13th October 2026

Meeting #3 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, and confirm the minutes of the last meeting.**	N/A
2	**Walking** Pen y fan event planner and product form have been submitted, and MPVs have been booked. The Cotswolds trip will move a week forward, to the 22nd of November, to avoid clash with orienteering/trail running. Sunday walks are going well.	ER to discuss sign-ups with SU.
3	**Climbing** The Peaks trip event planner has been submitted, and the second round of sign-ups is tonight. Learn to lead/belay starts tomorrow. The first sessions are full, while the second ones still have spaces. Discussion of offering sport climbing on both days of the Peaks trip, as trad is extremely limited.	
4	**Orienteering** November trip may change because Sunday event has been cancelled. Saturday event is still planned, so this	Orienteering secs will speak to Stacey to figure this out.

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	could be run as a day trip instead, and the planned day trip can become an overnight trip. Discussion of whether HBH and TW can find another suitable activity for Sunday, because accommodation is booked. Training is going well.	
5	**Socials** Good attendance at socials. Laser tag deposit has been paid, and there is now enough money to pay the whole cost. Christmas meal will be at Victoria pub after committee vote in group chat, will be booked asap.	All committee members who wish to attend to buy tickets before the last week of October.
6	**Welfare and Inclusivity** EM and climbing secs to meet with Daniel from TCA to organise accessible climbing taster. Another women+ climbing/walking session will be planned, 1st November is a tentative date.	EM to put document with u18s on google drive, speak to Stacey to ensure they've filled out necessary forms.
7	**Finance** JC to pay all remaining expenses from freshers' trip, including next year's accommodation. JC to pay BMC insurance once EM finishes uploading info.	EM to upload insurance info on MSO on Sunday. JC to remind drivers to submit fuel expenses.
8	**Gear** Britrock event planner hasn't been submitted yet because costs were unknown. Will be submitted soon. Difficulty finding a room for the event, so it will likely take place in the edge.	

Past items

Item	Update	Actions
1	Committee top rope training Mike had a heart attack and is in recovery, will be taking it easy for the next month. Top rope training will take place later in the year.	

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	Peaks will use top ropes on sport anchors, so this won't affect the trip.	
2	SU outreach events follow up BUMC has the highest response rate of any club for Bath Active, events will continue. Head torches are a work in progress; need is increasing as it gets darker.	TW to request head torches from Bath Active.

New items

Item	Discussion/Description	Actions
1	Leader Commitment Leaders have ended up disappointed when they are leading on the only nice day. Suggested solution is to have climbing leaders lead 50% of the time, and work with expected weather. It must be made clear to leaders that they are expected to lead activities and may not be able to do the activity they want to do. Rather than guaranteeing 50% of the time leading, it must be clear that this is a goal. Trip organisers must be clear to leaders whether they are expected to lead, drive, or both. Safety is the top priority when making leader decisions.	Trip organisers to ensure that all leaders know what leading on each trip entails.
2	Freshers' trip debrief Everything went smoothly. People enjoyed the trip and made the best of slightly rainy conditions. The wide variety of activities made sure everyone enjoyed what they did. It would have been helpful to send an explicit list of where everyone went and when they were expected to return in the leaders' chat. Any change of plans should be communicated to trip organizer.	MCW and EK to discuss van issues with Chris.

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3	Captains Discussion of need for captains and urgency to establish a captain system. Priority will be given to those with first aid training.	Activity secs to send out request for captains, all in one email, with job descriptions outlined. EP to organise email. Captains will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

AOB

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1	ISB Accommodation is organised, deposits need to be paid. The interest meeting will be on 22nd October. Applications are open for 1 week after this meeting.	CG to send out ISB info email.
2	Concerns have been raised around skill of leaders, especially about competency of trad leaders. Peaks trip will be run with limited trad leaders, meaning trad will not be widely available on this trip.	
3	Movember TCA is happy to host Everest challenge on 25th November, expecting 30 people.	