

**Minutes of the 226th Yorkshire Area Meeting
held at 19.30 on Monday 25th March 2019
at The Wheatley Arms, Ilkley**

Present:

Sarah Sharps	BMC Yorks Area Chair	James Rowe	LMC
Jim Hulbert	BMC Yorks Area Secretary	Peter Roll	Individual
Pete Barrans	BMC Yorks Area Clubs Rep	Chris Martin	Alpine Club
Stuart Wetherell	BMC Yorks Area Climbing Wall Rep	Mick Green	National Council, Gritstone Club
Vicky Jennings	BMC Yorks Area Youth Outdoor Rep	Nigel Calaghan	Gritstone Club
Chris Page	BMC Yorks Area Hill Walking Rep	John Allock	Individual
Dave Turnbull	BMC CEO	Angela Soper	FRCC, Pinnacle
David Turner	Individual	Paul Clarke	FRCC, CC
Lorna Vonce Stronl-Jennings	Individual	Dave Musgrove	Individual
Sara Hayes	LMC, FRCC	Karl Heinig	Individual

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Sarah Sharps welcomed all to meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Andy Syme, John Mortimer, Nigel Baker and Mick Johnston.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** None
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:** None
5. **Co-ordinators' Reports**
 - 5.1. **Gritstone: Access & Conservation:** Mick Johnson was away but Paul Clarke advised that Ruin Bank Woods access negotiation had gone well and was waiting to be signed off later that week by the Access Group. New boulder problems have been developed at Crookrise.
 - 5.2. **Limestone: Access & conservation:** Nigel Baker was away but Dave Musgrove advised that Kilnsey Estates, the owners of Kilnsey Quarry, have contacted Rob Dyer to discuss potential future climbing on the site. Nigel has arranged to meet with them to discuss. DM also advised that Giggleswick Quarry had been sold to a private investor who cannot do anything with it. A site visit was being arranged to discuss potential future climbing.
 - 5.3. **Youth Indoor:** David Farrell not in attendance.
 - 5.4. **Youth Outdoor:** Vicky Jennings advised a meet had been organised for 18th May and was looking for volunteers. Any help would be useful whether climbing qualifications were held or not.

working for climbers, hill walkers & mountaineers

- 5.5. **Climbing Walls:** Stuart Wetherell advised that the Huddersfield Wall had closed down 25th February and Kirklees was looking for an 'experienced operator.' Local community of climbers quite exercised and looking for a solution.

- 5.6. **Clubs:** Pete Barrans reported that he was trying to get clubs involved with work stream 7 of the Organisational Development Group. He also advised of a Hut Survey that required a response; details to be found on BMC website. There would be workshops and club support available at the AGM.

6. **Hill Walking.** Chris Page offered to be Hill Walking Rep; proposed by Paul Clarke, seconded by Jim Hulbert. He proposed to organise a day at Whernside to find out more about the Mend Our Mountains work being carried out. CP to liaise with Carey Davies to arrange. CP also raised the lack of charity contributions to hill upkeep via the Three Peaks challenge and the meeting as a whole reinforced need to pick up litter where seen.

7. **AGM.** Dave Turnbull advised that online voting was available and reminder emails would shortly be going out. Encouraged attendance and noted Sunday morning session about future direction of BMC to be of particular interest.

8. **National Council.** Mick Green advised that the future role of the NC was to be discussed at the AGM, including how to hold the board to account. MG suggested that 4x yearly meetings should be streamlined to be more efficient and have more clearly defined topics to ensure adequate coverage. DT agreed with principle but noted that the system worked well considering its volunteer led nature and was remarkably cordial and amicable. Andy Syme's working group continues apace with various draft reports to be presented at the AGM.

9. **Individual Members Issues.** None raised.

10. **Any Other Business.** BMC Hills to Oceans Campaign. Attendees agreed it was imperative to remove rubbish from crags, with particular attention to those frequented by the general public. Local clubs and individuals all have role to play. Possibility of tying Hills to Oceans in with Youth Outdoor Day.

11. **Date of Next Meeting:** 17th June 2019, Wheatley Arms, Ilkley.