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HARRISONS ROCKS MANAGEMENT GROUP (HRMG)

Minutes of the meeting held on January 13th 2009 at Evolution Climbing Wall,
Plumyfeather Farm, Lye Green at 19:30.

Present:	Tim Skinner	Chair
	Geoff Pearson	BMC
	Bob Moulton	BMC
	Tim Daniells	BMC
	Nigel Head	BMC
	Chris Tullis	Site Warden
	Martin Bryce	BMC
	Sarah Cullen	BMC

- Action**
- 1 Welcome and Apologies**
 - 2 Minutes of the last meeting (07/10/08)**
These were agreed.
 - 3 Matters Arising not covered in other items below**
 - 3a Replacement for Lynda Myers** No action had been taken: TS said a replacement was also needed for Frank Shannon and for Sarah Butler. BM said Sarah was a community representative and should be replaced by another non-climbing member of the Groombridge community. TD said no time should be spent on trying to get someone from Wealden Council to come. TS will get in touch with Wealden. **TS**
 - 4 Future ownership and management arrangements**
 - 4a The Rocks** BM said he had contacted Bill Renshaw regarding ownership, who said most details were now agreed between the solicitors. Sport England would be contacted with a view to sorting out the final details. Bill Renshaw hopes to arrange a meeting in February with BM and TS to finalise everything, including the position of the BMC Land & Property Trust. BM said the car park and the toilet block would be managed by the BMC for Sport England until the end of the leases. **BM**
 - 4b The Car Park** BM said that a formal management agreement needed to be drawn up. As part of this, HRMG will be pushing for Sport England to carry out a condition survey so that the amount of work and the cost can be estimated. TS will email Sport England to this effect. **BM/TS**
 - 4c The Campsite** Nothing to report.
 - 5 Harrison's Rocks Work and Site Manager's Report**
 - 5a Cement work** The rope groove on Wailing Wall still needs filling. **CT**
 - 5b Resin work** A few areas need some work and TS has spoken to Steve Reed about doing this as soon as possible.
 - 5c Bolts** The second bolt above Right Circle still needs doing. **CT**

- 5d Woodland Management & Ground Erosion work** Croydon MC had done a work day, which was noted with much thanks. BM said the recent SVG meeting had earmarked work days for High Rocks & Harrisons. The group agreed that some work was needed to improve the passage of air close to the rocks. TS will approach Graham Adcock to see if anything can be done this spring. CT suggested he could garner volunteers from the regulars at Evolution. The wood chips still need to be moved down to the rocks. Some ground work is still needed on the path below Wellington's Block the channel below Grant's Wall. **TS/CT**
- 5e Car Park and Toilet** CT said the leak in the ceiling of the store room had been more a case of the plaster falling off. It was manageable at the moment but is very near to the electrical meters etc. CT said the pipes had burst in the recent cold spell and had been turned off. The weather had been so cold that the burst was not evident until the temperature rose and the water melted again. The weather had been so cold and wet that visits had been at a minimum. **CT**
- 5f Signs** Nothing to report.
- 6 Health and Safety**
- 6a Notes of any Accidents in the Accident Book** There were no accidents to report.
- 6b Future Health and Safety Inspections** TS has still to incorporate comments and any relevant entries from CT's version into a new risk assessment document and circulate it to the group. **TS**
- 7 Financial Report**
- 7a HRMG Budget** Alan Brown confirmed that the carpark donations are subject to VAT. The group agreed that clarification was needed on the conflicting ground rent figures. TS will also ask Alan Brown whether the £534 for legal costs is to be paid by HRMG or from a different BMC budget. It was agreed that the current entry entitled 'Harrison's Rocks – Soft Rock Charges' should be split into two, with a new entry to record all charges not relating to the rocks themselves. It was also agreed that the charges for the Fire Service Inspection and Electrical Test & Report that appear in the analysis of maintenance costs should really be recorded elsewhere as they don't relate to the rocks (probably under Utilities). TS will pass all these comments back to Alan Brown. **TS**
- 8 Stone Farm Rocks**
- 8a Woodland Management & Ground Erosion work** BM said he had received a recent report from Robin Mazinke, who now lives nearby, that the rocks seemed to be in reasonable order.
- 8b Resin work** the abseiling damage reported at the last meeting will need to be repaired. TS has spoken to Steve Reed about a survey to see what other repairs are needed.
- 8c Noticeboards** Nothing to report.
- 9 Charitable Trust** NH agreed to take this on, possibly with the assistance of Steve Durkin, if he is willing. **NH**
- 10 AOB**
- 10a Coir Matting** CT brought along samples from two suppliers. It was agreed that he would purchase a roll of the heavier, more closely woven matting once some work days have been arranged. **CT**
- 11 Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held at Evolution climbing wall on Tuesday May 19th 2009, at 19.00, with a site inspection beforehand at 17:00.