

## BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE 202nd YORKSHIRE AREA MEETING

Held at 19:40 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale.

Present:-

James Rowe	Chair, Leeds MC, CC	Paul Exley	Clubs rep, Leeds MC, FRCC
Mark Beecher	Secretary, Leeds MC, AC	Bev Jowett	NC rep, Individual
Dave Turnbull	BMC Officer	Dave Farrell	Youth indoors rep, AYC
Deirdre Collier	CC	Paul Clarke	FRCC
Julie Dundas	Individual	Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club, FRCC
Laurie Morse	YMC	Edward Hutchings	LUUMC
David Campbell	CC, YMC, Individual	John Hunt	YMC
Glyn Edwards		Nigel Baker	YMC, Individual
Kieran O'Sullivan	Individual	Dave Musgrove	A&C Limestone rep, CC

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** James welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Officers introduced themselves. Everyone else in the room introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Mick Johnson and Dave Musgrove who arrived late.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting.** The Minutes were agreed as a correct record of the Meeting.
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere.** DCo commented that the link in the previous minutes was to the open forum rather than the summary. DT is still intending to publish summaries from the NC meetings.
5. **Co-ordinators' Reports**
  - 5.1. **Gritstone : access & conservation.**

MJ in absentia - Nothing to report.

**Woodhouse Scar.** A request to organise a crag clean-up has been received and forwarded to MJ and Rob Dyer.
  - 5.2. **Limestone : access & conservation.**

The Threshfield quarry access situation has not progressed following yet another cancelled meeting by the Quarry company. Still ongoing.

DM attended a useful meeting at Giggleswick and Horton Quarries last month in company with quarry explosives experts to look at whether, in the long term, 'final faces' can be blasted in a more climber-friendly way. The quarries working group will eventually produce a document about this.

DM is also due to attend the annual cave and crag liaison group meeting at YDNPA Grassington on Wednesday. He has been forewarned that there is a potential access issue regarding some new climbs developed during the summer at Sewell's Cave near Giggleswick North. Apparently a sensitive archaeological site? Route details not published yet so hopefully the issue can be resolved amicably.
  - 5.3. **Youth.** There is a youth open event in Sheffield next weekend and the Youth Climbing series restarts again in January 2014.
  - 5.4. **Climbing Walls.** No report.
  - 5.5. **Clubs'.** PE is working on Health and Safety and Data Protection guidance which will be posted online in due course. They are also looking at revising the clubs' area of the BMC website.
  - 5.6. **Hillwalking.** No report.
6. **National Council**

- 6.1. Report from last meeting.** There were discussions on travel insurance as well as provisional membership and insurance. A revision to the Drilled Equipment Position statement is to be circulated. The note on dry tooling had a broad consensus that case by case by local area meetings was the way forward. DT also added a note that the current finance forecast is not good for the next two years.
- 6.2. Matters for the next meeting.** There was a brief discussion on the proposal for a small increase in BMC subscription fees.
- 7. Individual Members' Issues.** None.
- 8. Any Other Business.**
- 8.1. BJ has been in contact with the Leeds Wall about hosting area meetings which they are happy to do. She is also due to meet with John Dunne with regards to meeting at the Harrogate Wall. The gear breaking demonstration was cited as having a positive impact for attracting additional attendees. KO commented that he had not seen the Facebook post for the meeting, he was unaware of the Yorkshire Area Facebook page – propose there are regular comments on the main BMC Facebook feed mentioning the existence of the area sub feeds. It was proposed to retain the Dyneley Arms as a meeting venue for at least the next few meetings. DT commented that the new BMC Ambassadors could be used to give talks
- 8.2. DT showed the new Peak Rock book which would make an ideal Christmas present, available from the BMC shop.
- 8.3. Volume 1 of the Yorkshire gritstone guide is selling well and the current plan is to have volume 2 ready for Christmas 2014.
- 8.4. JR enquired about the Tour de France proposals. DM plans to raise at the upcoming YDNPA meeting on Wednesday.
- 8.5. AS raised awareness of the Climbers Against Cancer campaign with her new t-shirt.

There was no other business and the Meeting closed at 20.50.

The date of the next meeting is **TBD**.