

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE 190th YORKSHIRE AREA MEETING

Held at 19.30 on Monday 20 September 2010 at the Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale.

### Present:-

David Campbell	YMC, CC, Chair	Neil Haddaway	Individual
Deirdre Collier	CC, Secretary	Nigel Baker	YMC
Stuart Charlton	LDWA, Individual	Rob Dyer	BMC Office
Martin Christmas	Individual, Limestone Access Representative	Paul Clarke	FRCC
Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club, FRCC, Individual	Julie Dundas	Individual
Mick Johnson	FRCC, CC, Gritstone Access Representative	Gareth Morgan	Individual
James Rowe	Leeds Mountaineering Club, CC	Dave Musgrove	YMC, CC
Mick Green	Gritstone Club	Laurie Morse	YMC
Mike Bebbington	YMC*/CC*/FRCC	John Hunt	YMC
Anne Freund	Pinnacle Club, FRCC	Glyn Edwards	FRCC
Will Hunt	Leeds University Union Mountaineering Club	Will Smith	
Ewan Russell	Leeds University Union Mountaineering Club		
Huw Goodall	Leeds University Union Mountaineering Club		
Peri Stracchino	York Alpine Club		
Debra Halcrow	York Alpine Club, Individual		
Paul Shearman	Rucksack Club		

### Action

- 1 **Welcome & Introductions.** David welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Anne Chevalier, Bev Connor, Paul Exley, Jonathan Richardson & Heather Thomas-Smith
- 3 **Minutes of the last meeting.** It was noted that Arthur Salmon is a member of Yorkshire Ramblers Club and not Yorkshire Mountaineering Club. With this correction the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.
- 4 **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 5 **Co-ordinators' Reports**

#### 5.1 Gritstone: access & conservation.

**Caley Clean Up.** Mick Johnson reported that this had not been well attended with only 7 people present. In discussion with Richard Marsh, the Park Ranger, it had been agreed to trim the Himalayan Balsam for 3 consecutive years following which it should not come back. Mick said he was happy to do the Sugarloaf Area.

He expressed thanks to those who had made the effort to turn up & help.

**Baildon Bank litter pick.** Ten bags of litter had been collected and thanks were expressed to John Walsh for organising the day.

**Rob Dyer.** It was noted that Rob is the new BMC Access & Conservation Officer. He & Mick had done a tour of some Yorkshire crags as follows:-

**Blue Scar.** Re parking here there would be a new BMC sign indicating the farmer's preferred parking arrangements. He does not want people parking outside the barn.

**Langcliffe.** Rob Dyer is to take up the issue re not being allowed to drill the quarry face.

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Other Craggs visited were Castlebergh, Dove Stones, Cat Craggs, Upper Huller Stones & Sypeland.

Re access at Cat Craggs Mick & Rob were going to respond to the Land Agents re how to take forward.

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**Round Hill.** ? access issue re parking. The house owner was asking people to park ¾ mile away claiming it is private land.

## 5.2 Limestone Access & Conservation.

**Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) & observance of restrictions.** Martin Christmas reported that the YDNP had again expressed their thanks to climbers re the good observance of the restrictions re nesting birds.

**Feizor Nick.** It was noted that this crag was on Access Land. Mark Allum had asked the YDNP Ranger to speak with the farmer again re this. The possibility was discussed of a letter clarifying the position which would be downloadable from the BMC website.

**Crummackdale stile.** Martin & Rob will discuss this.

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5.3 **Youth.** Anne Chevalier was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a message saying that she had nothing to report.

5.4 **Climbing Walls.** No report.

## 6 National Council.

### 6.1 Report from the last meeting.

**Proposed loan to the Climbers Club.** It was noted that the BMC had withdrawn the loan offer. However it was felt that there was still merit in the general principle of establishing a fund of money to support clubs with huts and that this was worthy of further investigation. Subject to further information the Meeting supported this idea.

**Declaration of Members.** It was noted that National Council had not agreed to introduce a facility to allow clubs to declare only their active members.

### 6.2 Matters for the Next Meeting.

6.2.1 **BMC Policy on Quarries.** Rob Dyer has a specific remit to be the BMC Office lead on quarrying issues. He will support Areas as much as possible with quarry issues. It is hoped to include climbing considerations into the Mineral Planning Guidance (MPG7) and to encourage/require quarry companies to restore sites during the quarrying process rather than continually deferring restoration to future dates. It was noted that the BMC has a good record re conservation activity and that it would be worth considering this & conservation issues generally with regard to quarry restoration.

**Members' Survey.** It was noted that the results of this were now available on the BMC website.

**New BMC database.** It was noted that the BMC was replacing the database system. The target go live date is 1 June 2011.

## 7 Clubs Issues.

- 7.1 **Clubs Committee.** The report by Paul Exley from the recent meeting of the Clubs Committee was noted.

A query was raised re university club representation on the Committee. Deirdre agreed to contact John Farrow, the Clubs Committee Chairman about this and suggested that the enquirers might consider how student representative(s) might be elected to the Committee.

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8 **Individual Members Issues.**

**Castlebergh Crag.** The recent article re this in the Craven Herald was noted. David Campbell was mentioned as the Area Chairman. See link - [http://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/ocalnews/news\\_skipton/8326129.Town\\_on\\_a\\_high\\_with\\_climbing\\_crag\\_success/](http://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/ocalnews/news_skipton/8326129.Town_on_a_high_with_climbing_crag_success/)

- 9 **Area Newsletter.** Gareth Morgan offered to help with production of the next Newsletter and John Hunt offered to help with future ones.

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- 10 **Hillwalking.** It was noted that the Membership Survey indicated that 71.3 % of survey respondents indicating that it was their primary activity.

There was a query re the level of sponsorship available for expeditions etc and a suggestion that successful applicants could be asked to come to a meeting to talk about their trip.

There was also a suggestion that the Area could have a hillwalking rep to help focus on hillwalking matters .

(Post meeting note: Stuart Charlton subsequently offered to do this which offer was gratefully received subject to agreement by the Meeting.)

11 **Any Other Business.**

**Yorkshire Gritstone Guide.** It was noted that help was still needed with this. Deirdre agreed to email Area re this.

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- 12 **Date of Next Meeting (& AGM).** Monday 29 November @ 19.00.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 20.37.