

BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Mon 7 September 2015

FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

AREA: YORKSHIRE

1. **Location & Attendance:** Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley. 35 attendees
2. **BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** Rob Dyer & Deirdre Collier
3. **New postholder(s)**

Situations Vacant: Climbing Wall & Youth Outdoors Representatives.

4. **Key issues discussed:**

Dovestones. No progress yet re the notice at base of crag – no climbing & trespassers will be prosecuted. Open Access land. Rob Dyer to help investigate.

Bridestones. Drill holes noted - speculated to be either by cavers practising SRT or possibly associated with motorbike trials race flag positions, but should now have been filled in.

Moughton Nab. Advised to access from the south rather than past Foredale

Youth. Very successful YCS with biggest turnout ever. Third place overall in final.

Climbing walls. Clip 'n Climb wall opened in Ilkley. New climbing wall opening in Huddersfield. New bouldering wall opening in Leeds.

Clubs. Noted that the Clubs Committee has developed a discussion document re integrating clubs into achieving the BMC objectives – intended to link in with the BMC's Strategic Plan.

Paper gone to National Clubs with questionnaire re their views & how they can help the Clubs Committee with achieving its objectives.

Hill Walking. Hill walking event 12 July – Ingleborough – attended by 3 people & Area Hill Walking Rep – further events will be arranged if any interest.

Feedback from the BMC's Hill Walking Working Group.

2016 Yorkshire Climbing & Hill Walking Festival. Now have some volunteers to help out so planning ongoing.

Successful Area Meetings – The Future.

Use of Social Media - Need a greater social media presence to promote Area & increase interest.

National Council Meeting Minutes availability – please see bullet points below.

Meeting Venue. Suggestion re holding one meeting per year at another venue with a view to increasing participation. For discussion at next meeting.

Bullet points for highlighting to the National Council:

- **National Council Meeting Minutes availability.** Vote taken on proposal to increase the availability of NC Meeting Minutes & put them on the BMC Website (with sensitive/confidential elements removed). Supported by 34 of the 35 meeting attendees with one abstention.
- **Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association presentation.** Presentation by 2 UWFRA members covering what happens after you dial 999, how the call is processed, how the team is called out and what to expect & then a little about what do in the event of an accident (and what not to do). Then some information about the Association's historic background & the work it does now. Very well received & followed by a collection in aid of UWFRA.

Completed by: Deirdre Collier. 9 September 2015.