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MINUTES OF THE 193rd YORKSHIRE AREA MEETING

Held at 19.30 on Monday 19 September 2011 at the Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale.

Present:-

James Rowe	Chair, Leeds Mountaineering Club, Climbers Club (CC)		
Deirdre Collier	Secretary, CC	Nigel Baker	YMC
Mark Robinson	Leeds Mountaineering Club	Glyn Edwards	FRCC
John Hunt	YMC	Peri Stracchino	York Alpine Club
Dave Musgrove	YMC, Limestone Access	Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club, FRCC
Ian Willis	YMC	Ian Blakeley	Individual
Paul Clarke	FRCC	Mick Green	Gritstone Club
Bill Todd	YMC	Juliet Todd	YMC
Huw Goodall	Leeds University Union Mountaineering Club*		
Will Hunt	Leeds University Union Mountaineering Club		

		Action
1	Welcome & Introductions. James welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Mike Bebbington, Anne Chevalier, Julie Dundas, Paul Exley, Mick Johnson, Bev Jowett, Laurie Morse & Heather Thomas Smith.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were agreed as a correct record of the Meeting.	
4	Matters Arising. Harpur Hill. It was noted that this hadn't been discussed at the Peak Area Meeting. No further incidents had been reported but it was noted that the signage needs improving as it doesn't correspond to the no parking areas.	
5	Co-ordinators' Reports	
5.1	Gritstone: Access & Conservation. Woodhouse Scar, Heptonstall & Shipley Glen – clean up & tree pruning needed. Council land. Meetings ongoing. Cat Crag. Change of tenancy. Fox traps noted. Ongoing. Eavestones. Nothing further heard. Rope still across the path. Identity of landowner not known.	
5.2	Limestone Access & Conservation. Foredale Quarry & Moughton Nab. Situation unchanged. Farmer doesn't want climbing in Foredale Quarry or on Moughton Nab. Land surrounding Foredale all access land so alternative access possible but quarry base isn't so trespass potential. No environmental reasons not to climb there. Owner unknown & quarry not registered land. ? any legal means of finding out who the owner is. Re Moughton Nab – same farmer owns field on approach but that is access land. Best approach is to park near Dry Rigg Quarry & walk up from there. Blue Scar. Landowner Mr Walker has insisted on climbers applying in writing for permission to climb only between 16th of July and 30th September. He requires all applicants to be BMC members and comply with certain conditions which include agreeing not to make use of any bolts or fixed equipment even on the Central Walls and Right-wing of the crag (which he does not own). Owners of right side of Blue Scar is more sympathetic to climbing but reluctant to facilitate access while Mr Walker is offering some access – concern re jeopardising neighbourly relations. It is hoped that better arrangements can be negotiated for 2012.	

	<p>Feizor Nick. No change. Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) Ranger has spoken to farmer several times about this. Climbers advised that if they climb there & are asked to leave that they are within their rights not to.</p> <p>Panorama Crag. Piece of non access land on approach – easily avoided – Leeds Wall download updated.</p> <p>Kilnsey Crag. It was noted that a comment re parking had been added to RAD. There was no further news re suggestions to address the toileting problems.</p> <p>Beggar's Stile – Continued confusion re access. Small groups ok.</p>	
5.3	<p>Youth.</p> <p>Windgather Climbing Meet. Anne Chevalier had sent a report saying that the climbing meet she had organised at the beginning of July at Windgather had gone ahead and was blessed with glorious weather. Nick Colton had written a meet report which can be read on the BMC website.</p>	
5.4	<p>Climbing Walls. It was noted that the Leeds Climbing Wall was holding a climbing Festival on Saturday 24 September.</p>	
6	National Council.	
6.1	Report from the June meeting. This had been previously circulated.	
6.2	Matters for the Next Meeting.	
6.2.1	Clubs Committee Operating Procedures. The proposed changes were supported by the Meeting.	
6.2.2	BMC Position on Wind Farms. The Meeting supported the paper. It was also felt important to take account of views of local communities.	
6.2.3	<p>Sport Climbing & the 2020 Olympics. The Meeting supported the idea of Sport Climbing becoming an Olympic Sport. Comments made were as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BMC is not a governing body. It is a representative body representing all mountaineering interests. That is the core activity & must take priority. • Concerns re the level of funding needed for the Olympics participation. • Total separation of the BMC from the Olympics involvement is not necessary but if BMC does administer climbing as an Olympic sport then it should be a totally ring fenced area with a separate funding stream. • Important to be wholehearted in going for it! 	
7	Clubs Issues.	
7.1	Clubs Committee. Paul Exley's notes from the Clubs Committee meetings of 23 June & 8 September had been previously circulated.	
8	Individual Members Issues. None raised.	
9	<p>Hillwalking.</p> <p>Pateley Bridge Walking Festival. This would be held from 22 to 25 September 2011. As well as the walks there would be a ceilidh on the evening of Saturday 24 September & Doug Scott would be giving his 'Life & Hard Times' talk on the evening of Thursday 22 September.</p>	
10	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>Simons Seat path. Improvements to this path were noted.</p>	
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting & AGM. Monday 28 November 2011 @ 19.00.</p> <p>There was no other business and the meeting closed at 20.55</p>	