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Minutes of the 205th Yorkshire Area Meeting Held at 19.30 on Monday 15 September 2014 at the Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley

Present:

James Rowe	Chair. Leeds MC, CC	Will Harris	BMC
Deirdre Collier	Secretary. CC, Craven MC, FRCC, Individual	Laurie Morse	YMC
Dave Musgrove	A & C Limestone Rep, Individual	Nigel Baker	YMC, Individual
Mike Bebbington	YMC, CC, FRCC	B Noble	Individual
John Mortimer	Vibram MC	Cath Exley,	Leeds MC, FRCC
Paul Exley	Clubs Committee Rep. Leeds MC, FRCC	Steven Howe	Individual
Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club*, FRCC	John Hunt	YMC
John Allcock	Individual	Melanie Bryan	Individual
Mark Glaister	CC, Rockfax, UKC	Glyn Edwards	FRCC
Mick Green	Gritstone Club	Paul Sharples	Individual
John Gaukroger	CC, Vibram MC	Rachael Gooch	Individual
Ken Findlay	Leeds MC, AC, FRCC	Kevin Gooch	Individual
David Bryan	Individual	Nick Thompson	Individual
Ian Hedges	Individual	Iain McKenna	Individual
Paul Redding	Individual	P Stott	YMC
Scott Watson	Individual	Luke Downing	Individual
Hannah Walker	Individual	Ian Walker	Individual
Ros Leach	FRCC	Greg Roberts	Individual
Ellie Hosking	Individual	John Nightingale	Individual

Action

1 Welcome & Introductions

James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Paul Clarke, Julie Dundas, Paul Hudson, Andy Houseman & Mick Johnson.

3 Minutes of the last meeting.

Attendance list: It was noted that Carey Davies was shown twice.

With this amendment the minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

4 Matters Arising not on the Agenda.

None raised.

5 Co-ordinators' Reports

5.1 Gritstone: Access & Conservation.

Mick Johnson was unable to attend the Meeting but had sent a report as follows:-

Bridestones: Some bolts had been put in a buttress at Bridestones. Following contact with local activists they had now been removed & a posting placed on UKC.

Almscliff: Thanks to John Waddler who organised a clean up at Almscliff & undertook it at his own behest with friends. He would like a notice installing re litter & dog fouling. It was noted that the big information notice on the approach to the crag had fallen down & it was suggested re-instating this notice & including these points.

Heptonstall: The Meeting had been asked to discuss the issue of recently placed bolts at Heptonstall. Mick hadn't heard about this previously & nobody in the Meeting knew about it so it was agreed to ask the person raising it to contact Mick. **DC**

Caley: Noted that this crag is now very overgrown with Himalayan Balsam & bracken. Needs climbers to help out & trim overgrowth as appropriate.

The Roost: Noted that access was now banned due to some climbers parking on private drive above the quarry & accessing the quarry via a private garden.

5.2 Limestone: Access & conservation

Dave Musgrove reported that no new access issues had arisen.

Blue Scar. Access situation was unchanged. It appears that not many people were asking for permission to climb & the crag was getting overgrown.

Foredale Quarry. It seems almost certain that the farmer had acquired ownership of the quarry base & it seemed unlikely that he would give permission to climb there again.

Threshold Quarry. No definitive reply as yet from the Quarry company.

Langcliffe Quarry. Proposal to be developed re climbing in the Quarry. Glyn Edwards agreed to draft out an initial proposal. **GE**

5.3 Youth. No report.

5.4 Climbing Walls. There is no Climbing Wall representative.

The Climbing Barn, Crossflatts: Future uncertain after notice to quit premises at end of lease period.

5.5 Clubs. Paul Exley's report from the Clubs Committee Meeting of 11 September had been previously circulated. There were no comments/queries arising.

5.6 Hillwalking. No issues raised.

6 National Council

6.1 Report from last NC Meeting. A summary had been circulated.

6.2 Matters for the next meeting

6.2.1 Policy & options for BMC subs increases.

The suggestion re regular RPI related increases was not supported by the Meeting.

A vote was taken re a proposal for increases only when needed & with transparency re the reasons for the increase – votes as follows – For – 27, Against – 0, Abstentions – 2. (Apparently 9 attendees who neither voted nor indicated abstention).

6.2.2 Discussion towards a BMC Hillwalking Strategy.

Deirdre had done a (BMC approved) briefer version of Carey Davies' paper re this which had been circulated. Points raised were as follows:-

- Clear definition needed re where 'rambling' stops & hill walking starts. BMC should focus on representing walkers in hill & mountain areas & not all walkers.
- Partnership working with other organisations eg Ramblers' Association, HF Holidays etc

Proposal as per Midlands Area Meeting – "The Yorkshire Area proposes that the BMC sets up a working group, made up of representatives from each area, to support the Executive in implementing a strategy for hill walking - to emulate, and not diminish, the excellent service already provided to climbers, better to serve and inform our hill walking members and to attract new members."

Meeting voted in support of this proposal with one vote against & no abstentions.

7 Individual Members' Issues

Langcliffe Quarry parking – Noted that the access gate to the parking was now being locked at dusk.

8 **Any Other Business.** None raised.

9 **Date, time and venue of the next meeting.**

AGM & Ordinary Meeting on Monday 1 December @ 19.00 @ the Wheatley Arms.

The Meeting closed at 20.28.

Following the business Meeting & in the absence of Andy Houseman who was unable to attend due to ill health Will Harris gave a presentation re some routes he'd done in Alaska & also showed a video sent by Andy Houseman of his Alaskan trip.