

BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Mon 3 Feb 2014

FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

AREA: YORKSHIRE

1. **Location & Attendance:** Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale, 16 attendees.
2. **BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** Jon Garside
3. **New postholder(s) & situations vacant (Chair, Secretary, National Council rep):**
Chair: James Rowe; **Secretary:** Deirdre Collier; **NC Reps** JR & Beverley Jowett;
Gritstone Rep: Mick Johnson; **Limestone:** Dave Musgrove (not present); **Youth Rep – Indoors:** David Farrell; **Outdoors:** Vacant; **as is Climbing Wall Rep but discussion had at AGM 2013, re retiring this role due to ABC and Rob Adie, BMC; Clubs Committee Rep:** Paul Exley; **Hillwalking Rep:** Deirdre Collier.
4. **Key issues discussed:** Member subscription increase to £1.50 per person was voted on again with the majority in favour.
5. **Bullet points for highlighting to the National Council:**
 - Gritstone Access:
 - i. Sandy Bank, Pannal near Harrogate: schools have been abseiling in this “quarry” resulting in the lead instructor at Harrogate Climbing Centre contacting MJ for guidance. After inspection, MJ concluded that the BMC should not be supporting this “east-facing grotty hole in the ground”.
 - ii. Caley: still could benefit from *Himalayan Balsam* clearance, but after last ill-attended clearance day, little enthusiasm. However, JR to take as an action to effect more support via Boulder UK.
 - iii. Woodhouse Scar clean-up date TBA;
 - Limestone Access:
 - i. Threshfield Quarry: ongoing, meeting delayed, watch this space;
 - ii. Giggleswick North: awaiting advice re access issues (sensitive geological site), meeting w/c 25/11/13, outcomes concluded that the SSI was not applicable to this crag.
 - iii. From 5 Feb, bird bans at High Stoney Bank and Langcliffe.