RR NC Zoom meeting, 24 July 2022 page1

Attendees:

Barbara Segal, Jon Marsden, Pete Watson (chair), Janet Saunders, David Symonds (minutes), Sarah and Becky Bates, Humphrey Southall, Mark Ryle

Apologies: Dominic Griffiths, Steve Wright

1. Support for Bristol climbers' project to renovate facilities in Wintour's Leap.

(Wintour's Leap is a noted rock climbing location and viewpoint. It is located near the village of Woodcroft in Gloucestershire, on the English side of the Wye Valley, north of Chepstow.)

Bristol member Julio said the climbers would like a donation from RR of £100 to continue their work in replacing 'protection' at Wintour's Leap. He estimated the whole project, with voluntary labour, might cost £7,000. Donations had been received from Gloucester MC and other organisations.

RR Treasurer Humphrey Southall asked if the project had a bank account. Julio answered in the affirmative and said he would forward the details.

Barbara Segal explained that 'Bristol Climb' which Julio had mentioned, is an umbrella organisation which the RR group have been working with.

Mark Ryle pointed out that one piece of protection would cost £10 and that £100 would not go very far. David Symonds then proposed donating £500, in the light of savings RR had made during lockdown. Humphrey and Janet Saunders suggested donating £250 and publicising the appeal so that individual RR members could also contribute. The latter was passed conclusively. Pete Watson thanked Julio for bringing the appeal to the club's attention and said it was important that RR could be seen to be supporting its climbers.

2. Implementation of 10% increase in trip charges, as voted for at April's AGM.

Barbara Segal submitted some figures, rounded to the nearest pound, to be used on a new booking form. After some discussion the figures were accepted and Sarah Bates volunteered to complete the new form.

In the light of trips taking place in October it was considered important to make it available asap to all members via a Webcollect message. It was also decided by email on Monday 25 July by 6 NC members that the May 2021 form and rates should be accepted until July 31, as it had not been possible to book on to the 13-16 October, Beddgelert trip without the updated form.

3. RR Twitter account

Pete Watson proposed setting up a Twitter account for the national club and will liaise with publicity person Esme Roslin about its administration. This was discussed and it was suggested that we should go ahead with it on a trial basis, depending on the outcome of talks between Pete and Esme. Humphrey suggested it should be reviewed after 6 months, if implemented.

4. Decisions by email

Humphrey had hoped this would be discussed at the last NC meeting in Birmingham which he was unfortunately not able to attend because ill-health. He is also keen to discuss RR procedures using Zoom. These will be on the agenda at the next NC meeting. Standard meetings have been listed in the MIS but some of the ones arranged at short notice had not been and had also not been minuted. In future all NC meetings, like today's, will be. (The 12 November meeting will now start at 2pm.)

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