

BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Mon 13 June 2016

FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

AREA: YORKSHIRE

1. **Location & Attendance:** Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley. c 45 attendees – 32 signed in
2. **BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** Joanna Rowbottom & Deirdre Collier
3. **New postholder(s) & Situations Vacant:** No Climbing Wall or Youth Outdoors Representatives.
4. **Key issues discussed:**

Snowden Crag Access issues. Popular bouldering venue on Access land. Farmer/landowner has blocked off parking area. Potential parking space just below crag but is in private drive – potential for further issues if used by climbers.

Crookrise Crag. Yorkshire Area pleased to note BMC purchase of this.

Brimham Rocks. Previous report of University Group at crag being asked re risk assessment. The National Trust has an online risk assessment form & similar also available from North Yorkshire County Council. Noted that the National Trust has no associated liability particularly re organised groups. Nothing further heard but Access Rep will check it out.

Caley. Previous tree clearance work noted & query re any further work planned. Area below Adrenaline Rush in particular need of attention. Gritstone Access Rep to ask.

Clubs Committee. Noted that further work re a possible online Huts Booking System will continue when the results of the BMC's Huts Survey are known.

Hill Walking. Paul Redding, Area Hill Walking Rep, gave a report. He is planning on doing a daytime walk prior to the next Yorkshire Area Meeting on 5 September – probably up Ingleborough.

Commercial Development & Branding. Please see bullet points below.

BMC Vision & Mission statements. Please see bullet points below.

2020 Olympics. Please see bullet points below.

Ken Wilson. Noted that Ken Wilson had been very influential in British Climbing over a very long period & had been a very influential supporter & critic of the BMC.

Bullet points for highlighting to the National Council:

- **Commercial Development & Branding.**

Reason for lack of specific info re proposed new name explained but still concerns expressed re perceived 'secrecy'.
Overall general support for rebranding idea but would like to see what is presented in NC & have chance to discuss.
The term 'BMC' felt to be anachronistic.
- **BMC Vision & Mission statements.**

Existing statement felt to be unwieldy & prescriptive – limits flexibility & ability to respond to change.
A view that BMC should '*promote rights of access*' rather than '*negotiate access improvements*'
Does vision need to indicate BMC as NGB for Sport Climbing?
- **Olympics 2020**

Well received 😊
? funding
- **Andy Houseman Link Sar presentation.** Third time lucky re Andy being able to make a Yorkshire Area Meeting. Very interesting presentation of his & Jon Griffith's ascent of Link Sar West in Pakistan in 2015 - <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/griffith-and-houseman-climbed-link-sar-west-in-the-karakoram>

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