

Council of Southern Caving Clubs

A constituent member of the British Caving Association

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Minutes of General Meeting – 19:00 Monday 09 Feb 2026

Zoom Meeting **Draft 23 April**

Please note, the meeting has been recorded for note taking purposes.

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees 11 Voting reps

Stuart	ST	Hades	
Dave King	DLK	MNRC	
Adam Fletcher	AF	GSS	
Judi Durber	JD	EECC	
Laura Benn	LB	BEC	
Andrea	AN	WCMS	
Alan Dempster	AD	Avon Scouts	
Alan Grey	AG	ACG	
Graham Mullan	GM	UBSS	CCC Ltd
Wayne Starsmore	WS	WCC	C&A
Matty Dredge	MD	MCG	Deputy Equipment

Non Voting Attendees (Observers)

Frank Tully	FT	WCC	Secretary
Linda Wilson	LW	UBSS	BCA Rep
Peter Burgess	PB	WCMS	Communications

Apologies for Absence

Dave Cooke	DC	ChCC	Chair
Joshitha Shivkumar	JS	UBSS	
Tom Harrison	TH	MCG	Treasurer
Andrew Atkinson	AA	UBSS	Equipment

Election of Chair for Meeting

LW DC is currently caving in in Meghalaya and is therefore not able to attend the meeting.

LW proposes WS as meeting chair

WS voted as chair for the meeting Unanimous

2 Approval of minutes from GM 10 Nov 2025

Approved without amendments

2.1 Actions from the previous minutes

None

3 New Members **Tom Harrison**

FT TH has indicated in an email that we have no new members.

4 Chair report **Dave Cooke**

Report is published on the website.

No questions.

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4.1 Forrest of Dean Conservation and Cave Access Group (FoDCCAG)

Various attendees spoke on the subject.

The meetings opinion is that it has no issues with the formation of FoDCCAG.

WS I propose a motion to whole heartedly support the formation of FoDCCAG, CSCC are happy to draw a line just North of Bristol consistent with the MCRA and MCR Boundaries.

Vote passed with DK Abstaining, Non against.

5 Treasurer's report Tom Harrison

Income and Expenditure Since Nov 2025

Payments received for Keys.

£124 paid for Server Costs.

£35 paid for Drill Bits.

2025 Accounts

I have completed last year's accounts, I'm just waiting for the final statement of the year to be produced by NatWest and then these will be sent to be examined.

Tom Harrison Feb 2026

6 Secretary's report Frank Tully

Nothing significant to report, its been very quiet since the last meeting

7 C&A Report Wayne Starsmore

See 'officer reports' published on website.

JD The old tree at the entrance of Swildons has fallen over, has this been cleared?

WS Brian Prewer is going to have a word with the landowner Pamela Main. The consensus of opinion is that the tree has fallen away from the entrance and is stable, so it can remain where it is.

GM I propose a vote of thanks for all the hard work Wayne has put in organising the Longleat access agreement.

The meeting agreed Unanimously

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8 Equipment Officer

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DK Troupe Lane entrance is currently buried.

LW Procedurally CSCC need to request permission from CCC Ltd to replace bolts in GB. However the chair of CCC Ltd is at the meeting

MD Is CSCC Ltd happy for CSCC to replace the worn bolt of ladder dig in GB?

DK No problem

9 Communications Officer

PB DC has set up two factor authentication for the MailChimp account, which is much easier to use. Everything is running fine.

10 Training Officer

No officer in post

11 BCA Rep

LW See report published on website

FoDCCAG discussed earlier

LW To clarify, The BCA Insurance costs are complicated with multiple insurers involved. The total insurance costs appear to be slightly lower than expected.

12 Webmasters Report

Report published on website

13 Forthcoming events

10–12 July, Priddy Folk Festival

13-14 June BCRC medical conference at Priddy Village Hall and likely Swildons

19-21 June NAMHO North Yorkshire, Swaledale

25-27 Sept Hidden Earth

14 Nov MCR 90th Birthday Stomp at Priddy Village Hall

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14 CSCC Significant dates

Note. This is a list of important dates around the current CSCC year, which runs AGM to AGM. The dates of the AGM, notifications and associated deadlines are defined in the constitution, this is a reminder. Dates of meetings are initially decided at the AGM however they can be changed. Please consult the latest copy of the minutes or the agenda on the website.

Please note Meetings have been spaced evenly throughout the year, following the AGM which is fixed in the constitution and is traditionally the second Saturday in May.

Monday	18 August 2025	19:00	GM	Zoom
Monday	10 Nov 2025	19:00	GM	Zoom
Monday	02 Feb 2026	23:59	Notification to of upcoming AGM,	
Monday	9 Feb 2026	19:00	GM	Zoom
Friday	13 March 2026	23:59	Deadline for AGM nominations	
Friday	13 March 2026	19:00	Deadline for AGM constitutional amendments	
Tuesday	1 April 2026	23:59	Notification to members of AGM nominations	
Friday	8 May 2026	19:00	AGM	Zoom

14.1 Nominations for Committee appointments

WS The next meeting is the AGM, Historically we ask the incumbent officers if the are happy to continue in post for another year.

FT Secretary I am happy to stand for another year unless someone else wants the job.

LW BCA Rep I am happy stand for another year.

MD E&T Assistant I am happy to continue as assistant Equipment and Techniques

PB Comms. I am happy to stand

WS C&A I am happy to continue as C&A officer for another year

15 AOB

None

Meeting duration 45min

Corrections

LW email 16 Feb 2026, 08:32 Comments applied