30th September 2026

Meeting #2 Minutes

Participants	Absent
Merle Cooper Wilson (**MCW**) – Chair Emma McCook (**EM**) – Secretary and Inclusion Officer Ben McLaren (**BM**) – Gear Secretary Ellie Knobel (**EK**) – Media Secretary Megan Brock (**MB**) – Climbing Secretary Jacob Felton (**JF**) – Climbing Secretary Tom Woodrow (**TW**) – Orienteering Secretary Ella Partridge (**EP**) – Walking Secretary James Cockrill (**JC**) – Treasurer Charlie Godfrey (**CG**) – Social Secretary Harry Bratcher-Howard (**HBH**) – Orienteering Secretary Eddie Richardson (**ER**) – Walking Secretary	

Recurring Items

Item		Actions
1	**Welcome**	
2	**Walking** Sunday walk will be run as a Bath Active session. Walking secs are sorting out Pen y Fan day trip. The event planner is due in 2 weeks.	EP and ER to send walk route every Tuesday for Bath Active.
3	**Climbing** The peaks trip event planner will be submitted once the cost estimator is finalised. The LUMA taster session was successful. Luke and Ben plan to organise weekly LUMA training sessions, 2 hours every Wednesday, to be limited to BUCS athletes after trials. Learn to lead/belay courses will take place in the next few weeks, finishing before Peaks trip.	JF and JC to discuss peaks trip cost estimator after meeting.
4	**Orienteering** The weekend trip in November is booked, and the cost estimator is finished, subject to approval from JC. The event planner is almost submitted. A day trip has been	TW to request funding for head torches from Bath Active.

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	planned, and the cost estimator is finished. Weekly training sessions are going well. All maps will be on the Google Drive, under Training 2026/27. Trail run was run as a Bath Active session, which went well. Head torches are necessary going into winter if BUMC continues to run trail runs with Bath Active. Athletics offers run clubs which conflict with Mountaineering trail run. Mountaineering will likely take over offering these runs for both societies. The trail running day trip will likely be at the end of November in Brecon Beacons. Security and campus estates have signed off on hosting orienteering championships, BUMC will not be involved in running the event.	TW to discuss moving Athletics run clubs or have mountaineering take over these.
5	**Socials** CG is booking pubs and laser tag, which will ideally be sometime in the first semester. Brit Rock will be 12th November.	CG to reach out to pubs for Christmas Dinner. CG to complete Brit Rock event planner.
6	**Welfare and Inclusivity** EM reached out to coaches at TCA for an accessible climbing taster.	EM to follow up on accessible climbing taster.
7	**Finance** JC has received an estimated budget, roughly matching last year's subsidies. More memberships have been purchased this year than at this point last year, so BUMC will likely reach the membership target of 315.	
8	**Gear** BM has sorted out and taken inventory of the gear store and collected donated used gear. Most of the donated gear is unusable but can be used for socials and welfare activities.	
9	**Media** EK has scheduled an Instagram takeover on Sunday of Freshers' trip.	EK to post safety information and inclusive climbing events.

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New items

Item	Discussion/Description	Actions
1	**Roles and Responsibilities**	All members to ensure they've read the constitution and understand their role.
2	**Calendar for the semester/the year** Overview of calendar for the year. Discussion of trad climbing on Peaks trip. Committee decided that due to the lack of leaders with trad experience, Peaks 2 will be more trad focused, while Peaks 1 will be primarily a bouldering and sport climbing trip.	EK to make sure ISB booking is in her name.
3	**Freshers' Week Debrief** Discussion of adding more information to the WhatsApp group and the SU What's On page so members without Instagram can access Freshers' Week information. Freshers' Week was successful, and every event had a good turnout. Night hike should be advertised as a sober event in future years to limit attendance and ensure safety. Women+ session went very well. The BMC seminar went well. BMC TV has a lot of great safety videos – these might make good Sunday videos. The BMC is growing rapidly, and the event is gaining popularity, so committee next year will need to sign up early.	CG to clarify with SU how to add to What's On. MCW and walking secs to emphasise night hike challenges in handover. JC to follow up with SU about paying for BMC seminar next year.
4	**First Aid Day 2** Must happen within 6 weeks to get the second qualification. Discussion of whether the club will pay for day 2 qualification, committee decided that this isn't the best use of training budget.	MCW to email first aid participants about this opportunity.
5	**Trip Sign Ups** Many club members were upset about the way Freshers' trip signup worked, especially how it disadvantages those with bad internet. Lottery system discussed, decided this will end up with less keen people on trips. Discussion of leaving some spaces reserved for freshers on the trip to make sign-ups fairer, decided that this is up to next year's committee.	ER to reach out to SU to discuss the possibility of a lottery system with a 1-minute sign up window.

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		MCW to include this new sign-up system in chair handover.
6	**Captains** Captains must be first aid trained to lead activities alone. Committee members can nominate potential captains in committee meetings, and the committee will then vote. Activity secs will decide how many captains are appropriate for each activity.	Activity secs to draft job descriptions for each captain by next committee meeting.
7	**Charity Events** Movember needs to be organised ASAP. Mountaineering will climb the height of Mt. Everest (300 climbs). The backyard ultra currently conflicts with another ultramarathon. Discussion of moving the backyard ultra to November as a Movember event, but committee agreed it's best to have only climbing for Movember. EP proposed a walking charity event for Mind. Night Hike could be run as a charity event.	MB to contact The Arc to organise an event. EP to reach out to Student Minds to organise a walking charity event.
8	**Insurance Risks**	JC to send BMC and British Orienteering invoices.
10	**Health and Safety** Helmets are not required on Freshers' Trip for Grade 1 scrambles but are recommended. Discussion of whether committee should encourage helmets on Freshers' Trip scramble. **Top rope session** Top rope session available to 4-6 committee members. EM, MCW, JC, and EK to attend.	MCW to consult alumni about helmet requirements. JC to consult with BM and purchase helmets before Freshers' Trip.
11	**SU Outreach** SU Student Support has requested activities to include isolated students. After discussion, committee decided that BUMC doesn't have the capacity to offer additional walks.	EM to respond and decline the offer for student support sessions, and suggest advertising regular Sunday Walks to Student Support groups.