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MINUTES OF THE 193rd YORKSHIRE AREA MEETING

Held at 19.30 on Monday 28 November 2011 at the Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale.

Present:-

James Rowe	Chair, Leeds MC, CC	Dave Musgrove	YMC
Deirdre Collier	Secretary, CC	Chris Wright	Individual
Debra Halcrow	York Alpine Club *, Individual	Paul Clarke	FRCC
Mike Bebbington	YMC, FRCC, CC,	Ian Blakeley	Individual
Paul Exley	Leeds MC, FRCC, Clubs Committee Representative	Sandra Blakeley	
Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club & FRCC	Julie Dundas	Individual
David Warburton	Leeds University Union MC	Nigel Baker	YMC
Huw Goodall	Leeds University Union MC *	Beverley Jowett	Individual
Jon Garside	BMC Training Officer	John Hunt	YMC
Dick Winslow	Craven MC, Landlopers MC	Kiernan Brook	Individual
Arthur Salmon	YRC, Individual	Barry Hughes	Individual
Richard Hardicre	Individual	Katrina Adam	Individual
Mark Beecher	Individual		

Action

- 1 **Welcome & Introductions.** James welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Anne Chevalier, Glyn Edwards, Mick Johnson & 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. Noted that parking problems are ongoing..
- 5 **Co-ordinators' Reports**
 - 5.1 **Gritstone: Access & Conservation. Report from Mick Johnson.**
Woodhouse Scar, Heptonstall & Shipley Glen – Working party established with Calderdale Council to improve access at both Heptonstall Quarry and Woodhouse Scar. At Heptonstall new stakes are going to be placed at the top of the quarry and a lot of tree clearing and pruning will take place. At Woodhouse there is going to be a lot of tree pruning of the trees below the crag.
Shipley Glen - Tree pruning planned in conjunction with Bradford Council and the Parks Department.
 - 5.2 **Limestone Access & Conservation.**
Liaison Meeting with Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) – No concerns raised. Bird breeding gone well.
Foredale Quarry. Discussions with the farmer now stalled. He still doesn't want climbing at either Foredale or Moughton Nab & claims he has a tenancy agreement for Foredale but refuses to say who with, so trying to establish land owner. Land surrounding Foredale is Access land, except for Quarry base and field on old approach; so trespass potential.
Moughton Nab. All of Moughton Nab and its approach is Access land but best approach is to park near Dry Rigg Quarry and walk up from there.
Giggleswick Quarry: Quarry is at the end of its life & not worked for 2 years. Original suggestion for climbing not progressed due to owner's concerns re health & safety, liability, etc. This summer c12

routes were bolted by unnamed person(s). Climbing took place for several months, before the owners found out; complaining to the BMC and the police. Bolts removed. Meeting planned with Quarry owners & YDNP. Noted that YDNP are supportive of use for climbing..

Kilnsey Crag. No progress had been made since September's meeting but it was felt that the issues of parking, repair of the path (that joins the left & right crags) and (composting) toilets should be sensitively investigated further.

DM/JR

Suggestion that Rob Dyer, Cath Flitcroft, Dave Musgrove & James Rowe liaise re this.

5.3 Youth. No report.

5.4 Climbing Walls. Jon Garside reported that the latest Climbing Walls DVD was now available.

6 National Council.

6.1 Report from the September meeting. This had been previously circulated.

6.2 Matters for the Next Meeting.

6.2.1 BMC Strategic Plan 2013 – 2017. Noted that work is now starting on this.

6.2.2 2020 Olympics Update. Rab Carrington & Rob Adie were attending the International Federation of Sport Climbing President's Meeting in Munich to discuss the 2020 bid. It was thought likely that the IFSC would ask for financial contributions & the BMC Exec Committee would discuss this further following feedback from the Meeting.

6.2.3 BMC Position on Wind Farms. Summary on BMC website from Seminar in Llanberis on 10 September. Questionnaire survey also sent to 300 random BMC members in early October to ask some more detailed questions. Comments received together with the survey now been collated & Access, Conservation & Environment Group to establish Landscape Working Group to consider issue in more detail.

7 Clubs Issues. Noted that funding was available from the BMC for club websites & instructor support for training.

7.1 Clubs Committee. Paul Exley's notes from the Clubs Committee meeting of 24 November had been previously circulated.

8 Individual Members Issues. None raised.

9 Hillwalking.

Pateley Bridge Walking Festival. Noted that this had been very successful.

BMC Hillwalking booklet. Noted that this would be available in December.

10. 2012 Meetings. The following dates were agreed, all Mondays @ 19.30 & all to be held at the Dyneley Arms:-

13 February, 28 May, 17 September &
26 November – also Area AGM –so earlier start time - @ 19.00.

11 Any Other Business.

BMC Climbing Movement Masterclasses. Noted that the Yorkshire masterclass would be held on 21 March at ROKT in Brighouse.

Winter Climbing Ethics Debate – noted that this was being held in Staveley on 30 November. This was felt to be an important debate – many Lakes climbs were getting quite scarred.

Almscliffe – use of resin. The use of resin on Dreamland was noted.

Votes of thanks. These were expressed to Deirdre Collier for all her work as Area Secretary & as one of the Area's National Council reps & to Mick Johnson for all his work as the other National Council rep.

There was no other business and the Meeting closed at 20.44.