



Yorkshire Area ORDINARY MEETING 19/04/22

Meeting held on zoom and at the Black Horse, Otley

AGENDA

If anything to be discussed on this agenda gives rise to a conflict of interest for anyone, please declare it at the start of the meeting.

Start time 7.00pm

- 1. Welcome and apologies for absence** **Jim Hulbert & Will Points**
 - 1.1 Apologies from Mick Johnson, Paul Clarke, Dave Musgrove, Vicky Jennings, Chris Dennis, Sam Kett, Chris Page
 - 1.2 Welcome to new faces/attendees that we've not seen before
 - 1.3 5 people on Zoom (inc. Dan Middleton) and 13 people in person
- 2. Introduction to the BMC and Area Meetings**
 - 2.1 Nothing specific mentioned
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting**
 - 3.1 No further questions
- 4. Actions from previous meeting**
 - 4.1 No additional questions
- 5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
 - 5.1 Election of New Members Council rep:
 - 5.1.1 Richard Eden was nominated by Andy Syme, seconded by Mick Green
 - 5.1.2 Martin Christmas was nominated by Steve Kierman, seconded by Will Points.
Decision taken by committee to appointment one as Members Council rep, and one as understudy to Mick Green (succession planning)
Martin Christmas voted in as Members Council rep (13 Y, 0 N, 1 Abstain)
Richard Eden voted in as understudy to Mick Green (13 Y, 0 N, 0 A)
- 6. Members Council Update Mick Green**
 - 6.1 The members council wants to improve the connection between the Board, Areas and Membership, so this is a current topic of discussion.
 - 6.2 Mick wants to propose a motion to the Members Council that we create a pipeline for volunteers as succession planning rather than trying to fill gaps when they occur. Motion was passed to take this to the council, and indeed in Yorkshire we have now started to do this ourselves
- 7. Reports from Area Representatives**
 - 7.1 **Gritstone: Access and Conservation - covered by Nigel Baker**
 - 7.1.1.1 Baildon Bank clean up a success, thanks to all the attendees and Gecko chalk.
 - 7.1.1.2 Alsmcliff path is holding up nicely, needs some minor maintenance work which is being looked in to
 - 7.1.1.3 Issues highlighted this week at Snowdon crag, with grease being applied to holds. Belief is that this is linked to parking, and possibly lamping, which is disturbing the houses opposite. At least one report also suggested tyre slashing. Action taken for reps to call round to the houses and try and understand in more detail (Jim to contact Mick, Will to contact Jess).
 - 7.1.1.4 Proposal is to use Gunk to remove the grease, but not clear what impact this will have on the rock.
 - 7.1.1.5 Possible suggestion for some signage in the area, but for now please park on the Blubberhouses road.
 - 7.1.1.6 Hetchell Woods has been marked with permanent marker for tick marks, situation to be monitored but BMC team would appreciate a local volunteer to clean/inspect the rock
 - 7.1.1.7 Tyres being slashed also reported at Running Hill Pits, messages passed onto North West area.

7.2 **Limestone: Access and Conservation** Nigel Baker

- 7.2.1 Paul Clarke continues his good work at Trow Gill after the storm damage, with permission received for some tree surgery from BMC and estate owners. A small group will be needed to support the clear-up in early May, and then routes and anchors will need checking.
- 7.2.2 Nesting season is upon us, so everyone needs to be aware, including at Malham. Langcliffe, Skyline and Upper Stoney Bank have no restrictions as birds have not nested, possibly related to the trees having grown too big.
- 7.2.3 Blue scar access issues continue (permit required), but a second farmer may be able to offer a possible solution in the future. Currently there is a bird ban due to nesting anyway.
- 7.2.4 Lots of new routes at Attermire Scar in the lower grades, great support from the Farmer.

7.3 **Clubs**

- 7.3.1 No report

7.4 **Youth Outdoor**

- 7.4.1 No report

7.5 **Climbing Walls** Chris Dennis & Sam Kett

- 7.5.1 New Depot due to open in Leeds in May, following which they will Refurb Big Depot then Pudsey.
- 7.5.2 Red Goat expanding, new area due to open in next month.
- 7.5.3 Freaklime had an application for a wall in York rejected due to a lack of parking
Harrogate Wall keen to engage further with BMC area team
Rokt at Brighouse is not believed to be opening again anytime soon (if at all)

7.6 **Hillwalking**

- 7.6.1 No report
- 7.6.2 Point raised regarding the Otley Walking Festival on 25th June to 3rd July (See website for details). Suggestion that the office contact the organisers to see if the BMC can have a stand on opening/closing day.

7.7 **Events Co-Ordinator**

- 7.7.1 No report
- 7.7.2 Suggestion that the Yorkshire Area festival 2023 could combine with the EU Mountaineering Association General Assembly, further investigation needed by Dan J with Andy S.

8. **Update from the Board**

- 8.1 2022 AGM is on Wed 18th May via zoom, proxy votes are available.
- 8.2 We will be proposing the addition of an "Object" to the Articles as follows:
 - 8.2.1 "Encourage and promote membership of the BMC to Mountaineers and those interested in mountaineering". This will be put forward as a separate resolution.

We are doing this in order to ensure that we can grow membership, and thus become more representative of the millions of people in England and Wales who already enjoy our sports – activities. Our intent is that this will help us engage with underrepresented groups in within our sports – activities – for instance women and girls and ethnic minorities.

- 8.3 Tough financial year, running at a loss in 2021, but expect to recover in 2023.
- 8.4 Hope is to work closer with Sport England, ABC and NICAS, with the BMC recently receiving a its Sports England grant.
 - 8.4.1 Homes4Ukraine website is open, to connect BMC members with Ukraine mountaineering association members and associates, but currently not seeing much information from Ukraine, as moving to the UK is seen as a 'big step'. However promotion continues, and you can register at H4U.thebmc.co.uk.

9. **AOB**

- 9.1 Brief discussion about the new Wired guidebook covering Yorkshire and produced by local guru Will Hunt. Problems at printing have delayed publication, so no copy on hand to show.
- 9.2 Discussion around bolting, as Dan Middleton (BMC Technical Advisor) would like to know if people are interested in a bolting workshop (formally attended by Jim Hulbert). Further discussion needed.
- 9.3 Volunteers Gala discussed, survey to be shared to committee (done)
- 9.4 Finally, apologies for the difficulties with Zoom!

10. Date, time and location of next Area Meeting:

- 10.1 25th July at The Hub in Bradford, guest speaker Emma Lonsdale, Mountain Leader, Climber and former Winter Olympian.

Estimated start time 8,30pm

- 11. **Talk** **Helen Neal –**
TakeHoldPhysio – climbing injury
- 12. **Q&A with speaker**
- 13. **Close Meeting. 09:30** **Jim Hulbert**