

**Minutes of the 228th Yorkshire Area Meeting
held at 19.30 on Monday 16 September 2019
at The Wheatley Arms, Ilkley.**

Present:

Sarah Sharps	Chair	Emmeline Dobson	YMC/LMC
Jim Hulbert	Secretary	Karl Heinig	Individual
Stuart Wetherell	Indoor Rep	Craig Hartley	Individual
Nigel Baker	Limestone	Dave Penny	Individual
Mick Johnson	Gritstone	Dilip Lao	Individual
Chris Page	Hillwalking	Tim Thornalley	CMC
Andy Syme	NC	Laura Powell	CMC
Mick Green	NC	Martin Nash	Individual
Dave Turnbull	BMC	Trevor Good	FRCC
Rob Bishop	BMC	Angela Soper	Pinnacle/FRCC
James Rowe	LMC	Peter Roll	Individual
Paul Clarke	FRCC/CC	Mike Bebbington	YMC

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Sarah Sharps welcomed all to meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from John Mortimer, Dave Musgrove, Tim Lowe and Vicky Jennings.

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 advised Ruin Bank trial has gone well and access extended for further six months. Topo is on Unknown Stones. Not keen on weekend climbing but has agreed to first weekend in every month initially. Caley: tree pruning arrangements have not taken shape yet but Mick is on the case. Shipley Glen: Mick has emailed BDCC regarding tree pruning and hopes to hear back relatively soon. Brimham: conclusion was no further pruning was required.

5.2. **Limestone: Access & conservation:** Nigel Baker advised things have been quiet. Bird restrictions observed and no issues with parking. Langcliffe Skyline bird ban was lifted early. Malham parish council passed on thanks for climbers picking up litter. Talks regarding several Dales quarries at a very embryonic stage; both seem to want to commercialise in some way. Jim Hulbert raised point as requested by Tim Lowe on the paths at Kilnsey; sounded as though Access Fund would be happy to provide cash for materials. At the end of the meeting Mick Green advised that Wetherby Crag needs pruning; a job for the spring.

5.3. **Youth Indoor:** David Farrell not in attendance.

- 5.4. **Youth Outdoor:** Vicky Jennings not in attendance. Stuart Wetherell advised that Vicky was hoping to arrange a day at Hetchell.
- 5.5. **Climbing Walls:** Stuart Wetherell advised that the Lab is operating a fundraiser on 2nd Oct for a former member of staff who sadly took his own life. They are also running a Halloween party 1st Nov with a competition. Big Depot: new wall in pipeline to replace A frame. Keeping feature wall and installing heating system. City Bloc: new comp wall and training area in former skatepark. Bloc Party comp on Nov 9th. Huddersfield: recruitment in progress for October opening. New bouldering wall also in progress. Roky: ladies climbing, staff autism training and comp on 2nd Nov. Stuart suggested indoor climbers perhaps not as aware of BMC membership benefits as outdoor users; how best to address this?
- 5.6. **Clubs:** Pete Barrans advised summer has been quiet. Encouragement to use online membership services but limited uptake so far. Feedback on ODG reports has been limited thus far.
6. **Hillwalking.** Chris Page advised 29th September walk from Marsden; a joint effort between Peak and Yorkshire. Aiming to arrange walk up Whernside to view MoM work. Concerns over Yorkshire 3 Peaks and whether charities are aware enough of their responsibilities. Dave Turnbull suggested that the BMC were involved in the issue here and in Wales/Lakes too, as were a lot of other concerned parties and to engage further at this stage might be a case of too many cooks. Hill Walking Symposium in the pipeline for late Spring; Rob Bishop from BMC involved and definitely happening.
7. **National Council.** Andy Syme promoted to Deputy President. Dave Turnbull advised that consultation on the BMC Strategic Plan has been ongoing and responses had been positive so far, with environmental sustainability a prominent theme. Plans in place to update mission statement once this is complete. ODG: Fiona Saunders has stepped in following John Roberts' resignation. Work being done on a more logical connection between the various committees and on club representation. NC is reorganising to allow 1 vote per area; will not be sidelined by wider structural reform. Mick Green advised the NomCom has seen significant development and a mix of skills being put in place. Dave advised that Rab Carrington is looking at where comp climbing should fit into the BMC and a separate report is being prepared on the BMC in Wales; both of these should be published by end of the year.
8. **Individual Members Issues.** None raised.
9. **Any Other Business.** Litter pick through LMC was a success; another to be sorted. Sarah called for volunteers to assist in organising a Yorkshire event on the lines of Wilton/Tremfest. Belaying safety campaign is being rolled out following significant claim on BMC insurance.
10. **Date of Next Meeting:** 2nd December 2019, Wheatley Arms, Ilkley.