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General Meeting 04.02.12 Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Graham Price (Chair/Cerberus Rep) GP Hayley Clark (Secretary/MCG Obs) HC Alan Gray (ACG Rep) AG Alan Dempster (Avon Scouts Rep) AD Les Williams (C&A Officer/WCC Rep) LW Mark Williams (BCA Officer/MCG Rep) MW Faye Litherland (Equipment Officer/BEC Rep) FL Aubrey Newport (WCC Obs) AN Alan Butcher (SMCC Rep) AB (arrived 11.30) Darrel Instrell (MNRC Rep) DI	David G Cooke (Webmaster/ ChCC Rep) DGC Dave Cundy (Treasurer/SBSS Rep) DC Idris Williams (Shropshire Scouts Caving Team)

Meeting started at 10.05 am.

1) Minutes of the previous meeting (05/11/11)

Proposed GP seconded LW accepted nem com

2) Actions from previous meeting: -

30/07/11

6.3 DGC to put electronic copy of mileage claim form on website. **Done**

7.6 Update to CSCC handbook LW and DGC **Ongoing**

14 FL to write promotional text for CSCC **Ongoing**

05/11/11

6.2 2009 accounts **(Take under Item 8)**

7.2 Cuckoo Cleaves status of fence repair **Ongoing**

7.3 Loxton Cavern LW to contact people on old leader list and see if they Are/still want to be leaders. (Take under Item 9) **Ongoing**

7.4 Update on situation regarding caves on Portland/with Ove Arup. LW to contact Weymouth and Portland Borough Council to let them know that CSCC need to be consulted on any applications for quarrying or that may affect caves. (Take under Item 9) **Ongoing**

7.5 Progress on various gates **(Take under Item 9)**

7.6 Update on state of the entrance/gate to Thrupe Lane Swallet **(Take under Item 9)**

8.1 AB to write letters to the BCA Secretary and Training Committee. **(Take under item 10)**

8.2 Update on proposed training events **(Take under item 10)**

9.4 Update on state of pitch 3 in Rhino **(Take under item 9)**

13.1 Date for Cavers Fair for next summer **20th-22nd July 2012**

3) Other Matters arising from the previous meeting

None



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4) Chairman's Report

4.1 Somerset County Councils minerals consultation was emailed to all club reps, GP write response on behalf of CSCC by 06/02/12

4.2 GP received email regarding a website "*solocavediving.com*" which contains GPS locations for caves, GP has emailed to ask if possible to add link to CSCC website for the information on access to the caves, GP has yet to receive a reply

5) Secretary's Report.

5.1 CSCC received letter from BCA regarding CSCC position on BCA representative. This arose due to the fact CSCC works slightly differently to other bodies as it is the club reps that vote and not the Officers, simple matters can be voted on at general meetings by club reps but controversial matters need to be taken back to club meetings to be discussed by club committees and cannot always be decided there and then at CSCC meetings. Meeting decided that there is no conflict between BCA and CSCC therefore HC to formally respond to say so. Proposed BEC rep seconded WCC rep.

6) Treasurer's Report.

6.1 DC received cheque for £27 from BEC but not sure why, will contact BEC treasurer to sort out

6.2 AN had received 2009 accounts, now scrutinised and happy to sign them off. The 2009 and 2010 accounts were circulated at the meeting AG proposed acceptance and MW seconded 2009 and 2010 accounts accepted nem com. HC to circulate with minutes

6.3 Following finalising the accounts, DC to submit request for refund from BCA for £2532.01

6.4 A box of conservation tape has been purchased, payment needs to be made ASAP to company, GP took invoice to contact DC to organise payment

6.5 LW has expenses claim for works done to Brownes Folly, GP took receipts to speak to DC to organise payment

7) Conservation & Access Officer's Report

7.1 If anyone has any information at anytime regarding change to access to any cave in the region to contact Les Williams so he can update the records

7.2 AG reported that a surface survey had been carried out between Loxton Cavern and Loxton Quarry Caves and a survey of Loxton Quarry Cave had been completed. Combining this with data from Phil Rowsells survey of Loxton Cavern it was concluded that the two caves were 25m apart at the nearest point. This was also confirmed using a Google Earth map and superimposing the surveys on this, therefore digging a connection will not be quick.

It may be possible to reopen old entrance (Cadcott) which could be done from inside with stacking space available for rocks however this entrance is very close to the public footpath potentially leading to further issues.

