

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE 189th YORKSHIRE AREA MEETING

Held at 19.30 on Monday 29 November 2010 at the Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale.

### Present:-

David Campbell	Chair, YMC, CC	Dave Musgrove	Individual
Deirdre Collier	Secretary, CC	Chris Hague	Individual
Rob Stone	York Alpine Club	Paul Clarke	FRCC
Mick Johnson	FRCC, CC, Gritstone Access Representative	Ian Blakeley	Individual
Paul Exley	Leeds MC, FRCC, Clubs Committee Representative	Julie Dundas	Individual
Jonathan Richardson	York MC, Climbing Wall Representative	Sue Keinhorst	Individual
Anne Freund	FRCC, Pinnacle Club	Geoff Goddard	Individual
Will Hunt	Leeds University Union MC *	Nigel Baker	YMC
Ewan Russell	Leeds University Union MC		

### Action

- 1 **Welcome & Introductions.** David welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Anne Chevalier, Martin Christmas, Bev Connor, Glyn Edwards, Jon Garside, Dennis Gray, John Hunt, Gareth Morgan, Laurie Morse, Angela Soper & Dick Winslow.
- 3 **Minutes of the last meeting.** These were agreed as a correct record of the Meeting.
- 4 **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 5 **Co-ordinators' Reports**

#### 5.1 Gritstone: access & conservation.

**Access to Cat Crag, Brandrith, Upper Huller Stones & Sypeland.** Rob Dyer, BMC Access Officer was in process of responding to the original letter re this which was trying to impose some access restrictions. It was noted that such restrictions were not acceptable on Open Access Land.

**Whinswood.** An access query re this had been resolved by contacting Mel Smith at Bradford Council and the crag will be included in the forthcoming Gritstone Guide.

**Derby Delph.** A query had been raised re this being a SSSI site which could affect work on it re the new Gritstone Guide. However Rob Dyer had confirmed that it is not now shown as such on RAD.

**Eavestones.** 'Private. Keep Out' signs noted. Rob Dyer informed. Not thought to be Open Access Land. ? temporary restriction re bird rearing. Ongoing.

**Caley Clean Up.** Excellent work by Forest Ranger and his team of two in lopping & chopping down trees near to boulders in the vicinity of Sugar Loaf boulder. More work planned.

BMC to fund cost of strimmer hire to tackle the Himalayan Balsam at an appropriate time in 2011. Volunteers still needed to help pull it up.

**Roundhill Access.** Previously reported problem re car parking not an issue.

**Great Wolfrey.** Two potential access points have been suggested. Nothing heard yet from National Park so to follow up.

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**Crow's Nest Wood** – suggestion of possible hazard - ? was once an asbestos dump.

**Holmfirth Edge** – ACEG report re site visit re suitability for management by the BMC. Concern that the Gritstone Rep was not involved in the visit.

## 5.2 Limestone Access & Conservation.

**Kilnsey** – concerns raised re climbers' toileting habits at the crag. Suggestion re health hazard as near stream & fact that it's near the road so activities are clearly visible. Education need. General concern that Kilnsey attracts climbers from all over and many seem totally unaware of issues such as parking etc. The BMC signs here need relocating – people don't see them in their current locations.

**Beggar's Stile** – confusion re access. Open Access line appears to be along top of crag. Landowner interprets this as no right of access and climbers that there is right of access which is thought to be correct. Rob Dyer aware. Need to update RAD in short term whatever the long term outcome is.

## 5.3 Youth. No report.

## 5.4 Climbing Walls. It was noted that the BMC Youth Climbing Series had started.

## 6 National Council.

### 6.1 Report from the last meeting. This had been previously circulated. Matters of particular interest to Area – Conflicts of Interest Statement & BMC Loan Fund Policy – were on the Agenda under Matters for the Next Meeting.

### 6.2 Matters for the Next Meeting.

#### 6.2.1 Conflicts of Interest Statement – Club Members on BMC Committees – This was welcomed by the Meeting. There was a strong feeling that Committee Members generally and National Council Members in particular should be very aware of the matter of conflict of interest. If any Committee Chair does exercise discretion re asking members to withdraw then this should be minuted.

#### 6.2.2 BMC Loan Fund Policy – The idea of loans was welcomed. However there were several concerns raised re the policy & the process. It was noted that the Clubs' Committee had discussed this and agreed that Deirdre would email out Paul Exley's paper re this.

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#### 6.2.3 Draft Area Meeting Guidance – Felt to be very good document.

#### 6.2.4 Volunteer Award. It was noted that the BMC is establishing an annual award to recognise exceptional voluntary effort(s) within the organisation. The award will be presented at the BMC Annual Dinner.

## 7 Clubs Issues.

### 7.1 Clubs Committee. Paul Exley reported back from the Clubs Committee (CC) meeting which had been held on Thursday 25 November. Among the matters discussed were the BMC's Loan Fund Policy, Student Representatives on the CC, the future of cheques & improving club profiles.

## 8 Individual Members Issues. None raised.

## 9 Hillwalking. No matters raised.

## 10 Meetings - ? vary day. Someone who cannot attend on Mondays had asked if the meeting day could

be varied to enable him to attend some meetings. Following discussion the Meeting agreed that Monday was the preferred day.

**11 2011 Meeting dates. These were agreed as follows:-**

Monday 14 February  
Monday 6 June  
Monday 19 September  
Monday 28 November

**12 Any Other Business.**

**12.1 Accommodation in Cyprus.** It was noted that a local BMC member has a villa in Cyprus with great climbing a short walk from the villa. He is offering it to climbers at 'mates rates'.

**From the Boiler to the Deep Freeze.** It was noted that Steve Lowry will be doing this presentation at Harrogate Climbing Centre on Thursday 2 December.

**13 Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 14 February 2011 @ 19.30.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 20.37.