

**BCA Training & Equipment Working Group Meeting**  
**1st June 2022**

**Minutes**

**In attendance:**

Steve Gray SG (Training Officer and Convenor)  
Ian Patrick IP (CNCC Training Officer)  
Mark Richards MR (CNCC Equipment Representative)  
Fabian Ehlers (DCA Asst. Training Officer)  
Rob Watson RW (CHECC Training Officer)  
Richard Vooght (DCUC Equipment Officer)  
Russell Myers Recorder

Apologies received from:  
Stephan Nantynczuk  
Nigel Atkins  
Jo White  
Rich Hill

**1. Acceptance of the minutes from the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

Proposed **SG**, seconded Fabian Ehlers– accepted unanimously.

**2. Matters Arising**

a) No discussion took place about the Terms of Reference for the Group – still out for consultation. Agreed to table at the next meeting.

b) Discussed how “Equipment” fitted into the new structure and particularly the Anchor programme and approval of installers. **MR** pointed out the need to recognise the different rock type (slate) in North Wales.

Resolved to contact the Regions and determine how that “approval” was undertaken to ensure a common standard. **SG** to contact Stephan Nantynczuk about how installers were approved to gain more clarity on the matter.

IP offered to circulate the CNCC procedure.

c) Ask the IT Manager to arrange uploading documents to the website.

**3. Reports**

a) Received reports from the constituent bodies which were noted with nothing arising from them and accepted unanimously. (Copies attached as appendices to these minutes.)

**IP** asked what other regions were doing regarding openness/transparency and conflict of interest in providing training.

After a discussion, the Chair, **SG** suggested forming a small informal group to consider circulate a survey of the issue by email to the WG representatives.

#### **4. Petzl Harness**

**SG** had approached Petzl but no response from them to report and requested feeding back to him anymore information about the issue.

**MR** reported that ACI had email re 3 incidents with the new harnesses and clarified that the issue was slippage of the doubling back through the links. A discussion developed about what to do with the information we now have and also how we might set up a survey on BCA website to collate such information.

Agreed to approach the IT Manager and find out how to do that.

**MR** agreed to circulate a note round the WG

#### **5. Anchors and associated test pulling equipment**

**SG** was now in possession of the sub-specification anchors and following the decision at the previous meeting for limited usage, he asked that applications for an issue of these anchors be made to him.

**SG** stated that he was happy to keep possession of the anchors and associated test pulling equipment for the time being.

**MR** commented on his informal survey of anchor installation and concluded that the Regional Equipment Officers should get together, decide what they need and report this back to the WG.

**SG** thought it would be useful to have an Equipment Officer position within the WG acting as a central point of contact.

**RV** requested information to help inform DCUC about anchor placements.

**MR** suggested approaching the other Regions and request information they may hold about anchor placements to collate relevant knowledge.

**SG** pointed that any equipment issues cropping up should be circulated to the WG members ahead of future meetings.

#### **6. AOB**

a) BCA Rope Testing Rig.

**MR** reported that Bob Mehew had collated and forwarded to him, all the information regarding the Rig.

**SG** stated that he would follow up the potential location for the Rig with Mark Ellingham

#### **7. Date and Time of next meeting / meetings**

**SG** thanked the Training Officers for the activities they had been involved with and work with the WG. He suggested the next meeting of the WG be in late September/early October

#### **8. Appendix**

**Regional Training Officers Reports**