



**NCC AGM**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**  
**Location: online via Zoom**  
**Meeting times: 18.35 to 19.25**

**Agenda:**

1. Welcomes and apologies
2. NCC progress report
3. Up-coming aims and objectives of the NCC
4. Treasurer's report
5. Membership update and database
6. Approval of constitutional changes\*
7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair\*

**Welcomes & Apologies**

JP – running IT requested mics off, cameras on and is monitoring chat box  
Meeting being recorded for the minute taker

Jet – Chair

Welcomed and thanked everyone on the call – over 30 people

Committee introduced themselves

Brief introduction of the NCC – set up 10 years ago and how massively coasteering has come on since then during talks at other meetings it shows how happy people are with the direction, the way the NCC works there are regions around the country and ideally two reps per region who are key for passing on information about what is going on in their region and represent you. This is a voluntary position and must hold two meetings per year in the region, or a minimum of one, and promote safe coasteering with us as providers.

Areas not attending the National Meeting – Isle of Man, Channel Isles and North East England

**2. Progress report**

- Symposium in 2019 held in North Wales voted in the introduction of an award for coasteering
- Regions put forward applicants for trainers and assessors and the successful candidates will be advised soon
- The award is to have these applicants trained up and qualify as trainers and assessors so they can go out and deliver top training themselves
- This will be opened up to others as time progresses
- NCC have been lobbying Government to increase the ratios from 5 in England

### 3. Aims & Objectives

- To ensure the award works properly so can withstand the test of time
- Encourage and increase the number of female providers as there are none at present and encourage younger people
- Keep membership at a fair price
- Continually speak to insurance companies etc about the work behind the scenes to make sure the industry is aware of what we do

### 4. Treasurers Report

- Bank account healthy with just over £11,500
- Expenses for year to date £750 approximately
- Expenses will increase over the next year due to the putting together of the guide award
- All roles are voluntary and will only get paid for certain expenses, the treasurer position is the only paid position

### 5. Membership updates & Database

- Have amalgamated some regions – Dorset and Isle of Wight, North Devon and Somerset
- Overall membership is 173
- 3 associate memberships this year who help promote what the NCC does
- Looking at fees for 2021-22 the committee will discuss this before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021
- Now have automated membership database therefore renewals and reminders are sent automatically
- Membership is looking strong and set to spike with the award scheme
- Question asked about incidents and accidents – these should be logged on the website and providers are asked to fill this in when one occurs, it is anonymous, but gives us more data, information and about what lessons can be learned
- JP advised that all regions report accidents and incidents to the national meeting, but some regions are not reporting these to each other enough. He reiterated that we all need to share our mistakes so everyone can learn
- Claire Eatock – University of Exeter – shared that she is working with a group of students who have devised a questionnaire with regards to the NCC membership and will be kept the same and sent out each year to provide feedback, this will go out to all members via email
- Discussed how many instructors are now helping members of the general public who are near your activity or following coasteering groups and any incidents involving these people must also be reported

### 6. Approval of Constitutional Changes

The way the committee works since 2011 to change of parts of the constitution it has to go to the vote, in this meeting there are three proposals

1. There are only 4 committee members – the change is that only 2 of those can go to the vote at one time – poll results = 28 out of 33 voted yes
2. We reduce the notice of the annual AGM from 6 months to 4 weeks; Question asked – will the AGM remain online? Answer this will have to be discussed. Poll results = 28 voted yes & 3 abstained
3. Currently when a rep is voted in it is for a terms of 3 years and at the election can be voted in for another 3 years, we propose to keep the initial terms as 3 years, but for next re-election and subsequent re-elections of the same rep this would be for 1 year at a time, this will start in 2021, if this is your first term as a rep you will be in that position for 3 years. Question – is this for reps only or for committee members? This is for reps; committee members are for 2 years – we are happy for fresh people to put themselves forward. Poll results = 30 yes & 1 abstain. This is backdated and starts in 2021.

## 6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

It was highlighted that with the role of a rep they should have good knowledge of their local area and region, have contacts with National Trust for access knowledge. The NCC set up recognising that each region has variations and operate differently hence the need for reps for each region to represent themselves and bring the information resulting from their regional meetings to feedback into the National meeting.

Membership is trying to be increased with more people being involved with the charter.

Dave Slade, Secretary of the NCC – during the National meeting there were no volunteers for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair and will therefore stay as is

Chair – advised if anyone is interested in the positions in the future please talk to us so we can ensure a smooth transition

**JP to action – will write a paragraph about each role and if interested you will be able to shadow and gain more information**

Roles up for election in 2021 = Secretary and Treasurer

### Questions arising

1. Can the training of an assessor be done remotely? Answer – will have to be discussed with the working group, some parts possibly by zoom but face to face is far better
2. What about international providers? Answer – we want to concentrate on the UK pilot then review before we widen the scope but will provide as much information as we can in the meantime
3. With the charter growing will there be more scope to increase the number of committee members by adding roles without losing the experience of existing members. If you have the time and see areas where you can help please offer, we want more members involved. Cleo has taken on the social media as of last night.