

# MINUTES

## NORTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

### Meeting

Thursday 06<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018

7:00pm. Durham Climbing Centre, Durham.

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Mark Anstiss welcomed everyone to the meeting

In attendance

Mark Anstiss

Simon Litchfield

Chris Bullock

Chair / National council

Secretary

Youth

Steve Blake

Steve Graham

John Herron

12 in attendance

Bob McAdam

Paul Mitchinson

Hillwalking

#### 2. Apologies and Absence

Mike Conlon

Franco Cookson

Nigel Choppin

Mark Goodings

Graham Harkness

Sarah Hawker

Rose Hakin

Access South

Access North

Walls

Steve Heiniger

Alan Hinkes

Pete Hutchinson

Philip Powell

Jon Punshon

Jessica Wortley

BMC Officer

#### 3. Minutes of previous Meeting

Mark Anstiss ran through the minutes from the previous meeting 07/06/2018. Accepted as fair and true.

Matters Arising:

- No action taken yet on Newcastle upon Climb owing to summer, but BMC Head Office is prepared to come and visit them. They have had a bit of contact with the BMC at British Bouldering Contest.
- Focus of meetings discussed. Moving back from "central politics" back to a greater local focus.

#### 4. Report from National Council

NC was prior to important AGM decisions– A number of uncontentious recommendations made by the ORG were agreed for immediate implementation

Agenda next NC

- Implementation Group Update
- Strategic Plan

- Olympics
  - o Suggested: BMC update on the format and scoring would be good. i.e. for Summit an article of how it will work would be worthwhile.

JP unable to attend next NC meeting – his place offered to local members; no takers!.

## 5. AGM Debrief

Election results:

- New “Articles A” elected with 92% – Executive now the Board
- Lynn Robinson elected President
- John Roberts elected Vice President

Electronic voting proposed for next AGM

## 6. Implementation Group (IG) Update

Paper attached. 2 highlights:

- Project Manager to be recruited (deadline passed)
- Independent BMC Member volunteers being recruited (open – forthcoming deadline)

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***General question fielded about status of Sport England funding in the light of the changes made***

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## 7. BMC Update for Chairs & Secretary

See: Comprehensive report attached

Matters arising:

- As a result of the youth climbing meet in Cornwall, NE can put itself forward as a potential future venue.
- Support for clubs
  - o On GDPR BMC guidance feedback from some attendees was negative; took a long time to become available and when it was it was lacking in specific, succinct guidance that could be easily implemented by clubs.
  - o Is there a set of generic rules for clubs? Code of Conduct? Generic Disciplinary Procedure? Guidance on what constitutes disrepute, what are the relevant legal processes etc.?
    - MA: there may be a draft constitution available, but there may not be advice for updates for ongoing for mature clubs.
    - MA: to share Jane Thompson’s details (Clubs Committee)

## 8. Festival Of Walking and Climbing 2019

- 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Greencarts Campsite nr Chollerford
  - Location close to many crags and walks
  - Marquee and catering to be provided (GPB 5 per night)
  - Talk by Mark Savage for Saturday evening
- ACTION: Create and share the event on Facebook.

## 9. Forthcoming events

South Peak Limestone Festival weekend after next

## 10. Co-ordinators Reports

Access North

- South Yardhope. Current access situation (requiring training) has not changed. History of two criminal convictions of trespass during red flag times. Franco Cookson awaiting feedback from MoD.
- Rothbury Quarry... a suggestion has been made that it may benefit from bolting.
  - o Simon "is not thinking about bolting it" but does believe that it would benefit from bolts. Others, including Karl Telfer and Franco Cookson supportive
  - o Steve Blake against it for three reasons:
    - Northumberland's unique status of no bolts (why lose it for the sake of Rothbury Quarry – Spittal Quarry recently freed of bolts).
    - If bolts were introduced it should be done on something worth getting on the first step on the bolting ladder.
    - Tried and failed already at Cockenheugh, Spittal, Cawfields.

#### Access South

- Progress on Clemmitts. Estate is keen to get a solution for all crags on their estate. Hopeful of positive progress

#### Youth

- See report appended
- Matters arising:
  - o From the report. It would be good if youth (below 18), who have undergone some formal climbing teaching training, could gain some degree of certification. It would be useful for records of achievement, Duke of Edinburgh's Award etc.).
  - o Possible issue in aligning with formal climbing wall qualification.
  - o Ian McKenzie (Chair of Competitions Committee) maybe the person to contact.

#### Hillwalking

- See report appended

Link Franco with NYMNP re potential bouldering guide and festival?

Steel Rigg now 2 GBP per hour (after the first hour) or 30 per year per car.

SB to raise it at the next park meeting (as it seems to just push people through gift shop).

#### Clubs

Still no Clubs' Officer. Would welcome a volunteer, especially one with IT expertise. .

#### **11. AOB**

Next meeting Jon Punshon to give a talk on skiing the Haute Route.

#### **12. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018, 19:00, Newcastle Climbing Centre