



Yorkshire Area ORDINARY MEETING 23/01/23

Meeting held at the Black Horse, Otley

AGENDA

If anything to be discussed on this agenda gives rise to a conflict of interest for anyone, please declare it at the start of the meeting.

Start time 7.00pm

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence** **Will Points & Ollie Martin**
 - 1.1 Chris Dennis, Nigel Baker
2. **Introduction to the BMC and Area Meetings**
 - 2.1 Area meeting first
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
 - 3.1 Approved
4. **Actions from previous meeting**
 - 4.1 Snowden Crags visited and grease appears to have mostly washed away by the rain but could likely be completely cleaned up with soap and water.
5. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
6. **Members Council Update** **Mick Green**
 - 6.1
 - Last Q, matters arising in Dartmoor about open access and wild camping, years grace introduced. More work centrally on maintaining the historic position
 - Approaching new patrons, looking for broader representations.
 - Referencing the debate in the SW about replacing pegs / not replacing, glued pegs
 - Sport England bid, several positions available
 - Just over 80,000 active BMC members, aim is 100,000
 - YHA partnership established
 - Move from farm payments to Environmental land managed scheme, improving access and recreation links well with BMC work
 - Moors for the Future
 - Yorkshire public transport crag access guide to reduce car use
 - IFSC Lead & Speed Climbing World Cup held in Edinburgh, tickets sold out in 7 minutes, temporary structure considered to give other venues option rather than Ratho
 - Clubs and huts - more student clubs signing up to the BMC
 - Volunteer gala was well attended
 - 2 more years for the BMC to break even after Pandemic losses.
 - UIAA UMA Meet. AGM is in Leeds, volunteers wanted to help with a walking and climbing day in April/May on the Sunday at Brimham Rocks.
7. **Reports from Area Representatives**
 - 7.1 **Gritstone: Access and Conservation** **Covered by**
 - Snowden access has still not been established but entry without damage to walls or fences should be fine. Some grease is still present on the holds so they still require cleaning with soap. Lamping has caused issues, already updated on RAD.
 - Almscliff footpath needing some care at the bottom by the road, looking a bit boggy where stones have sunk.
 - Crookrise shared wall had fallen down but the wall has been partially restored. The farmer has been informed and is responsible for the wall and will likely make a more comprehensive repair.

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- Halton Heights. Bolted belays remain but bolts on the faces were cut.
- Brimham. The National Trust is introducing cattle onto the moor area of Brimham. Wire fences are due to go up. Aim of the cattle is to reduce the amount of silver birch saplings growing on the moor to prevent it becoming a forest. It was raised that cattle may try to shelter under some of the overhanging boulders, affecting landings, but the situation can be monitored when they are introduced.
- Pule Hill. Fence through the quarry. It was noted that this is on private property and the landowner is entitled to build a fence if they choose to do so.
- Shipley Glen clean up has been suggested after the success of the one at Baildon Bank. The council said they are happy to support it.
- There are issues with erosion at the base of Cubic block, the landowner for Cubic Block has been contacted to ask permission to attempt to repair some of the erosion but no response.

Limestone: Access and Conservation

Paul Clark

- New Yorkshire Limestone supplement is currently being produced.

7.2 Clubs

Pete Barrans

- No enquiries. Seeking advice from BMC on what's on offer to clubs and what can be offered to new clubs.

7.3 Youth Outdoor

no formal update

7.4 Hillwalking

Chris Page

- Looking to organise more hillwalking activities.
- Natural England is carrying out a review of the access map, this is an excellent opportunity to add areas missed off the access map on the previous occasion.

7.5 Indoor Climbing and Bouldering

no formal update

- Big Depot potentially to open in March/April.
- Work underway on the new Wall in York, Freeklime.

7.6 Events Co-Ordinator

no formal update

- Area Festival raised. A significant amount of work was completed organising one in 2020 but it was derailed by the global pandemic. Putting together a sub-committee was suggested. It was agreed that it should be multidisciplinary allowing climbers and hill walkers to attend. Grassington was raised as a suitable venue for 2024.

8. Update from the Board

8.1

- New finance systems are being introduced.
- NICAS funding signed, ABC nearly complete.
- Sport England is looking at funding to improve access to training to improve safety.
- Hill walking strategy moving forward, mountain training getting involved. Hill Walking microsite on its way, this will be the first of the new microsites.
- New complaints procedure in place.
- Appeal for homes for Ukrainian families.
- John Willmott has been appointed independent director subject to ratification at the AGM. Background in insurance, is a hill walker, involved in DofE. Discussion on BMC insurance.
- Helen Murphy has come to the safeguarding program from British Gymnastics.
- IT systems. New Hill Walking site.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Suggestions made about how we can improve attendance to meetings perhaps with sticking to one set venue with food provided. More guest speakers would be good. Mick Johnson to do a slideshow as a guest speaker at the next meeting!

10. Date, time and location of next Area Meeting
10.1

11. Close Meeting.

Will Points