the Sunday morning. Don to search economical over night stay accommodation. Although attending the meeting is expensive it was pointed out that Ramblers affiliation costs us far less than BMC affiliation, and that issues taken up by the Ramblers, particularly access, are probably of relevance to more of our members.</p> <p>We agreed that we should try and raise the political profile of Red Rope by supporting Ramblers members who were pointing out the detrimental results of accepting government funding. Don was also asked to present a motion instructing management and members not to pick up any work resulting from local authority cuts to footpath and access budgets. Don and Barbara to liaise over wording. Janet, Barbara &amp; Don will be producing publicity materials for the meeting.</p> <p>It would be useful if we knew who in Red Rope was also a members of the Ramblers. [I think I agreed to email the national list about this, but as so few of our members are on the list, it might be better to put something in the next Bulletin, probably in conjunction with a report</p>	Steve/Don/Barbara

	on the meeting]	
11	<p><b>Charging - Housing Element With Respect To Housing Benefit.</b>  Where members were in receipt of large amounts of housing benefit, they could end up in very high bands, which did not reflect their financial position. We had a brief discussion on this, but failed to reach any conclusions, other than it seemed likely that this was specific to London. The banding sub-committee was delegated to explore this further, in consultation with the London regional committee.</p>	Banding committee (Sherry, Adrian, Dave J)
12	<p><b>Information required for claiming the Regional Subsidy</b>  It was suggested that the treasurer might circulate some concrete examples of regional accounts in the appropriate format with her annual request for information.</p>	Sherry
14	<p><b>Standing orders for the running of NC meetings.</b>  Some controversy was caused at the last NC over the rights of the Chair when it came to voting. it has been proposed by Colin that in future National Committee meetings follow the procedures recommended in Wal Hannington's book "Mr Chairman" for the conduct of committee meetings, and that the National Secretary shall ensure that the relevant procedures are available for consultation at National Committee meetings. After discussion, this was accepted with one vote against.</p>	Nat Secretary
17	<p><b>Any other business.</b>  Subsidies for individual members attending approved training courses. Referred to training officer for input and treasurer to look at financial implications.</p>	Sherry/Mike Hargarden
	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>  Type: National Committee  Date: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011  Venue: The University Arms, 197 Brook Hill, Sheffield, S3 7HG</p>	

## Some proposals for dealing with the LMC weekends/bed-nights

1. As the agreement between us and the LMC is currently in circulation for signing, and shortly we will be paying over the £10k we have raised, this is an opportune moment to remember that we now have three decisions to make:
  - a. How are we to decide how the three weekends/year are booked, one of which may be a Bank Holiday weekend, and what rates do we charge for those bed-nights.
  - b. How are we to arrange for the booking of the 200 bed nights per year, and how members will pay for them.
  - c. What should be the composition of the sub-committee who liaise with LMC going forward.
- 2.
3. Regarding weekends this year it seems unlikely that we will be able to fit 3 in between now and the end of December, as weekend plans are laid for both clubs longer in advance than that. Pragmatically it might be possible to fit in the August Bank Holiday and another weekend this year. However it would seem sensible to be clear to our members that these weekends would have been arranged on an ad-hoc basis and in future the operation will be more planned.
- 4.
5. For the longer term my suggestion is that the weekend that is a Bank Holiday weekend be organised as a National Trip, and that the other two weekends be rotated around the regions. These arrangements could be taken care of by the new Hut Sub-committee and so we could agree not to legislate on the matter but leave it to them.
6. Regarding trip rates to LMC huts due to the other costs associated with every trip (food, transport) the reduction hut fees does not make a massive difference. However, as we will only pay for the bed-nights we use, the combination of the two means that we could advertise them as trips with a multiplier of 0.8.
7. Gill Platt very kindly agreed to take on the initial mantle of bookings for the 200 bed nights. The sharing mechanism for Google Docs spreadsheets is helpful for our purpose here, because document control can be fine-grained i.e. A spreadsheet can be set as editable by Gill and any other nominees (including the LMC hut booker, who could block out reserved dates), visible to “Anyone with the link” i.e. a URL visible to our members and the LMC officials. Thus our members can readily check if the hut they want is available.
8. We will be allocated a limited number of keys, and Gill will have to send them out to members requesting bed-nights. Members will need to apply to Gill well in advance. I would advocate that we only accept bookings with payment in advance, with an additional hefty deposit for the key. Where a booking cannot be taken up due to illness etc. then the money can be held as credit for that person to call off in the future. This mechanism has two benefits – no chasing of members for unpaid fees and also, a minimum number of postal/email transactions. Again we should consider payment only via PayPal or via Direct Debit – cheques are to be phased out (possibly by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018) so it makes sense to start with a future-proofed payment system.
9. Currently LMC charge their members £4/bed-night. The option of trying to set up a sliding scale from A to H for a £4 charge seems over-zealous. Many of our regions have a Low (Bands A-C)/Medium (D-F)/High (G-H) charging mechanism for local shared transport etc. and we could go down that route – e.g. Low £2.50/night, Medium £4/night, High £5.50/night. Alternatively we could bite the bullet and say as we are in effect honorary members of LMC whilst we are staying in their huts, then we should all pay the flat rate. It’s not as if it’s expensive.
10. Allocation of bed-nights to individuals could be a hot topic. However I note that other clubs do not get worked up about this issue and so I suggest that pragmatically we exercise no rationing or queuing mechanism at all, except to say that booking more than 14 nights in any one year seems excessive. We may well find that the take-up is quite low, in which case we don’t have a problem. On the other hand, if we find that the demand exceeds 200 bed nights, the answer is simple - raise more money and buy more bed-nights from the LMC. I’ve no doubt that they’d be prepared to do a deal (such as 40 extra bed-nights per £1000 raised).
11. The Hut sub-committee membership probably only needs to be four strong:
  - National Secretary and Treasurer as de facto members

- Bed-night booker to manage the spreadsheet/money/keys
- LMC Liaison officer to deal with interfacing issues and to attend the LMC quarterly Hut Management Committee meetings.

The last two roles would replace the current role of Hut Officer, which would no longer be needed. This change would need to be put to the AGM. Both these officers would report to the National Committee though as they would not be senior officers attendance would not be 'compulsory'.

Colin Knowles, Hut Officer, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011