



Board Meeting – Covid -19 Communications

Friday 26th June – Online via Zoom

Approved note of meeting

Directors: Jonathan Binny; Jennifer Cardno; Nigel Clark; Jo Dytch; Lucy Fraser; Steve Gough; Ron Neville; Brian Shackleton (President).

CEO & Company Secretary: Stuart Younie.

Observers: Alistair Todd (Associate for Snowsports Touring),

Key points and action note

- The report prepared by the CEO was noted for background information.
- It was agreed that it was important for Mountaineering Scotland to maintain its independence from Government in order to represent the views of its members.
- The board agreed to provide full backing to the CEO in dealing with sportscotland to ensure that independence is not compromised.
- The potential for continued limits to travel (e.g. an extension to the existing 5 miles) and not a complete lifting of any restriction was identified as a possible risk in the light of what had happened at Phase 2.
- The potential for regional variations to travel was noted and that this may be to provide flexibility to respond in the event of a localised outbreak.
- Clearer messaging is needed on the way forward along with the steps being taken by Mountaineering Scotland on behalf of its members
- The opportunity to initiate a membership drive was also noted following the presumed lifting of the travel restrictions and the anticipated interest in hill walking and the outdoors as well as an increase in holidaying in Scotland.
- **Action** - Email correspondence from members which was received over lockdown would be collated and circulated to Directors.
- **Action** - A social media update would be posted on Friday afternoon outlining action which is being taken to clarify the relaxation of travel arrangements from the 3rd July, the position on wild camping, implication for club meets and reopening of huts.
- **Action** - A further update on these areas of clarification would be planned for Tues.
- **Action** - The CEO would make contact with the member who had offered academic expertise on Covid – 19 to support Mountaineering Scotland.
- **Action** - The board agreed to have another short catch up meeting in July in advance of the full board in August and the CEO would provide a weekly update to the board on key issues.
- **Action** - The Strategy for the next 3 - 6 months prior to the AGM requires discussion at the next meeting.

Action note approved – 20/08/20