The best option may be to stabilise the current entrance to Loxton Cavern, LW and AG to look into cost and feasibility of using plastic rings. Due to urgency in getting



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the work done the meeting decided to set budget of £1000 for the plastic rings
MNRC rep proposed MCG rep seconded

7.3 Repair/replacement of gates are still ongoing, gates on to-do list are Priddy Green Sink, Compton Martin Ochre Mine, Viaduct Sink, White Pit and Thrupe Lane.

7.4 Rhino Rift is still stabilising, people still advised not to go below pitch 2 until further notice

7.5 Diggers at Ham Hill have recently found 8m of new cave and the way forward looks promising.

7.6 The meeting discussed whether it should charge people for any conservation tape they use that is provided by CSCC, it was decided that this is a claimable expense from BCA and therefore not to charge proposed GP seconded AG agreed nem com

9) Training Officer's Report

9.1 AB has drafted letter to be sent to BCA Secretary with regards to the unconstitutional changes being made by the Training Committee and also about lack of communication. Letter was accepted by the meeting proposed by BEC rep seconded MCG rep. HC to send letter to BCA Secretary and copy in Regional Councils, CSCC Officers and Club reps, any correspondence received back to be forwarded to AB/DI. **Post meeting note DONE**

9.2 AB and DI to attend next Training Committee Meeting 18/02/12

9.3 DI proposes photography training event on Saturday 13/10/12, LW to email DI list of possible photographers to instruct.

9.4 DI to look into other training events in the next few months

10) Equipment Officer's Report.

10.1 FL raised that an amendment needs to be made to 9.2 of previous minutes 05/11/11 (9.2 A prototype batch of Chinese Peco anchors were bought as a replacement for the DMM Eco anchor. These were made to BCA specification and 82 were installed in caves in the Yorkshire Dales), only 77 anchors were installed not 82 as was first thought.

10.2 The BCA IPTD has been updated to include the new proposed anchor type

10.3 There is a delay in getting people trained to install anchors in our region, FL first requested training from E&T Committee in October 2011 but had to wait for updated version of IPTD document to be published. FL was then informed the earliest date for training would be March 2012 and then after further correspondence not until April 2012. The meeting felt very strongly that FL should go back to the E&T Committee to say this is not acceptable as CSCC has a list of anchors waiting to be placed and which cannot wait indefinitely.

Avon Scouts rep proposed and ACG rep seconded that if training has not been received by the next CSCC meeting (AGM 12 May 2012) then we will readopt our previous scheme and start placing anchors under this, meeting agreed nem com

10.4 GP asked for clarification regarding the wording of 9.1 paragraph 2 of the previous minutes with regards to SRT competence (05/11/11 "As a result of the process of arbitration, CSCC have agreed to the IPTD including a requirement for



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SRT competence, on the basis that the document will become copyright of BCA and subject to future revision as agreed by the E+T Committee”). FL clarified that the acceptance of the IPTD with regards to SRT competence is only applicable for placing anchors for SRT pitches only

10.5 New anchors are not yet available, if still not available when needed FL volunteered to buy some and claim back expenses from BCA, MCG rep proposed, WCC rep seconded meeting agreed nem com

11) BCA Rep's Report

11.1 BCA AGM 9th June 2012 there are vacancies on the Committee for Chairman, Training Officer, 2 club and 2 individual member representatives. Anyone can apply and be proposed/seconded by their clubs/individuals

11.2 HC to email BCA minutes to club reps when received to keep them informed rather than clubs having to keep checking BCA website to see if published

12) Webmaster's Report

Nothing to report

13) Regional Registry Officer's report

Nothing to report

14) Forthcoming Events.

14.1 E&T Committee meeting 17/03/12

14.2 BCA meeting 24/03/12

14.3 BCA AGM 09/06/12

14.4 Cavers Fair 20-22/07/12

14.5 Hidden Earth September 2012 (date TBC)

15) AOB

15.1 AG reported that a new book Earth Colours which is about ochre mining is ready to go to the printers, cost as yet unknown

15.2 AB requested that if at any time anyone wanted to use Priddy Green for any event that they write to the Parish Council to ask permission first.

15.3 HC requested that as the next meeting is the AGM that all Officers send a report to her before April 30th so they can be circulated with the Agenda. She also requested that if anyone is not willing to stand again in their position that they let her know asap so it can be advertised to give people chance to think if they would like to take that role on and therefore come along to the meeting.

Meeting Closed: 12:15