



## Yorkshire Area ORDINARY MEETING 17/07/23

Meeting held at the Black Horse, Otley

### Minutes

*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** **Will Points & Ollie Martin**
  - 1.1 Chris Page, Will Hunt, Andy Syme (Joined after another BMC meeting)
2. **Introduction to the BMC and Area Meetings**
  - 2.1
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
  - 3.1 Approved
4. **Actions from previous meeting**
  - 4.1 No questions on actions from previous minutes
5. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
6. **Members Council Update** **Richard and Martin**
  - 6.1
    - Feedback from the AGM at Alnwick, parents from GB climbing voicing concerns about safeguarding.
    - Restructuring of BMC membership, lack of harmony in the current structure. Trying to return to 100,000 active members. Consultancy found that BMC had low impact compared to other outdoors institutions.
    - Improvements to the website are coming.
    - 3 tier membership structure proposed. Free membership tier, smaller fee second tier gives access to discount schemes, premium gives access to insurance and discounts.
    - Individual membership needs comparison to club level membership.
    - Sponsored athletes to insert some BMC information in their talks.
    - Some direct savings to be made, some through restructuring
    - No mention of well-being from the BMC on their report
7. **Reports from Area Representatives**
  - 7.1 **Gritstone: Access and Conservation** **Covered by**
    - Owl reported nesting at Chevin Buttrass but gone now.
    - Few queries about Ruin Bank, people still texting, no littering at the moment
    - Almscliff park renovations still ongoing on Yorkshire Day 1st August (?) maybe delayed
    - Email about a bolt being placed at Widdop to replace some pitons.
    - Cow and Calf at Ilkley being shut for filming
    - Issue at Slipstones, climber had parking in usual parking spot but given notice about parking. BMC branded sign for polite parking could be a good idea. needs to be taken to MC or to head office for the sign/funds.
    - Notice on social media and UKC, once Mick has spoken to the land owner.
  - Limestone: Access and Conservation** **Paul Clark**
    - Kilnsey crag has been purchased. Could allow access to the quarry? RAD hasn't been verified
    - BMC and partner were not successful for the Kilnsey bid

## 7.2 Clubs

**Pete Barrans**

- How to engage with clubs, webinars to interact with the clubs to see how we can better support them
- Question about extending tenure for longer than 6 years

## 7.3 Youth Outdoor

**No formal update**

## 7.4 Hillwalking

**No formal update**

## 7.5 Indoor Climbing and Bouldering

**Chris Dennis**

- Red Goat new bar open, new gym and mezzanine coming soon. Partheon have opened in Wandsworth. Chats with Harrogate Wall for BMC event. Few walls interested in doing some promotion.
- Ingleton Wall new owner.
- Blank BMC posters for meetings. Promote access app, bmc RAD. Maybe meeting updates?

## 7.6 Events Co-Ordinator

- crag cleanup at Shipley Glen. Picked up a lot of broken glass. Thanks to Alpkit for loan of litter pickers.
- Hoping to organise another one for Woodhouse Scar.
- Guides for Cleaning boulders and removing vegetation
- Picking 4 or so crags for cleanups
- UIAA meeting at Brimham went well, Alpkit loaned mats for free. Working with more clubs and brands.
- AGM and members council meeting.
- Yorkshire festival raised. Dalesbridge camping could be an option.

## 8. Update from the Board

### 8.1

- Course corrections in the budget, for example 5k taken from the 10k crag cleaning budget. No compulsory redundancies. Announcement coming tomorrow afternoon about staffing.
- Paying into GB climbing, but grants are returned from UK sport.
- Training for staff will help reduce costs.
- This constant tension around the balance between competition climbing and the rest of the bmc really needs sorting.
- What is our offering for the BMC. Needs to be more transparent.
- Montane partnership ended

## 9. Any Other Business

9.1 Good feedback on the BMC hybrid

9.2 Brief discussion on meeting location.

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

10.1 Next meeting will be 3 months from now. Mid October. Ilkley Alpkit suggested. Action point for OM to investigate.

## 11. Close Meeting.

**Will Points**