

## **BCA Training Officer Report October 2018**

### **BCA Training Officers Role**

I have an invite to a manufacturer to look at training techniques that we currently use in BCA that may differ to what they have put out on their web site. The BCA Equipment officer and I will report back to training committee and the QMC our findings to come up with agreed best practice in BCA. The BCA Training Officers terms of reference which has been sent to previous council meetings and presented at the June AGM 2018 is included. (Appendix 1)

### **BCA Training Officers Role on the QMC**

I have attended all of the QMC meetings this year and have confirmed to their convenor and the members that I will support them and take on any duties that they wish me to do. BCA training flowchart which has been sent to previous council meetings and presented at the June AGM 2018 is included. (Appendix 1)

### **BCA Training Committee**

This is looking very healthy and we have no problems to report at all. The membership is strong and we have a team of very experienced and dedicated volunteers.

### **Hidden Earth**

I was pleased to have the opportunity to deliver a talk on BCA training and to benefit from the feedback of those who attended. I came away very positive about my role and what BCA was providing with training to its members.

### **Access for BCA Trainers and assessors**

As BCA Training Officer I have applied for cave permits for use in the CIC scheme. 4 permits have been granted via the BCA training officer this year for CIC panel members.

I arrange permits for CIC's to operate in systems that require them and I am now looking at sorting this out for LC/MLA trainers and assessors too and have agreed with the Northern Panel OLA to obtain a permit for him.

### **BCA Training Grants**

We now have 8 national workshops set up across the country. (Appendix 2) Training committee has looked into BCA events to be set up by regional training officers in the future and grants now support these. This way, more BCA members get access to the workshops in all regions and will get to meet the BCA training officer and other committee members face to face and receive top level training.

### **DCA/BCA Coaching Guidelines**

Over the last 12 months I have shared the DCA scheme with caving clubs in other areas with a view of moving this forward nationally. There has been positive feedback. It is a coaching scheme for cavers and concentrates on training the trainers as well as club members through workshops and training courses run by club members themselves assisted and mentored by a BCA trainer and assessor.

There are rumours that qualifications are to be introduced for recreational cavers. This is not true! There is a competency for personal SRT in the DCA scheme, which is driven by the caving club members. What we now do in TC is support BCA members, not tell them what to do. Any developments in this scheme are direct results from feedback by BCA members using it.

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**Appendix 1**  
**BCA Training Officer**  
Terms of Reference

**BCA Training Officers Duties 2017:**

The post is a voluntary position and is filled by election every three years. The Training Officer sits on BCA Council, the QMC and reports the work of the Training Committee to Council. Normally LCMLA and CIC candidates have little reason to contact the Training Officer other than to lodge an appeal.

To deal with applications for exemptions from formal assessment, to arbitrate and make decisions regarding reassessments, technical and procedural queries and to resolve disputes relating to individual candidates.

To oversee the disciplinary process but play no part in the investigation stage.

The Training Officer is responsible for ensuring the training schemes are maintained and generally promote the development of training in all areas of caving in the BCA.

Then training officer is the contact for all training activities of the BCA. For any enquiries relating to specific topics, the BCA training officer will direct these to the appropriate contacts.

