

**Minutes of the 224th Yorkshire Area Meeting  
Held at 19.30 on Monday 19 November 2018  
at the Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley**

**Present:**

Andy Syme	BMC Yorkshire Area Chair	Ros Leech	FRCC
Sarah Sharps	BMC Yorkshire Area Secretary, Leeds MC	John Mortimer	Vibram MC
Peter Barrans	BMC Yorkshire Area Clubs Rep	Sarah Hayes	LMC, FRCC
Mick Green	BMC Yorkshire Area NC Rep, CC, Gritstone Club	Raj Madhas	Gritstone
Mick Johnson	BMC Yorkshire Area Gritstone Rep CC, FRCC	Martin Nash	Individual
Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club, FRCC	Dan Hedges	Individual
Adrian Lockwood	CC	Iain McKenna	Individual
Mike Berrington	YMC, FRCC, CC	Peter Roll	Individual
James Rowe	LMC, CC		

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Andy Syme welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Lindsay Mc Morran, Stuart Wetherell, Chris Martin, Jim Hulbert, Paul Clarke
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** It was commented that "Baroness Eden" in the previous gritstone report is actually "Eaton".
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:** none
5. **Co-ordinators' Reports**

5.1. **Gritstone: Access & Conservation:** Mick Johnson reported that he has met with Baroness Eaton's husband John, who is a lawyer by trade. He has asked for indemnity from the BMC before anyone can climb there. It is a worthwhile venue with many buttresses with routes and problems, similar to Shipley Glen. He has spoken to Rob Dyer about this, will need to put the possibility of indemnity forward to the land management group.

Some climbers were asked to leave White Crag recently, please respect that this is private land and keep groups small. May have possibly been asked to leave by the gamekeeper.

We have been given permission to remove some of the dead trees at Crookrise, around Jason's roof. This isn't actually part of our land but the landowner said it was ok. A volunteer chainsaw operator has been found to aid with this.

The volunteer day at Brimham Rocks was a success, thanks to all who came. We are likely to run another in the future. There are a few more trees and stumps that need removing. We continue to have a good working relationship with the rangers at Brimham,

Following the issues with dog litter being inserted into the dry stone wall at Almscliffe, Harrogate

Council have agreed to place a dog litter bin by the stile.

It was suggested that we may need a clean-up day at Caley Crag as it is very overgrown at the moment with Himalayan balsam. This is also an issue at Hardcastle Crag, it was mentioned that they have introduced some diseased balsam to try and eradicate the problem plant, ask Rob Dyer to investigate.

**5.2. Limestone: Access & conservation:** Nigel Baker was not in attendance.

**5.3. Youth:** Nothing to report

**5.4. Climbing Walls:** Lindsay McMorran was not in attendance and had not submitted a report. As many may know, Leed Wall has been purchased by the Depot team and has now been reopened as the Big Depot. Walls have been reset and a new bouldering area has been put in, however a full redesign of the area will take place next summer.

**5.5. Clubs:** Pete Barrans reported: I attended a meeting of the Clubs Committee at the BMC offices in Manchester on 13 September and another meeting at Awesome Walls in Sheffield on 3 November. A Clubs Committee Update will be sent out to club contacts shortly.

Clubs committee are seeking guidance on the areas where input from clubs will be needed in the Phase 2 Implementation (ODG). Input from the clubs will be appreciated.

Engaging with clubs remains a priority. Clubs need to be encouraged to use the 'Communications Contact' option on MSO. The person nominated will be the primary contact from communications and be responsible for the distribution of communications around their club.

A training day for Clubs was held at Sheffield on 3 November, with presentations on Insurance and Governance. It was well attended. Slides from the day can be found at:

<https://webforms.thebmc.co.uk/events/feedback/feedback-bmc-training-day-clubcommittee-members-november-2018-sheffield>

The first BMC Hill Walking Symposium weekend on the 24th and 25th October

Leeds Mountaineering Club are pushing ahead with an event to try to increase the numbers of walkers in their club. BMC have confirmed that they will be willing to support and publicise the event, subject to receiving more details. It is probably going to be held at The Big Depot next spring. The Gritstone Club have expressed an interest in getting involved.

**6. Hillwalking.** Peter Roll mentioned he'd been in touch with North Yorkshire Fell Club who walk 11-12 miles every Sunday and are looking for more members. They don't have much of an online presence unfortunately and Sarah agreed to share their calendar on the facebook page. Pete Barrans said he would share the information with the other clubs in the area.

## 7. National Council

7.1. **ODG Update** – unfortunately been a bit of a slow start after the AGM, but by the end of the summer things have started rolling. READ DOCUMENTS ONLINE (<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/bmc-organisational-development-group-update-november-2018>). Comms back through Area Reps of directly to [ODG@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:ODG@thebmc.co.uk).

### 7.2. Key points:

- 7.2.1. AoA - Provides method to get rid of your area rep or officers if they don't represent your views. Changes the rights for raising resolutions (the bit Andy forgot). Articles of association will be agreed and signed off in March AGM.
- 7.2.2. MoU – Being worked on by Andy, Carl Spencer, Jonathan White, Roger Fanner, Roger Murray.. Intent to issue by AGM.
- 7.2.3. NC reconstitution. Key objectives are a) hold board to account, b) provide the effective 2 way communications channel from Board to members. Lynn wants 1 vote per area, 2 members per area, 4 NC reps voted in, remaining seats to be taken up by partners (Mountain Training etc) and Specialist committees.

7.3. **Strategic plan** – membership engagement better. Read documents online.

7.4. **Dates for next year** - 4 Feb, 25 Mar (if needed), 17 Jun, 16 Sep, 2 Dec

## 8. Individual Members Issues. None raised.

9. **Any Other Business.** There were two successful showings of Dawn Wall, will be showing again at City Bloc on the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

We are looking at putting an event on next year or the year after similar to 'Wilton Fest'; can we have a group of people come forward who are interested? Problem with area is that there is no big area like Wilton in Yorkshire. LMC and Gritstone Club interested in being involved. Could be town based? Skipton maybe. Dales Bridge mentioned, camping and bar. Carey mentioned if the Sport England bid goes through there may be budget for event support. Speak to Rob Dyer.

10. Mick Green mentioned about wired guides app, some income from that could contribute to funding events.

11. **Date of Next Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7:30pm, downstairs at the Big Depot, Geldard Road, Leeds