



**Minutes of the 223rd Yorkshire Area Meeting
Held at 19.30 on Monday 3 September 2018
at the Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley**

Present:

Sarah Sharps	BMC Yorkshire Area Secretary, Leeds MC	Martin Nash	Individual
Andy Syme	BMC Yorkshire Area Chair	Jim Hulbert	Individual
Peter Barrans	BMC Yorkshire Area Clubs Rep	Chelle McHugh	Individual
Nigel Baker	BMC Yorkshire Area Limestone Rep, YMC	Dan Hedges	Individual
Mick Green	BMC Yorkshire Area NC Rep CC, Gritstone Club	Karl Heinig	Individual
Mick Johnson	BMC Yorkshire Area Gritstone Rep CC, FRCC	Iain McKenna	Individual
Jerry Fletcher	Individual	Angela Soper	FRCC, Pinnacle Club
Chris Martin	Merseyside MC, Alpine Club	Dave Musgrove	Individual
Gordon Coventry	Hill and Mountain Walking Club	Sara Hayes	LMC, FRCC
Nigel Calaghan	Gritstone Club	Stuart Wetherell	Individual
Paul Clarke	FRCC	Joshua Kirby	Individual
James Rowe	CC, LMC	Emily Thompson	KMC, LMC
Ian McIntyre	MTA Yorkshire Co-ordinator	Tim Lowe	CC
Estee Farrar	Individual		

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Andy Syme welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Lindsay Mc Morran and Peter Roll
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Area agreed these were accurate
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:** Andy mentioned the Montane BMC men's trousers that were released without discussion with the BMC – there is no women's version. President is aware and not happy; the board are aware also and looking into this. The statement from Montane is that they cannot make any more this year so this may need to be shelved until they can make a women's and men's version.

5. **Co-ordinators' Reports**

- 5.1. **Gritstone: Access & Conservation:** Mick Johnson reported that he had been looking into access at Ruin Bank Woods in Cottingley Wood Estate. This is private land owned by Baroness Eden. Will Hunt asked Mick to contact the owners regarding access for bouldering. Mick has a meeting in October, has spoken to her husband John, seems promising. Is north facing, could be a good venue. It was mentioned that there is another buttress there also that could have routes on.
- Mick has written a letter to the owners of a quarry outside Morley, it is owned by a cement company and the quarry is still in use. Can't see us getting access at the moment.
- Almscliff – we have a good ongoing relationship with the farmer. He has recently complained about dog owners shoving bags of dog mess into the drystone wall. Doesn't think it is climbers necessarily. We could possibly put another sign up but there are already numerous signs. Andy suggested asking the council for a dog mess bin, the feasibility of this will be looked into.

Brimham Rocks Clean-up Day – 29th September 10:30 am – due to outlying bouldering areas being overgrown and landings being muddy in winter, an ongoing conversation has been had with the rangers at Brimham about having a clean-up day. Paul Clarke had a meeting with Ranger Cath Barber about setting this up, was a very positive meeting. There is a real problem with silver birches in the area and they do not have the staff to do all the work themselves. If you are able to come please state on the facebook event you can find through the BMC Yorkshire page. Parking will be free, cake is provided also. If this one is successful we may run another as there is a lot that needs doing – trees cutting back and gravel for landings.

5.2. Limestone: Access & conservation: Nigel Baker stated there was no new issue regarding limestone.

The signs have gone up at Kilnsey and no more issues reported from the land owner.

Blue scar – some permits have been issues for this year, land owner replies quickly, please keep asking for them as he may not be happy if people don't get them.

5.3. Youth: Nothing to report

5.4. Climbing Walls: Lindsay McMorran reported:

Update on the Leeds Wall - Depot climbing have confirmed they have acquired the former Leeds wall and are now hiring staff (see their website for details if interested!). They have confirmed this will be the first roped Depot facility and have said opening will be in "Autumn 2018". It was mentioned at the meeting that it is likely this will open mid October 2018. It will be closed again next summer for major refurbishment.

Battle of Britain - This year's BoB competition will be on the wrong side of the Pennines at the Depot Manchester on 20th October. Online registration is available on the Depot website.

Other Comps - If you prefer your competitions in Yorkshire, the Depot's Summer Bouldering League final takes place on Friday 7th September from 5pm. Look out for the various walls starting their winter competitions from October. Bloc Party competition is on at City Bloc on the 22nd September, £15 entry and free t-shirt for the first 70 entrants.

5.5. Clubs: Pete Barrans reported:

2018 Q3 Clubs Committee Update Issue 1 sent out to club contacts in July. Leeds Mountaineering Club are considering organising an event to try to increase the numbers of walkers in their club. I am in discussion with the BMC to establish if they will be willing to support and publicise the event, or whether it should be promoted by the Yorkshire Area. Clubs committee are discussing how to engage clubs in the next stage of adopting the new Articles. Input from the clubs would be appreciated. Feedback from clubs remains minimal.

6. Hillwalking. Peter Roll was not at the meeting, had nothing to report.

7. National Council – IG Report – This is available through the BMC Yorkshire community page and linked on the Facebook page. A few roles available in IG team, please apply if you are interested. There are also volunteer roles available in the greater BMC team – Chair of the Board of Directors and a role going on the Mountain Training Board and Mountain Training England board.

IG update – Finalising terms of Reference, The work has been divided into a number of work streams which are detailed on the report. All needs finalising before the AGM in March. Will all need BMC members comments – please keep an eye out on the website and social media.

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

9. **Any Other Business.** Ian McIntyre from Mountain Training commented that he was the new Yorkshire area rep for MT and mentioned they are running an event on the 22nd and 23rd of September.

Ian Clough Hall – they have now closed the library in Baildon and it is just being used currently just as a polling station. Council have not yet decided what they want to do with the building but they are likely to knock it down.

There is a post on the BMC Yorkshire Facebook page with details on how to contact the clerk

(clerk@baildowntowncouncil.gov.uk to request that the name be kept in some form. The information has been forwarded to Chris Bonington, as he led the expedition to summit Annapurna that Ian unfortunately perished on.

On demand films – Andy mentioned that Dawn Wall was being shown in Manchester, and if we wanted one locally you need to request it through On Demand films. Andy will look into starting this.

GDPR – Everything now goes out via email through main BMC centre. Area present agreed to their email addresses to be used to send out minutes and date of next meeting.

10. **Date of Next Meeting:** AGM 19 November at 7:00pm at the Wheatley Arms.