

## EXTRA SPRING TOUR APPLICATIONS

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Members of CSPB will be well aware that there have been issues with the tours process thus far this year. As part of this, the level of communication about what deadlines apply has been below that which has been the norm. As a result of this, a number of clubs were unaware of the very early deadline for the Spring Tours window.

It is also worth noting that deadline was the same as for the budgeting submission for clubs. Whilst this is not a problem per se, the fact that clubs would have been concentrating on their budgets compounded the lack of communication of this deadline for some clubs.

Since the last CSPB meeting, a couple of clubs have contacted me asking whether they can submit Spring tours and expressing confusion over the deadline having already having passed without them being aware of it.

As a result of this, I contacted all RCC Clubs and requested that anyone that was considering applying for a Spring Tour to send me their application. Within 24 hours I received applications from five clubs (RCC Canoe Club, RCC Outdoor, RCC Fellwandars, RCC Skydiving and RCC Underwater), all of whom remarked that they were unaware of the original deadline and/or was awaiting communication from the Union about tours.

Due to the issues surrounding the original Spring Tour deadline, I feel that it is reasonable to consider these applications and that the clubs should not be penalised for missing the original deadline. Of course these applications should be treated with the same level of scrutiny as the original applications and that they may be rejected if they are not suitable.

In order to allow any other club that is still unaware that the deadline for Spring Tour Applications has passed, I feel that all clubs should be given the opportunity of applying and that this is communicated to them. I propose that clubs be given until 5pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February to submit an application – this has the simple effect of having extending the spring tour application deadline.

I appreciate that the time of CSPB is currently dominated by budgeting, and suggest that the Tours Committee would be an appropriate place for these late applications to be considered. I highlight that the deadline for submitting budgets is the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and extending the application window would not have to impact this date.

### **Proposal:**

- 1. CSPB will agree to consider the Spring Tour applications from: RCC Canoe Club, RCC Outdoor, RCC Fellwandars, RCC Sky Diving and RCC Underwater.**
- 2. CSPB will also consider any further applications for Spring Tours submitted by 5pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February from any club that did not submit a Spring tour application before the original deadline.**
- 3. CSPB requests the Tours Subcommittee review any new spring tours applications.**