



COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CAVING CLUBS

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N(B)CA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT TO THE CSCC MEETING 5TH FEBRUARY 2005

Since my last report I have attended the N(B)CA National Council meeting on the 8th January.

Eddy Hill, the BCA Secretary has resigned because he has found himself a job in America that he couldn't turn down – he tell us he'll be designing a moonbase. Any excuse eh, Eddy? The new BCA Auditor, Pat Hall, has also resigned before he was even in post. If you think one of these jobs is for you, please step forward. Our very own Jon Roberts will become BCA Treasurer, replacing Bob Mehew☺.

UK Sport and Sport England are being very slow to renew BCA's grant. The funding runs out at the end of March. This potentially has serious consequences for the Professional and Amateur Training Schemes and the Expedition Grants administered by GPF.

Notice has been given of an NCA SGM on the 12th March with the purpose of winding up the NCA. The BCA AGM is also being held on the same day. There is a proposal from DCA seeking clarification of Club Individual Members (CIMs) of clubs that are not part of the BCA insurance scheme.

The BCA Club and Individual Member application forms are now on BCA's website. These forms are also used to join BCRA. The options are fairly complex as an individual member of BCA and/or BCRA. There is a very useful page on the BCRA website explaining your options and the services you will get.

The BCA is proposing to introduce a reduced rate of insurance for fulltime students. This is intended to give help and support to student clubs which are under considerable pressure these days.

On questioning, by yours truly, it turns out the statement in the minutes of the Treasurer's meeting on the 28th November "A member club of BCA is a member club of all RCCs." Is wrong. It should have said something more like "All RCs will recognise BCA member clubs as bona-fide caving clubs and will grant them the same Access to caves as their own full voting members." This has implications, chiefly there is now no route for a club to join a second Regional Council as a full voting member. This has not yet been resolved.

I have decided not to stand for re-election as CSCC's BCA Representative in May. My time as Rep. has been, lets say, educational! I will however be standing as one of BCA's four club representatives. If your club has any issues, as well as pursuing them through the CSCC you can bring them to me to raise at National Council.

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5th February 2005