



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

A constituent member of the British Caving Association

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Minutes of General Meeting - Saturday 5th December 2015

Approved 30th May 2016

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees

Alan Butcher	SMCC Rep	AB	Chairman
Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts Rep	AD	
Dave Cooke	Cheddar Rep	DC	Treasurer
Dave King	MNRC Rep	DK	
Frank Tully	WCC Rep	FT	Secretary
Graham Mullan	UBSS Rep	GM	
Hannah Bennett	BEC Rep	HB	
Hayley Clark	MCG Rep	HC	
James Begley		JB	BCA Rep
Jonathan Da'Casto	Bristol and District CC	JD	
Keith Batten	SMCC Rep	KB	

Non Voting

Rob Evered RE

2 Apologies for Absence

Alan Gray	ACG Rep	AG	Regional Registry Officer
Aubrey Newport	WCC	AN	Webmaster
Chris Binding	SPCC/ACI	CB	Training officer
Geoff Dommett	Buckfastleigh CG	GD	
Graham Price	Cerberus	GP	
Idris Williams	Shropshire Scouts	IW	
Kev Brockway	HADES	KBr	
Les Williams		LW	C&A Officer

3 Approval of minutes from general meeting 5th September 2015

Minutes approved

4 Actions from previous minutes

4.1 Presentation from constitutional sub-group

Changes to the constitution were not circulated to the meeting.

Timetable for acceptance of constitutional changes was agreed.

1. Proposed changes to be circulated to the CSCC committee and interested parties by end of next week for discussion.
2. First draft to be prepared.
3. First draft to be circulated to member clubs by 16th January 2016. (Two weeks before next meeting, See section 16 AOB)



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5 Other matters arising from previous minutes

None

6 Conservation & access officer's report

Les Williams

Report presented to FT in LWs absence

Additional to the caves mentioned in the next section:

A report has been made that the newly fitted gate to Winsor Hill Sink (old NASAH dig) has become unfastened. This will be verified soon.

Stainless steel risers for conservation work in Sanford levy have been supplied to the diggers.

6.1 Report on caves

- Rhino Now open
- Box Quarries Gate Damage being repaired.
- Compton Martin Ochre Mine Volunteer needed to remove gate
- Viaduct Sink Fitting gate ongoing
- Swildons Repair of causeway leading to blockhouse, Ongoing
- Swildons Style Repair of stone stile on way to Swildons. Ongoing
- Loxton Cavern Ongoing

7 Chairman's report

Alan Butcher

8 Honorary secretary's report

Frank Tully

9 Honorary treasurer's report

Dave Cooke

Accounts for 2014 submitted to BCA, we await payment of our grant in due course.

Historical grant has now been paid by BCA, issues are now resolved.

Officers expenses to be submitted asap.

10 Training officer's report

Chris Binding

Did not attend Derbyshire training meeting on 19th September due to getting stuck in traffic.

Awaiting news about easing of the Recreational Caver Training Grant application process as I believe the present system is too clunky and actually a Catch:22 which isn't workable. Nigel Ball has contacted about this but nothing outlined presently. A couple of coaching days are in the offing and it will be useful to see how the RCTG works, or does not work, in a real scenario as a result.

There is a meeting scheduled for 16th December and this is being attempted via Skype.

Report sent by email 2/12/2015

11 Equipment officer's report

Faye Litherland

12 BCA rep report

James Begley

12.1 Drws Cefn

Stuart France and Nigel Rogers have paid a solicitor to draft a letter to Natural Resource Wales regarding closure of the entrance. Copies of this letter have been forwarded to the PDMC and the land owner. In summary this letter threatens to take Natural Resource Wales to judicial review if it allows the entrance to be obstructed by a grille or a similar structure.

This dispute is not relevant to CSCC directly however BCA may be required to discuss this and make a decision, JB will therefore require instruction regarding this from the committee.



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CSCC instruction to JB is that he should; support the Status Quo and follow the BCA constitution.

12.2 CRoW

The committee does not believe that BCA are putting into place any contingencies to protect the caves if unrestricted access to caves is granted when the CRoW legislation is amended.

CSCC instruction to JB; to contact Andrew Hinde with regard to finding out what is the process which should be followed when applying for a section 26 exemption to the act and the expected timescales required before this exemption is applied.

CSCC instruction to LW; that he should raise an item for discussion at the next BCA C&A committee.

- In the event of CRoW legislation being amended to allow unrestricted access to caves; what process will be implemented to protect the caves using by bringing into place a restriction using Section 26 of the act.

CSCC instruction to JB; to bring to the next BCA committee CSCC committee's views that;

- Tim Allen in his appointment as CRoW liaison officer does not appear to be being impartial and is instead is lobbying for change. CSCC committee believes that as Crow liaison officer he should be impartial.
- BCA should always follow their constitution.

13 Webmasters report

Aubrey Newport

AN & FT to put draft and approved minutes on website.

14 Regional registry officer's report

Alan Gray

15 Forthcoming events

Saturday 4 th to Sunday 5 th June 2016	Dig-Fest at Priddy Village hall.
Sunday 5 th June 2016	BCA AGM at the Hunters.
Saturday 13 th to Saturday 20 th August	Euro Spelo.

16 Any other business

- Change of date for next meeting because the majority of the members present at the current meeting will be unavailable on the published date.
Date changed to Saturday 30th January 2016
- FT to check Hunter's long room is booked for Dig-fest on the Friday and the BCA AGM on the Sunday.

17 Date of next meetings:

Saturday 30 th January 2016	(GM) 10:00 Hunters
Saturday 21 st May 2016	(AGM) 10:00 Hunters

Meeting duration 1h18m