



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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General Meeting - Saturday 5th September 2015

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees

Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts Rep	AD	
Alan Gray	ACG Rep	AG	Regional Registry Officer
Dave Cooke	Cheddar Rep	DC	Treasurer
Dave King	MNRC Rep	DK	
Ed Waters	Cerberus	EW	
Faye Litherland	Compass	FL	Equipment Officer
Geoff Dommett	Buckfastleigh CG	GD	
Graham Mullan	UBSS Rep	GM	
Hayley Clark	MCG Rep	HC	
Jonathan Da'Casto	Bristol and District CC	JD	
Les Williams	WCC Rep	LW	C&A Officer

Non Voting

Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
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2 Apologies for Absence

Alan Butcher	SMCC	AB	Chairman
Aubrey Newport	WCC	AN	Webmaster
Chris Binding	SPCC/ACI	CB	Training officer
Graham Price	Cerberus	GP	
Hannah Bennett	BEC Rep	HB	
James Begley	SMCC	JB	BCA Rep

3 Approval of minutes from general meeting 9th May 2014

Discussion regarding notes added to minutes describing election of chairman took place.

FL I disagree with ABs interpretation of what the minutes should contain. The minutes are the committees only method of communicating how decisions were made with our membership and should therefore have additional detail where decisions were contentious.

FL formally proposes that the minutes should accurately reflect important discussions which take place, and the reasoning behind decisions as well as the decisions actually taken. Seconded by AG. Vote passed Unanimous

The minutes were approved.

4 Actions from previous minutes

Presentation from constitutional sub-group deferred to AOB.

5 Other matters arising from previous minutes

None



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6 Conservation & access officer's report

Les Williams

6.1 Report on caves

- **Rhino** The cave is open, rigging guide on website needs updating. AN to copy guide from CCC website.
- **Box Quarries** Gate has been recently damaged and bolts continue to need replacing, funds allocated as required to repair the gate and replace bolts.
- **Compton Martin Ochre Mine** Needs a volunteer to remove the gate for remediation when ground dries out.
- **Viaduct Sink** Gate is ready to be fitted, we now need some volunteers and dry weather before we drive across field.
- **Swildons** Repair of causeway leading to blockhouse, waiting for drier weather & no crops, ongoing.
- **Swildons Gangham Style Stile** Repair of stone stile on way to Swildons. Ongoing
- **Loxton Cavern** Pipes have been installed but further stabilization of entrance still required, gate has been fitted. Ongoing
- **GB** Change of parking arrangements request, see CCC Website

7 Chairman's report

Alan Butcher

8 Honorary secretary's report

Frank Tully

8.1 Question from CB

Following question from CB regarding a possible conflict of interest with him holding the position of CSCC Training Officer as well as CSCC Instructed Caving Officer.

The committee does not believe there is a conflict of interest.

9 Honorary treasurer's report

Dave Cooke

Internet Banking is in place

Historical grants from BCA are now up to date. 2013 grant has been paid in full, 2014 accounts have been submitted and we await payment. Issues with BCA regarding the historical grants have now been resolved and we are back on an even keel.

10 Training officer's report

Chris Binding

Alan Butcher attended the last national Training meeting so should be in a position to provide a roundup of any relevant points for the CSCC meeting.

However, as new Training Officer I can report that an update has been done of the Training information on the CSCC website which has met with some success insofar as it looks like there will be one or two events resulting from it. If any further clubs are interested in some coaching or presentation on relevant topics (available on demand) it should be possible for suitable provision to be made for them - all anyone needs to do is to enquire!

Chris Binding 3/9/15 (Sent by email)

11 Equipment officer's report

Faye Litherland

The new bolts designed by bolt products have been tested in a 16mm hole, however they are an interference fit which makes them very difficult to remove should the bolt become damaged. FL is proposing to the BCA E&T committee that further tests of the Bolt Products anchor are performed in an 18mm hole.

The IC anchors are designed to be removable and are being tested in the dales.



