

NE Region BMC meeting 06/06/2013

Newcastle Climbing Centre

1. Welcome and Introduction

Jon Punshon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance:

Jon Punshon	Chair
John Herron	Secretary
Mark Anstiss	Wanney's CC
John Dalrymple	NMC
Richard Alderton	IND
Liam Dervey	
Mark Goodings	Climbing Wall Representative
Paul Mitchinson	BMC walking representative
Sarah Follman	NMC
Tim Hakim	NMC (MIC)
Rich Alderton	IND
Peter Dyson	IND
Peter Hay	Cleveland MC FRCC

2. Apologies for Absence

Alan Hinkes	Guide
Tom Parkin	
Ian Walton	BMC Youth Representative
Martin Valentine	Sunderland MC

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Jon Punshon ran through the minutes from the previous meeting (13/09/12) – the minutes were accepted as an accurate record with two slight amendments.

4. NE Festival of Climbing

This will take place on the weekend 19th/20th July 2013 and was discussed at length and the following persons named with tasks;

Jon Punchon	Climbing taster sessions
Paul Mitchinson	Walking/navigating taster sessions
John Herron	Finance
Sarah Follman	Blue Bell
John Dalrymple	Publicity
Mark Anstiss	Quiz

This organising committee are to have a further meeting on Thursday 13th June at 18:30 at Newcastle Climbing Centre to continue planning for this event.

5. Walltown Quarry

John Herron outlined discussions that had taken place with Northumberland National Park (NNP) officials who had outlined their desire to allow climbing and bolting to take place within "Little Walltown Quarry".

The feeling at the meeting was that there was no real desire to take on this possible project, however that if anyone in the future decide to take up the offer from NNP there would be no objection.

6. Regional Clean Up-arrangements

Will focus again this year on Crag Lough following the successful model of last year. The Clean Up will take place over the weekend of 7th and 8th of September with the Clean Up on Saturday followed by a BBQ and Beer and Sunday devoted to climbing.

Action- Mark Anstiss to co-ordinate.

7. Forthcoming Events

- **There will be a BMC Safeguarding and Protecting Children training course on Monday 22 July at Newcastle Climbing Centre, St Marks Church, 285 Shields Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 2UQ.**

Sometimes called Good Practice in Child Protection, this is an introductory course.

It is free to BMC volunteers and members of BMC affiliated clubs who support activities involving under 18s - such as Area Youth Coordinators and those who help with the Junior Teams.

It is also free for those in BMC affiliated clubs and it is especially helpful for Club Youth Officers and Welfare Officers.

Date: Monday 22 July 2013

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Course: Safeguarding and Child Protection Awareness

Cost: Free to BMC members & volunteers

Venue: Newcastle Climbing Centre, St Marks Church, 285 Shields Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 2U

- The NMC will co-ordinate a crag Clean Up at Ravensheugh which will take place on Saturday 8th June 2013 so will already have taken place as I type these minutes

8 Co-ordinators Reports

a) Access

- **North -**

Tom Parkin sent his apologies as he is currently working overseas.

- **South–**

Peter Dyson reported

- Hag Wood access. The National Trust have completed the path and advertised it as a circular path, which climbers can also use. There is also a safer parking place.
- Park Nab and Captain Cooks Crag – bird bans not in place
- Crag Willas – mid week bird ban not in place but notices regarding access with dogs have been erected. Climbers should adhere to these notices

b) Youth

Ian Walton was not present so his report was left for interested parties to read and removed at the end of the meeting.

c) Olympic Bid

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8. AOB

It was felt that the meeting was disadvantageded by not having a National Officer present.

Action; Jon Punchon to contact national office for next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

29th August 19:30 at Durham Climbing Centre