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### MINUTES OF THE 197<sup>TH</sup> YORKSHIRE AREA MEETING

Held at 19:50 on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at the Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale.

Present:-

James Rowe	Chair, Leeds MC, CC	David Farrell	Youth rep
Mark Beecher	Secretary, Leeds MC, AC	Arthur Salman	YRC
Rob Dyer	BMC Access & Conservation Officer	Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club, FRCC

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** James welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Officers introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Beverley Jowett, Deidre Collier, Chris Wright, Dave Musgrove, Mick Johnson, John Hunt and Alison Wood.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting.** The Minutes were agreed as a correct record of the Meeting.
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere.** none
5. **Co-ordinators' Reports**
- 5.1. **Gritstone : access & conservation.**

Mick not present but summary provided by James and Rob.

**Eavestones:** no further notes.

**Guiseclyff:** Rob Dyer has spoken with the land owner and negotiations have been broadly positive.

**Thruscross/Cat crags** (near Blubberhouses): Will Hunt provided a Yorkshire Water contact to Mick.

- 5.2. **Limestone : access & conservation.**

Dave not present but combination of notes from Dave and Rob.

**Blue Scar:** basically the position is unchanged despite further correspondence directly between the BMC office and landowners concerned.

**Giggleswick Quarry:** No change since last meeting.

**Foredale:** A group of climbers were challenged by a farmer (not Mr Pearson so presumably his son in law who now runs the farm). The climbers were told that climbing was not permitted due to nesting birds and rare plants, but, interestingly, no mention was made of it being private land. The exchange was polite and he allowed the climbers to stay for the rest of the day. Note the National Park state categorically there is currently no issue re plants or birds that would prevent or be impacted by climbing.

**Kilnsey footpath:** Due to the weather this year it was decided by the meeting to revisit this in May 2013.

**Better Bolts Campaign.** DM has applied for an allocation of 200 bolts for Kilnsey, Gordale and The Stony Banks. Recent examination still shows plenty of older mild steel bolts corroding at these three venues in particular. Due to upcoming holiday Dave took the liberty of stating in the application (only submitted last week) that the area committee was in agreement as all applications had to be in by October. The Area was happy with Dave's actions.

- 5.3. **Youth.** DF commented that there were lots of competitions coming up. There are changes soon to age categories to reduce the age gap in each category. DF covers Yorkshire and Humberside but most of the young persons are based in Yorkshire.
- 5.4. **Climbing Walls.** Alison not present so unable to discuss this post with her. It was noted that climbing walls receive a lot of literature direct from the BMC. DF also receives copies related to competitions which he distributes to local smaller walls.
6. **National Council**
- 6.1. **Report from April 2012 meeting.** A brief summary given by JR. The Terms of Reference question was not asked so JR will table again.
- 6.2. **Matters for the next meeting.** See 6.1 above in addition to combining the Youth and Climbing Wall posts.
- 6.3. **Drilled Equipment Policy.** The only comment made was the first paragraph should mention winter climbing and dry tooling activities. Otherwise Yorkshire was content with the new version of the policy.
7. **Clubs' Issues.** No report.
8. **Individual Members' Issues.** None raised.
9. **Hillwalking.** No report.
10. **Patley Bridge Walking Festival – 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September.** Chris encouraged to attend. In future we should email HQ for officer support at local events.
11. **Otley Mini Mountain Festival – 30<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December.** Dave M is attending this festival on behalf of the BMC.
12. **Any Other Business.**
- 12.1. JR had received an email requesting belay stakes to be installed in a section of Pule Hill. RD suggested that this request was passed on to Rick Gibbons in the BMC Peak area. ACTION: JR to forward email to RD.
- 12.2. JR had received an email from Dave Turnbull notifying the area that Martin Kocsis will be going part time for the rest of the year and requesting what the effect of this may be on the area. Mark commented that this should be okay with help from the other members of staff at HQ.
- 12.3. Guidebook. Volume 1 is now due end of October!<sup>1</sup>
- There was no other business and the Meeting closed at 20.50.
- Next meeting **26<sup>th</sup> November** Dyneley Arms with a start time of **19.00**.

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<sup>1</sup> A sample is available here [http://issuu.com/yorkygrit/docs/ygg\\_v1\\_sample\\_pages\\_version\\_2.2](http://issuu.com/yorkygrit/docs/ygg_v1_sample_pages_version_2.2)