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Minutes of the 222nd Yorkshire Area Meeting Held at 19.30 on Monday 4 June 2018 at the Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley.

Present:

Sarah Sharps	BMC Yorkshire Area Secretary, Leeds MC	Dave Musgrove	Individual
Andy Syme	BMC Yorkshire Area Chair	Nigel Baker	Individual
Peter Barrans	BMC Yorkshire Area Clubs Rep	John Mortimer	Vibram MC
Peter Roll	BMC Yorkshire Area Hill walking rep	Annette Chalk	Individual
Lindsay McMorran	BMC Yorkshire Area Climbing Walls rep, LMC	Lynne Kendall	Individual
Paul Clarke	FRCC	Steven Thomas	Individual
Angela Soper	FRCC, Pinnacle Club	Jim Hulbert	Individual
Iain McKenna	Individual	Dan Hedges	Individual
Kathryn Wilson	LMC Prospective	Dan Middleton	BMC Technical Officer

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Andy Syme welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Bev Jowett, Deidre and Peter Sanderson and Mick Green.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Area agreed these were accurate
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:** none.
5. **Co-ordinators' Reports**

5.1. **Gritstone: Access & Conservation:** Nothing to report from Mick Johnson who did not attend the meeting.

Andy - Crookrise: Grand opening was on the 2nd of June, unfortunately in the rain. A new stile is due to go in to save going up the rough track in the valley. BMCTV are going to make a series of videos about the crag. BMC only owns the small strip of land that the crag is on; a lot of the boulders are not on our land. Hopefully the landowners will allow us to improve some of the boulder landings. There is still a plan to do a clean-up.

5.2. **Limestone: Access & conservation:** Nigel Baker reported:

Kilnsey: Signs are due to go up re: parking. Still in discussion about opening a field for parking, farmer's son is on board. Parks Authority would not allow it to be all year, only agreed for 28 days.

RAD update: Langcliffe Quarry is open, no peregrines have nested. High Stony Bank is open. There is a kestrel nested here but as these are not protected it is ok to climb. There is also one at Castleberg crag but the birds don't seem bothered, they are flying in and out. They are nesting on the face below the flagpole - it is worth avoiding routes from 3 Peaks Bunkroom to Off the Rails until the young birds have fledged, probably by the end of June.

Blue Scar: Nigel suggested climbers start using Blue Scar again. Currently access can only be gained with written permission of the landowner via email – he will send a form in the post which he will return signed with permission to climb for the year. Landowner wants us to jump through hoops to get permission to cross his land. Details are on RAD and in the guidebook.

5.3. **Youth:** Nothing to report

5.4. **Climbing Walls:** Lindsay McMorran reported that Leeds Wall are due a refurbishment, and have new opening hours from the 4th June – 12am to 9pm weekdays and 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday. They are shut fully from the 21st June and there is currently no date for reopening.

The Depot are running a Teams competition on the 16th of June, entry is £10 and you get a free t-shirt. It's a fun competition with lots of climbing inspired games and challenges.

Huddersfield Climbing Wall is showing the film 'Dirtbag' about outdoor legend Fred Beckley on the 10th of June, admission is free with wall entry.

5.5. **Clubs.** Pete Barrans reported that feedback from clubs remains minimal and there will be a clubs seminar at AGM.

6. **Hillwalking.** Peter Roll had nothing new to report, MOM is ongoing. It was mentioned that the Depot are happy to have collection buckets around for MOM. Attempts to get in touch with Carey have been difficult, not answering emails. Need to look at getting these, and at how to best contact area in light of GDPR.

7. **National Council** – Next national council meeting is the AGM, no paperwork was available at the time of the meeting other than Agenda. Andy explained the resolutions that had been added, the petition by John Roberts and the additional options added to the vote in order to give an option to abstain from the A or B options. This would then not be included in the 75% needed for the vote to go through. President vote at the AGM, options are Lynn or Les or neither. If neither has more than 50% then there will be no president. Andy asked everyone to please vote, either online, by proxy or by post. National Council support Option A.

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

9. **Any Other Business.** None

10. **Date of Next Meeting:** 3rd September at 7:30pm at the Wheatley Arms.