



COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CAVING CLUBS

A constituent member of the National Caving Association

NCA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT TO THE CSCC MEETING 8TH FEB. 2003

I attended the NCA General Meeting on 11th January 2003. The major issues raised are detailed below:

Our Treasurers application for C&A funds from the NCA has been rewarded to the tune of £400, which is much appreciated. It became clear that we might have received more if we had spoken to NCA's C&A committee **before** proceeding with a project. This should be done even if there is no immediate prospect of a grant.

Work to sort out the Insurance problem is continuing. The current thinking is that cavers will have to become responsible for their own insurance. Each caver will have a personal card that demonstrates they have public liability insurance. Clubs and organisations will have to take out a separate insurance to cover their officers etc. The BCRA scheme is a good one but for the scheme to survive it is important that it is well subscribed. So I hope responsible clubs will insist that their members take out insurance. This could be simply verified by the club secretary having sight of the members insurance card once a year.

A document called The British Caving Association Proposal has been produced and is being circulated. It aims to describe the new organisation in sufficient detail that we can make an informed decision. It will be put to the NCA's AGM and if adopted the NCA intends to dissolve itself in favour of the BCA by the end of the year.

- The document is at Draft 1. Now is the time speak if we wish to alter the shape of the new BCA.
- As an organisation we should now be in a position to decided whether we recommend the BCA to our members or not.

The proposal for non-voting individual membership I mentioned in my last report failed to make it past the NCA's National Council.

The British Caving Association website is up and running at www.British-Caving.org.uk with information about the new organisation.

The NCA has responded to the 3rd round of consultation on the Working At Heights Directive. For further information contact Mick Day (chair@nca.org.uk) or the NCA Equipment Committee.

The NCA's C&A Committee wish to hear if there are any access problem with caves on National Trust land around the country.

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