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Minutes of the 216th Yorkshire Area Meeting Held at 19.30 on Monday 6 February 2017 at the Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley

Present:

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| James Rowe | Leeds MC, CC | Johnny Jowett | Individual |
| Deirdre Collier | Craven MC, FRCC, CC | Bev Jowett | Individual |
| Estee Farrar | BMC Officer Access and Conservation | Martin Nash | Individual |
| Peter Sanderson | Craven MC | Lindsay McMorran | Leeds MC |
| Angela Soper | Pinnacle Club & FRCC | Dave Wakeford | Individual |
| Mick Green | Gritstone Club | Leslie Wakeford | Individual |
| Dave Musgrove | CC, YMC, BMC's Access Management Group | Iain McKenna | Individual |
| Mick Johnson | CC, FRCC. Gritstone Access Rep | Dan Hedges | Individual |
| Rob Douglas | Individual | John Seed | Individual |
| Sarah Sharps | BMC Yorkshire Area Secretary Leeds MC | John Mortimer | Vibram MC* |
| Peter Roll | BMC Yorkshire Area Hill Walking Rep | John French | Individual |
| Tony Rogan | Individual | Chris Martin | Individual |
| Andy Syme | BMC Yorkshire Chair and NC Rep | John Nightingale | Individual |
| Jonathan Carter | Yorkshire MC | Ellie Sherwin | FRCC |
| Phillippa Child | Individual | Chris Sherwin | FRCC |

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** James introduced Andy Syme as new possible chair and co-opted him in with 19 for, 0 against and 1 abstention. Andy and Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Will Hunt, David Farrell, Laurie Morse, Mick Johnson, Nigel Baker
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** These were agreed to be a correct record with none disagreeing.
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:** none.
5. **Co-ordinators' Reports**
 - 7.1 **Gritstone: Access & Conservation:** Mick Johnson could not attend but reported as follows:-
Whitehouses: Climber encountered an irate farmer fed up with the gate being left open and inconsiderate parking. Rob Dyer to post details on UK Bouldering for information.
 - 7.2 **Limestone: Access & conservation:** Nigel unable to attend however there was nothing to report
 - 7.3 **Youth.** Indoor – First round of Youth Climbing Competition at Huddersfield Climbing Wall, 70 Children competed.
 - 7.4 **Climbing Walls.** New Rep co-option – Lindsay McMorran – 19 for, 0 against, 1 abstention
 - 7.5 **Clubs.** No rep - no report.
6. **Hillwalking.** Countryside access for cyclists – still ongoing with access management. Discussions in progress. Estee approached sports and rec alliance. Await further information.

7. National Council

7.1 **NC Rep:** Andy Syme volunteered for one of the NC rep positions. 18 for, 0 against, 0 abstention, but as he was unable to attend the forthcoming National council Dave Musgrove agreed to act as Area NC Rep for that Meeting.

7.2 Governance – DT -

- i. Patrons are to undertake a governance review; they had a one off meeting in September to do with Sport England Governance. Hopefully sorted on 11th February.
- ii. One independent director, Brian Smith finishes in April, new independent directors will, subject to AGM approval, be Simon McCalla who is a long standing BMC member and Matthew Bradbury.
- iii. Sport England wants 2 or 3 independent directors. Ideally the Exec wanted a woman as the board of directors needs to be more representative. Treasurer actually viewed as independent director. Scope for one other.
- iv. Most sporting bodies are governing bodies – the BMC is not. The BMC have to adapt to their policy and structure without changing ourselves. Structure is about who does what, legally speaking. The National Council is the democratic structure and a really important policy making group. It is important to have reps.

7.3 **Olympics** – is there an aspiration for a scale for funding and the BMC are hoping for a couple of posts to oversee the performance aspect; the decision on this has been postponed for a year. The Olympics management structure will be a ring fenced group supported by Sport England. Area asked where would the 'olympic' money go – DT doesn't know, suggested to improve facilities in Sheffield. Very athlete specific, some will go into the process and some money will go directly to the athletes themselves. The BMC is going to put in a document about all athletes. Competition climbing is a new sport and managing it will be a struggle.

7.4 **Hill Walking** – 25 % of Summit magazine is hillwalking. The BMC have created 2 new hill walking specific roles. Sport England currently fund one of them. The Hill Walking document that was created very impressive. DT – really good piece of work – Sport England took it away and agreed to fund 1 year with £100,000 which will allow 3 positions to move hillwalking on further.

7.5 **Future Strategy** – DT only had meeting in the past week. There are 6 or 7 main strands with the members at the centre. Commercial development, international success, clubs regional support. The strategy paper is going to NC next weekend.

7.6 **Subs** – No figure yet. DT says exec board met – need to raise another £100,000, deficit this year. Clubs can't take much – 50p on club subs. Individual members to have £2.50 increase. There have only been 2 increases since 2006 (2009, 2015) which is unusual and overall the increase is significantly less than inflation. BMC compares well to other organisations. Area have no strong views - been a while, more relaxed about it, see a rationale.

8. **Individual Members Issues.** None raised.

9. **Any Other Business.** None

10. **Date of Next Meeting: 24th April 2017 at 7:30pm - Hill Walking Meet**

Following the Meeting **Ellie Sherwin from Calder Valley Search and Rescue Team** gave a very good presentation about Search and Rescue Dogs in general as well as her dog, Pepper, who she had brought with her.

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