

## **Minutes of the Yorkshire Area Meeting Held at 19.30 on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2020 via Zoom**

**Present:** Sarah Sharps, Jim Hulbert, Lynn Robinson, Andy Syme, Angela Soper, Will Points, Mick Green, Carl Spencer, Karen Heald, Stuart Wetherell, Jacob King, Alice Kershaw, Peter Roll, Sally Hudson, Chris Martin, Will Hunt.

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Sarah Sharps welcomed all to meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Chris Page.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** None
4. **BMC Update:** Lynn Robinson updated the meeting on the Open Forum, which was on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. There are chair and 2 independent director vacancies which they hope to be filled by end of December. Carl Spencer has been voted onto the NC as a Council nominated director. Ongoing facebook live discussions regarding access and lockdown.
5. **National Council Update –** Andy Syme suggested things were moving in the right direction regarding recent board infighting. Mick Green suggested implementation strategy progressing well.
6. **Co-ordinators' Reports**
  - 6.1. **Gritstone: Access & Conservation:** Mick not present.
  - 6.2. **Limestone: Access & conservation:** Nigel not present.
  - 6.3. **Youth Outdoor:** Vicky not present.
  - 6.4. **Climbing Walls:** closing as of Thursday as per second national lockdown. Climbing walls specifically mentioned in government guidance. A new comp wall has been installed at CityBloc. New walls in Bradford (Climbing Hub) and Leeds (Last Sundance). Capacity counters working well. Ingleton wall operating independently of shop now.
  - 6.5. **Clubs:** Pete not present.
7. **Hillwalking.** Not present.

8. **Any Other Business.** Feedback on Mission Statement was mixed; priorities seemed in wrong order. Section on engagement seemed oddly phrased. Angela Soper and Jim Hulbert said the representation of climbers should figure more prominently rather than as an afterthought. Chris Page – a bit wordy. Mick Green- could be more inspiring. £1 BMC membership for under 27s mentioned. Ramblers campaign for footpath access discussed- you can contribute online. Feedback from FRCC and Pinnacle clubs via Angela Soper thanking the BMC for its work.
9. **Date of Next Meeting: TBC.**