



Yorkshire Area ORDINARY MEETING 23/10/23

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, Chris Dennis, Will Points (Remote)
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
 - Richard has been unable to attend Members Council meetings due to personal issues, last meeting he attended was dealing with the fall out of the CEO/CFO issues. Meeting on the 24/10/23. Current focus of the BMC seems to be sorting out the finances and coordinate the branches of the BMC Recruitment for a new CEO / CFO,
 - Martin – key issues we're working on are making sure council nominated posts are full. Training plan for members council and CMD in progress. Board meeting tonight, ongoing progress on the course corrections.
 - Need to consider how we're representing our constituents.
7. **Reports from Area Representatives**
 - 7.1 **Gritstone: Access and Conservation** **Covered by**
 - Slipstones issues with parking and camping. Swinton Estates representative was 'awkward'. They don't want anyone parking in the normal location as its on private property (slipstones is on CroW land). Only want 3 cars parking there. BMC has had a sign made for the park, 'only three cars to the right of this sign'. If the parking becomes an issue it could be entirely revoked. Under legal easement access if the parking has been used for 20 years (has been used since the 1960s) then it could be legally argued. The crag is of interest to climbers, walkers and birdwatchers. RAD has been updated. Other parking available further down the road but the walk is longer.
 - Bolt on mystery buttress at Widdop – nothing has been said about this.
 - Almscliff footpath needs some attention.
 - Issues at Caley with Himalayan Balsam. Next clean up?
 - Potential issues about parking charges at surprise view and East Chevin Road on the Chevin.
 - Qualified members could use for power tools.
 - Potential clean up at Ilkley could be a good idea.
 - Limestone: Access and Conservation** **Nigel**
 - Limestone
 - Paul busy bolting at Knipe Scar.
 - Retro-bolting some old routes at the Buttress opposite the G-Spot

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7.2 Clubs

Pete Barrans

- Attended the Clubs Committee Meeting at the end of April and a follow-up meeting at the end of May. The main point of discussion was engagement with clubs and in particular why it is so difficult to achieve. It was agreed, that though a set of webinars to be held in the Autumn, that we should ask the clubs what they expect of the Committee and how we, as a committee, can best serve their needs. This has not yet been set up. Since the last meeting, the BMC issued an updated Safe Guarding Policy. The Area Reps were asked to comment on the document. It was intended that the policy would be mandatory for all clubs. The reps all thought that the policy was in many cases inappropriate for many clubs, due to size and/or the existing terms of membership of the clubs. Following extensive exchanges between reps and the author, it was agreed that the policy would be issued as guidance only to clubs. I will have done 6 years on the committee by the end of this year. It has been agreed that I can continue as Area Rep and have agreed to stand again. I am happy to step aside if anyone else would like to take up the position. I have had no contact with any clubs since the last meeting, so, obviously, they are all entirely happy and have no concerns at the moment.

7.3 Youth Outdoor

No formal update

7.4 Hillwalking

No formal update

7.5 Indoor Climbing and Bouldering

Chris Dennis

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7.6 Events Co-Ordinator

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8. Update from the Board

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9. Any Other Business

9.1 How to improve area attendance. Reach out to members.

9.2 How to encourage cleaning of crags.

9.3 Yorkshire Route Cleaning Facebook group.

9.4 Talk to Alpkite about clean up and Bradford council about Ilkley access.

9.5 Ilkley Alpkite suggested. Action point for OM to investigate Ilkley, Caley, Shipley and Baildon.

9.6 Use Volunteer database, volunteero platform for finding volunteers and volunteering opportunities.

9.7 Yorkshire climbing festival seems to have stalled. Maybe look at a one day festival at Crookrisers.

10. Date, time and location of next Area Meeting

10.1 Next meeting will be 3 months from now. Mid October. Monday 26th Feb proposed.

10.2

11. Close Meeting.

Ollie Martin

Chair me proposed by Mick seconded by Richard
Secretary Will proposed by Mick seconded by me
Mick Gritstone
Nigel Limestone
Members council gets two years tenure

