



Yorkshire Area ORDINARY MEETING 25/07/22

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

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| 1. Welcome and apologies for absence | Jim Hulbert & Will Points |
| 1.1 Apologies from Chris Dennis, Nigel Baker, Paul Clarke | |
| 1.2 One person on Zoom and 12 people in person | |
| 2. Introduction to the BMC and Area Meetings | |
| 2.1 Nothing specific mentioned | |
| 3. Minutes of previous meeting | |
| 3.1 John Hollingworth offered to go check the situation at Hetchell and clean-up if still required. Further detail to follow | |
| 4. Actions from previous meeting | |
| 4.1 No additional questions | |
| 5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere | |
| 5.1 Appointment of Joerie Chisholm as Chief Financial Officer. | |
| 6. Members Council Update | Martin Christmas |
| 6.1 CEO report, financial health is good, growth in membership (79K) and still growing steadily towards target of 100K members. | |
| 6.2 Further information available on the report, including joiners/leavers from BMC, however Andy Syme expressed the point that there was not believed to be a systemic problem and recruiting replacements is on-going and the office team expanding. Environmental policy is also being reviewed and council is looking at training and development for volunteers (linked to Gala). | |
| 6.3 Chris Stone elected as deputy president. | |
| 6.4 Volunteers Gala, 8 th & 9 th Oct in Coventry, anyone who is interested in attending, there is a page on the BMC website (*) or contact us for more info. The offer is also open to people who are thinking of volunteering and what to find out more about what is involved. | |
| 6.5 UMA/UIAA event next April, Martin suggested that it would be good if the Yorkshire area could be involved. Andy Symes suggestion was to host a Yorkshire festival over the same weekend, further thought and discussion is needed, as well as volunteers! | |

6.6 Next year there will be a winter international climbers meet, followed by a summer meet the year after.

6.7 Martin and the Council keen for feedback from the area meetings to see how we can progress and develop.

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7.1 **Gritstone: Access and Conservation**

covered by Nigel Baker

7.1.1.1 Ruin bank access has been maintained, however recent report suggests lots of litter, so Mick Johnson and Paul Clarke are going to do a litter pick. Great bouldering available when dry!

7.1.1.2 Heptonstall, reports of a loose belay stake (can be pulled out of the ground). Mick J will update RAD but no intentions to re-seat at the moment so all climbers should exercise caution.

7.1.1.3 Guisecliff cleaning was discussed, however very difficult to do at that particular crag and will always grow back due to the lack of traffic and north-facing rock.

7.1.1.4 Caley is full of Himalayan balsam and the wall is falling into the A66, but we believe there are difficulties with doing the work due to a potential requirement to close the road whilst work is done. Mick J is going to follow-up and find out further information.

7.1.1.5 Chevin Quarry also has lots of new birch trees at the base which could do with hand-felling as/when people visit. Just exercise caution and don't over-do it!

7.1.1.6 Snowden crag still sensitive. Mick has visited the local houses opposite the boulders, and they didn't have any concerns, and NY County Council have been exchanging emails regarding a possible point of access. The discussion continues but landowner has been identified so Mick will keep pursuing.

7.1.1.7 Hawkswick, the suggestion is to keep climbing as we still have the access agreement.

7.1.1.8 Baildon Bank, still has graffiti at the bottom and council wants to clean. Andy S has advised they don't paint over but use an alternative.

7.1.1.9 Shipley Glen clean-up discussion should be re-started for a potential date in the future.

7.2 **Limestone: Access and Conservation**

Mick Johnson

7.2.1 Trow Gill has had 2 clean-up days, removing trees and debris following on from tidying work by the estate, arranged by Paul Clarke but Dean from Harrogate Wall did the tree surgery. Crag looks significantly better now, so thanks to the whole team involved.

7.2.2 Langcliffe quarry access remains difficult as car park is currently out-of-use due to construction work. Car park will return, but at the moment there is only space for a couple of cars and a diversionary walk. Hopefully once the building work is finished we will also be able to put up some new routes too, but Craven District Council will need to approve first

7.3 **Clubs**

Pete Barrans

7.3.1 Four webinars aimed at clubs have been held this spring:

- Young people and families in clubs
- Environmental sustainability for clubs
- Find Your Adventure
- Combined Liability insurance for clubs

All are available on the BMC website as catch-up videos (see Clubs section) and well worth watching if clubs missed them.

Further webinars are to be held during Autumn. Details are yet to be finalised.

- 7.3.2 The proposed changes to the BMC Articles of Association for Affiliated Clubs was agreed at the AGM. The changes widen the conditions to allow more “non-standard” clubs to join the BMC. The criteria for joining the BMC are:
- Mountaineering is the core activity
 - The HQ is in Great Britain
 - The club is set up to be on behalf of its members
 - The club is a not-for-profit organisation
- 7.3.3 I have a Clubs Committee meeting on Tuesday 26 July (Zoom). A further meeting will be held on 5 September. Would clubs please let me have any queries of information requests prior to that meeting.

7.4 Youth Outdoor

- 7.4.1 No report

7.5 Climbing Walls Sam Kett

- 7.5.1 Harrogate wall keen to be more involved, not much contact otherwise
7.5.2 Armley Depot recently opened, with Big Depot closed for a refurbishment
7.5.3 Worth noting that IFSC Speed and Lead cup 13th/14th Sept (tbc) is coming to Ratho (Scotland)

7.6 Hillwalking Chris Page

- 7.6.1 Yorkshire region hillwalking events could be something we start, further investigation ongoing
7.6.2 Skills training by the BMC went well
7.6.3 Mend Our Mountains campaign is to be re-started, with potential for funds coming into Yorkshire.

7.7 Events Co-Ordinator

- 7.7.1 No report

8. Update from the Board

See <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/Handlers/DownloadHandler.ashx?id=2162> for details

- 8.1 Access is being revitalised by Dave Turnbull particularly with events like the webinars, the last one being with Natural England access officer.
- 8.2 Vision events have been run at the Members Council on all 4 activities over the year (indoor, rock, hillwalking & Mountaineering). The outcomes and requests of these events have been presented to the Board for consideration in 2023 budget.
- 8.3 Survey will come out soon (17 Jul), with prizes (!) so watch this space.
- 8.4 Sport England money has arrived. This is not ‘co-funding’ money and will provide expansion to (mainly) indoor without affecting other activities and will free up some cash currently funding posts which can now be funded from SE money.

9. AOB

- 9.1 If anyone has any issues with RAD, Paul Clarke is happy to update or error correct if anyone has anything to share.

9.2 Next meeting is the AGM, so if any volunteers are wishing to stand-down, or any extra volunteers.

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

10.1 TBC

Estimated start time 8.30pm

11. **Talk** **Emma Lonsdale**

12. **Q&A with speaker**

13. **Close Meeting. 09:30** **Jim Hulbert**