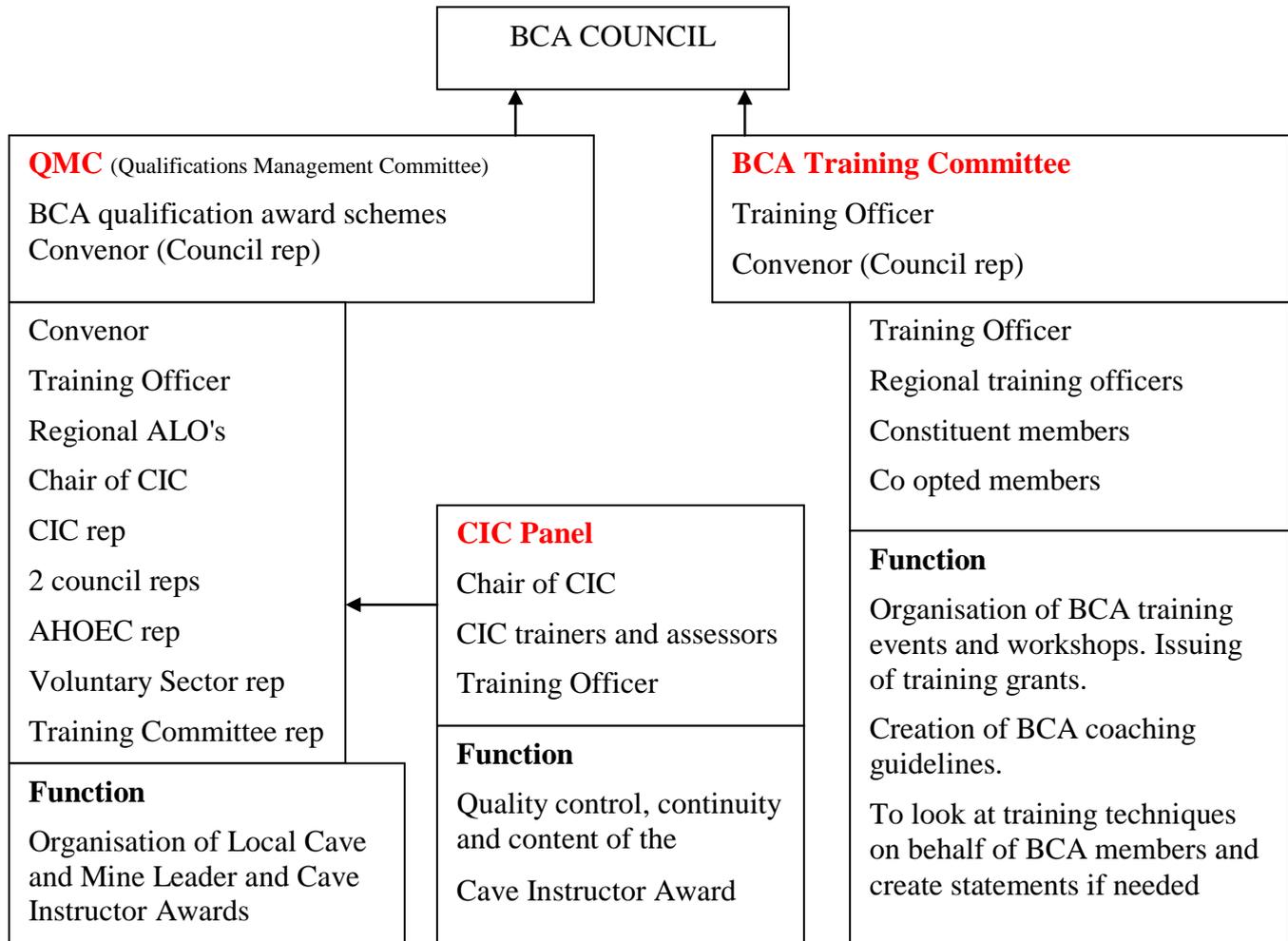
To authorise all award certificates and sign all Cave Instructor Certificates before they are issued.

To operate as Line Manager for the Training Administrator

To liaise and build relationships with the recreational side of caver training and support the work of the BCA training committee

**NOTE:** If BCA wish to have the training officer involved in QMC, I suggest the Training Officer works closely with BCA Executive and the Convenor of QMC to agree together what they can and would like to take on.

BCA Training set up as at BCA AGM June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018



## Appendix 3 BCA National Training Events

### **BCA Technical Workshops**

**Introduction to SRT (Single Rope Techniques) workshop** - Arranged in conjunction with DCA

**Date:** Sunday **October 14<sup>th</sup>** 2018 - **Location:** Derbyshire

This workshop is the perfect introduction to SRT and is essential to pick up modern techniques and try before you buy your ideal SRT set up. All SRT equipment is provided by BCA.

**Introduction to SRT (Single Rope Techniques) workshop** - BCA Training Committee

**Date:** Saturday **November 10<sup>th</sup>** 2018 - **Location:** Cheddar

This workshop is the same as above held at the new facility at Wookey Hole.

**SRT Intermediate (Single Rope Techniques) workshop** - BCA Training Committee

**Date:** Saturday **December 8<sup>th</sup>** 2018 - **Location:** South Wales

This workshop is for those who are using SRT and wish to look at more advanced techniques and pick up top tips.

**SRT Pitch Rigging workshop** - Arranged in conjunction with DCA

**Date:** Saturday **November 24<sup>th</sup>** 2018 - **Location:** Derbyshire

The perfect workshop for those who are proficient using SRT and wish to improve their SRT rigging skills, pick up tips from qualified BCA instructors etc.

**SRT Pitch Rigging workshop** - Arranged in conjunction with CNCC

**Date:** Saturday **December 1<sup>st</sup>** 2018 - **Location:** Yorkshire Dales

This workshop is the same as above held at near Settle in the Yorkshire Dales.

**SRT Self Rescue workshop** - Arranged in conjunction with DCA

**Date:** Sunday **November 25<sup>th</sup>** 2018 - **Location:** Derbyshire

Could you help one of your team out if they got into trouble on a rope? This is an ideal workshop for those who are proficient in personal SRT and pitch rigging who wish to improve their SRT self rescue skills.

### **BCA Specialist Workshops**

**Weather and Cave Flooding Workshop** - Arranged in conjunction with DCA

**Date:** Saturday **November 17<sup>th</sup>** 2018 - **Location:** Derbyshire

A practical day looking at a variety of situations resulting from flooding in caves.

Cave Navigation Workshop - **BCA Training Committee**

**Date:** Sunday **December 9<sup>th</sup>** 2018 - **Location:** Yorkshire Dales or South Wales - TBC

A classic caving trip looking at underground navigation, cave formation and geology.