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12 BCA rep report

James Begley

I attended the BCA AGM in the Forest of Dean in July - see draft minutes on the BCA website here http://britishcaving.org.uk/wiki3/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=about:documents:general_meetings:agm_minutes_2015_draft.pdf.

As directed by the last CSCC meeting, I voted against the first proposal and abstained on the second proposal (although the more contentious wording of the first proposal had been amended by the time a vote was taken). It is currently proposed that next year's BCA AGM will be held on Mendip, in conjunction with the CSCC "DigFest" weekend.

I also attended the BCA council meeting that followed the AGM (minutes don't appear to be on the BCA website yet). The main topic that was discussed was the creation of a "CRoW Liaison" post, which is being filled by Tim Allen.

I should also add that this year's Hidden Earth is to be held locally at Churchill over the last weekend of September - see <http://hidden-earth.org.uk/index2.html> - and that next year sees the Euro Speleo conference taking place in the Yorkshire Dales over the week of 13th-20th August 2016 - see <http://eurospeleo.uk/> - and note that there is a substantial discount for advance bookings made before the 28th September 2015.

James Begley 31/8/15

12.1 Appointment of Tim Allen to BCA CRoW Liaison officer – raised by GM

Statement by CSCC regarding the appointment of Tim Allen as BCA CRoW liaison:

"We express a note of concern regarding the appointment of Tim Allen as BCA's CRoW Liaison officer. CSCC would like to make it known to BCA we they believe that Tim Allan's appointment is lacking in balance"

Voted for Unanimously

Action FT to deliver this statement to BCA council.

13 Webmasters report

Aubrey Newport

Since the last CSCC meeting there have been routine and minor updates to the council web site. In addition our new training officer has added information into the previously empty training section. Certain areas of the web site still need updating by the relevant officers.

Other work involves deleting frequent spam emails addressed to the CSCC mailing lists.

Aubrey Newport. 3/9/15

AN to look at making the general csccl-list@csccl.org.uk an announce list such that people cannot reply to this list, only send to it.

14 Regional registry officer's report

Alan Gray

15 Forthcoming events

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September 2015

Hidden Earth at Churchill

Saturday 28th November

The Games at Priddy Village hall.

An evening of traditional competitive caving games.

Beer and food will be available.

Saturday 4th to Sunday 5th June 2016

Dig Fest at Priddy Village hall.

Sunday 5th June 2016

BCA AGM at the Hunters.

Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th August

Euro Spelo.



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16 Any other business

16.1 Request to British caving library for them to hold old copies of our minutes and accounts.

Action Frank to contact British caving library again,

16.2 BCA have issued a Draft Caving code and Minimal impact caving code

This has now been published in draft form for circulation to BCA members. Search the BCA website if members want to read these.

16.3 ACI

Frank to write to ACI informing them that they now have a representative position on CSCC council and request that they sent a representative to future meetings, Invite sent but no response.

Action Frank to re-send request to ACI.

16.4 Constitutional sub-committee to look into the issue of representation of access organisations into CSCC

Discussion as to whether access bodies can join CSCC and whether they should be voting members.

Action placed on constitutional subcommittee to look into this

16.5 Mines and minerals of the Mendip hills.

The new MCRA publication is available.

16.6 Report by the constitutional subcommittee.

Aspects of the constitution to be addressed:

- Quorate requirements for the AGM or EGM
- Process for election of officers
- Requirements for constitutional change.
- Use of the veto
- Procedure for members to be removed from CSCC
- Use of the CSCC name without permission

Action Constitutional subcommittee brings final draft of updated constitution to the December meeting where it will be circulated to the CSCC member clubs. The final draft may then be brought to the AGM in May.

17 Date of next meetings:

Saturday 5th December 2015 (GM) 10:00 Hunters

Saturday 6th February 2016 (GM) 10:00 Hunters

Saturday 21st May 2016 (AGM) 10:00 Hunters

Meeting duration 1h:47m