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Minutes of the 218th Yorkshire Area Meeting Held at 19.30 on Monday 12 June 2017 at the Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley

Present:

Sarah Sharps	BMC Yorkshire Area Secretary, Leeds MC	Dan Huges	Individual
Lindsay McMorran	BMC Climbing Walls Rep, Leeds MC	John Mortimer	Vibram MC
Estee Farrar	BMC Officer Access and Conservation	Martin Nash	Individual
Mick Green	Gritstone Club & CC	Kerrie Thornton	Individual
Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club & FRCC	Adrian Cockwood	Individual
James Rowe	LMC and CC	Carol Pilling	FRCC
John Nightingale	LMC	Anne Freud	Pinnacle Club & FRCC
Mike Bebbington	YMC, FRCC and CC	Andy Syme	BMC Yorkshire Area Chair

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Andy Syme welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Nigel Baker, Beverly Jowett, Mick Johnson, and Peter Roll.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** These were agreed to be a correct record with none disagreeing. One comment was made about the numbering, which will be rectified by Sarah Sharps.
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:** None.
5. **Co-ordinators' Reports**
 - 5.1. **Gritstone: Access & Conservation:** Mick Johnson could not attend but nothing to report.
 - 5.2. **Limestone: Access & conservation:** Nigel unable to attend however there was nothing to report.
 - 5.3. **Youth.** Nothing to report.
 - 5.4. **Climbing Walls.** Lindsay McMorran reported on various updates from the locals climbing walls: The Climbing lab celebrated their first birthday in February (an achievement as they were flooded in Christmas 2015). Over the past year, they have offered workshops with renowned climbers and these have been very popular.

In February, Red Goat climbing in York opened their new extension, doubling the climbing area available in the centre.

On 25th March, Leeds Wall hosted the 3rd round of the BMC youth climbing series. Currently undergoing some building work to create a new kids fun zone – details are yet to be released but hopefully there will be some new challenges for the younger climbers.

ROKT climbing gym have created a new outdoor climbing wall, which sits alongside the Calder and Hebble canal, in partnership with Calderdale council. It boasts a total of 7 lines, each with 3-4 routes. Most lines will be 28m in height, with the end lines reaching 38.5m high. There are a mixture of top-rope and lead routes to go at with some great views at the top.

Various friendly comps catering to all abilities running throughout the summer months. Bouldering only leagues currently happening at: The Depot, City Bloc, The Climbing Lab. Routes and bouldering: Harrogate and Huddersfield Climbing Centres.

The Climbing Lab and City Bloc offer weekly yoga and acroyoga sessions if you are looking to take up something new or improve your flexibility, details on their websites and social media pages

5.5. **Clubs.** Possible club rep – Paul Barrans.

6. **Hill walking.** Hill walking meet was a success and there will be a walk in September – details to follow.

7. **National Council**

7.1. **NC Rep:** Mick Green has professed interest in being NC rep to join Andy – this was proposed by Angela Soper and seconded by James Rowe.

7.2. **Report from April NC Meeting** – April's NC meeting saw the no confidence motion come to the floor and each side got 15 minutes to say their piece. There was debate and discussions before the votes were reported – a huge majority voted against. As a result of the motion the president has decided to step down, and Nick Kurth will now be acting president until another is appointed. Lynn Robinson was appointed as a Vice President. Subs increase has gone through.

7.3. **Matters for the next meeting:**

7.3.1. **Item 6.1 – Organisational Review** – Sports council money is confirmed until May 2018. The governance review rests is tied to this, BMC not currently compliant and this is important for the money needed for Olympic support. BMC must stay as a member led organisation but also must fit into the model. May hear more from next NC meeting. Area can't comment much at this stage without all the information.

7.3.2. **Item 6.3 – Mountain Training** – would like input into governance review.

7.3.3. **Item 6.4 – IFSC** – possible overlap with IAAA – BMC could broker a deal, to be discussed at next NC meeting. Area again cannot comment without more information.

7.3.4. **Item 7.1 – Finance** – BMC good till May 2018

8. **Individual Members Issues.** None raised.

9. **Any Other Business.** None

10. **Date of Next Meeting:** 11 September

Following the meeting there was a talk from climber **Maddy Cope** about her experiencing different climbing styles - from projecting hard sport routes to adventuring up big walls. It was a great talk and enjoyed by all.