



Yorkshire Area ORDINARY MEETING 18/10/22

Meeting held 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 Richard Eden, Mick Johnson, Chris Dennis, Dave Musgrove
2. **Introduction to the BMC and Area Meetings**
 - 2.1 Area meeting first, AGM second
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
 - 3.1 John Hollingworth spoke up about the black marks at Hetchell crag, found a 4or5 under 1 route when searching for them (so not obvious). Was unable to remove but will return to have another go. The second buttress at Hetchell has a deer fence around so, whilst still accessible, it is a little trickier.
4. **Actions from previous meeting**
 - 4.1 No different from above
5. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
6. **Members Council Update** **Mick Green**
7. **Reports from Area Representatives**
 - 7.1 **Gritstone: Access and Conservation** **Covered by Paul Clarke and Nigel Baker**
 - Bolting at Halton Heights: Bolts were put sometime 1-3years ago but were subsequently removed by someone. Activity had started up again, with new holes drilled, but conversations have held with the individual concerned but some discrepancy exactly what had been agreed as not all parties present at the meeting. Concerns were raised around sensitivity of access (issues have occurred in the past) and that the precedent that could be set etc, but potential for lower-offs was well received. The routes could do with some traffic or gardening to maintain them, and it would protect the environment above by avoiding top-outs, so this could support that. Motion carried for installing bolted lower-offs at Halton Heights, volunteer received to install them on a couple of routes as a trial. Also important to note that any desire/request to bolt on gritstone needs to come via the area committee for agreement, and will be considered in a case-by-case basis
 - Bolts at Almscliff have been removed!
 - Snowdon crag; investigation found that residents were not involved, and access issues appear strained, but advice is to access from large layby on opposite side of moor and walk along the road to a gate and good track across the moor. Worth noting lamping is to be avoided. A check will be made as to the state of the grease following the recent wet weather
 - Limestone: Access and Conservation** **Nigel Baker**
 - No issues recently with Limestone, aside from how popular it has been! Bird bans at Malham respected, parking at Kilnsey not seemed to be a problem this year and the access track has had some attention/repair work done.
 - New BMC access rep has offered to contact land owners about any historical issues, Fordale suggested as a possibility but can still be accessed from above/behind so no further action agreed.
 - Blue Scar raised again, access is available from “over the top” and no recent issues with farmhouse by the previous approach. Great hard trad routes, but small season due to bird ban.
 - 7.2 **Clubs** **Pete Barrans**
 - September meeting at PYB, decision taken to review what is defined as a ‘club’ via a working group which Pete is a member of. 2 zoom meetings so far.

- 7.3 **Youth Outdoor** **no formal update**
- 7.4 **Hillwalking** **no formal update**
- Point raised about “NHS walking leader 2”, which has been introduced on the back of the NHS realising the health benefits of being in the outdoors as a training/education. 6 topics of 6hrs each and seems to be attracting people who wouldn't usually get involved with an MLTE type formal qualification. Hope is to avoid the kind of situation where we get moorland fires, wall damage, unnecessary emergency/MR call-outs.
The charity running the activities, North of England Activities and Training, are appealing for any volunteers with outdoor experience and ideally some teaching experience, who would be willing to educate applicants. They can be reached on bradfordactivities@hotmail.co.uk, 01274 635579 and 07821 757717.
- 7.5 **Indoor Climbing and Bouldering** **no formal update**
- Freek Lime has had approval last week from York council to build a new wall in the area.
 - Big Depot unlikely to open until next year
- 7.6 **Events Co-Ordinator** **no formal update**

8. Update from the Board

8.1 Good quarterly performance, financially we expect to be on the original deficit but did manage to host the speed and lead European championships at Ratho. BMC individual membership going up £2.45. Neil Hockley a new member of the board, and 2 new members on the specialist committee.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Mick Johnson won national BMC award for his outstanding work on the Gritstone recently. Well done and thanks Mick!

10. Date, time and location of next Area Meeting

10.1 Next meeting is the third Monday in January (believed to be the 16th!)

11. Close Meeting.

Jim Hulbert