



# Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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General Meeting - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015

**DRAFT MINUTES sent out 27/4/15**

## 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	
Faye Litherland	Compass	FL	Equipment Officer
Hayley Clark	MCG Rep	HC	
Hannah Bennett	BEC Rep	HB	
Graham Mullan	UBSS Rep	GM	
Les Williams	WCC Rep	LW	C&A Officer

### Non Voting

Kate Lawrence	BEC	KL	Chair
Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
Alan Butcher	SMCC	AB	Training Officer
Aubrey Newport	WCC	AN	Webmaster

## 2 Apologies for Absence

Idris Williams	Shropshire Scouts Caving Team	
James Begley	SMCC	JB BCA Rep
Keith Batten	SMCC Rep	

## 3 Approval of minutes from general meeting 8th November 2014

The minutes were approved subject to minor amendments.

## 4 Actions from previous minutes

None

## 5 Other matters arising from previous minutes

None

## 6 Conservation & access officer's report

**Les Williams**

### 6.1 Report on caves

- **Dinder Estates** Windsor hill flood sink 1, gate is 90% complete. NHASA dig is now gated..
- **Rhino** The cave is currently closed, the remediation of the loose boulders is complete, re-bolting is scheduled for this coming fortnight.
- **Box Quarries** Ongoing issues, access is as normal.
- **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.
- **Axbridge Hill Cavern** Lock has been changed, rockfall cleared, now open.
- **Swildons** Repair of causeway leading to blockhouse, waiting for drier weather, ongoing.



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- **Swildons Gangham Style Stile** Repair of stone stile on way to Swildons. The Priddy dry stone wall volunteers have offered their help. Approval of £50 for materials at November CSCC meeting.
- **Loxton Cavern** Pipes have been installed but further stabilization of entrance still required, gate has been fabricated. Ongoing
- **Stoke Lane Slocker** There has been an issue involving the police where Mr. Massy made a complaint to the police regarding people being undressed in the layby adjacent to Stoke Lane Slocker. It has been clarified that Mr. Massy does not own the land on which the entrance of Stoke Lane Slocker resides. Therefore when changing please ensure you do so in a restrained and decent manner, as you would when changing for any cave.
- **SD2, Oakhill Eggcup & PG** Blake's farm swallet's. Money allocated for fitting gates at November meeting.
- **Priddy Green Sink** LW AB to look at increasing ventilation through lid whilst maintaining security.
- **Brown's Folly Mine** CSCC has no control over this site, Avon wildlife trust have a lease on part of the land, the land is owned by Hobhouse Estates and is open access.

## 6.2 Meeting between Bob Cornes of Natural England and Les Williams.

Bob corns is retiring in the near future and Les Williams has had a meeting with him. Natural England are looking at Re-scheduling the SSSIs in the Spring, prior to Bob's retirement, CSCC should be prepared to be involved in this process.

## 7 Chairman's report

**Kate Lawrence**

### Kennels update,

A letter is in the process of being drafted which will be sent to; Mendip District Council; Environment Agency; and Natural England. This letter will details our concerns regarding issues with the hunt kennels and the various SSSI's downstream. This letter will be sent out to CSCC officials for checking prior to sending out to the various agencies.

## 8 Honorary secretary's report

**Frank Tully**

## 9 Honorary treasurer's report

**Dave Cooke**

### 9.1 Approval of Accounts 2013

Accounts presented to meeting.

Vote regarding approval of the accounts proposed GM, Seconded LW, Passed Unanimous.

### 9.2 Bank Mandate

The Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer (i.e. Kate Lawrence, Frank Tully and David Cooke) are the signatories on the bank account in accordance to the bank mandate.

David Cook and Frank Tully have access to internet banking. Frank Tully is to provide oversight of the account.

### 9.3 Oversight of the account

The treasurer DC is to bring a printout of the bank statement to the meetings, thereby allowing the meeting to provide oversight of the account.



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- 10 Training officer's report** **Alan Butcher**
- 11 Equipment officer's report** **Faye Litherland**  
Following styrene containing resins being banned in parts of Europe, the E&T committee is testing the new styrene free resin, this is ongoing. The existing resin is still available and should be in the near term, bolting can continue as normal.
- 12 BCA rep report** **James Begley**  
The minutes of the BCA council meeting have been published on the BCA website.
- 13 Webmasters report** **Aubrey Newport**
- 14 Regional registry officer's report** **Alan Gray**
- 15 Forthcoming events**  
Saturday 7th Feb BEC Rescue practice in St Cuthbert's  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Hidden Earth at Churchill
- 16 Any other business**
- 16.1 Compass Exploration Group**  
Compass Exploration Group have applied to join CSCC, They are not BCA members.  
They have provided a constitution and paid their fee.  
Proposal for membership KL, Passed Unanimous.
- 16.2 Commercial caving and CSCC**  
The committee has been asked to take the following proposal back to their respective clubs and bring an answer to the next meeting.  
How should commercial caving be represented in CSCC.  
Proposed KL Passed Unanimous
- 17 Date of next meetings:**  
Saturday 9th May 2015 (AGM) 10:00 Hunters