



# Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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## Minutes of General Meeting - Saturday 3rd September 2016

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### 1 Attendance

#### Voting Attendees

Dave Cooke	Cheddar Rep	DC	Treasurer
Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts Rep	AD	
Daniel Matthews	MCG Rep	DM	
Dave King	MNRC Rep	DK	
Faye Litherland	Compass Rep	FL	Equipment officer
Les Williams	WCC Rep	LW	C&A Officer
Alan Butcher	SMCC Rep	AB	Chairman

#### Non Voting

Frank Tully	WCC Observer	FT	Secretary
Aubrey Newport	WCC Observer	AN	Webmaster

### 2 Apologies for Absence

Hannah Bennett	BEC	HB	
Geoff Dommett	Buckfastleigh CG	GD	
Alan Gray	ACG	AG	Regional Registry Officer
Chris Binding	SPCC/ACI	CB	Training officer
Graham Mullan	UBSS	GM	
Graham Price	Cerberus SS	GP	

### 3 Approval of minutes from general meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016

Minutes approved with minor amendments.

Proposed AB, Seconded FL, Passed Unaminous

### 4 Actions from previous minutes

There will be an EGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 10:00 at the Hunters Lodge Inn, for the purposes of discussing and then approving changes to the CSCC construction.

Following on from this meeting the normal general meeting will take place.

### 5 Other matters arising from previous minutes

None

### 6 Chairman's report

**Alan Butcher**

AB would like to thank all those who were involved in the organising of eurespelo, it was the most fantastic weeks congress. Approximately 10000pints were consumed!



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### 7 Honorary secretary's report

**Frank Tully**

Ratification of constitutional changes proposed at last meeting.

For constitutional changes to be approved the meeting needs to be an annual or an extraordinary general meeting. The required notice period was not adhered to and as such this vote will be deferred to the next meeting.

The secretary personally apologises for this oversight.

There will be an extraordinary general meeting meeting on the 26th November 2016, will be with a mandate to vote on the constitutional changes.

### 8 Conservation & access officer's report

**Les Williams**

#### 8.1 Report on caves

- Box Quarries Damage to Jacks entrance, being repaired.
- Compton Martin Ochre Mine Volunteer needed to remove gate, ongoing
- 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 Entrance is secured, lower shaft still requires stabilization, ongoing
- Stainsburys Shaft Gate was seriously damaged leaving it in a dangerous state. The gate has been temporarily made safe. New gate and grillage has been delivered ready for fitting after the meeting. Approval was granted to go ahead by the C&A officer, Secretary and Treasurer.  
The price of the materials is still not known but the meeting approves expenditure of upto £1000 to pay the bill.  
Proposed LW, Seconded AB, Passed Unanimous.
- Hunters lodge inn sink New gate to be fabricated and the fixed ladder removed making the cave more secure. This is intended to make access to non-cavers much more difficult.  
The meeting allocates £600 for the materials for a new gate, proposed LW, Seconded FL, passed Unanimous.

### 9 Honorary treasurer's report

**Dave Cooke**

#### Update

Waterwheel gate cost £540, we approved £500 of expenditure. FL proposes we approve the additional expenditure. Passed Nem Con.

**Bank mandate** is ongoing

#### DigFest

Provisionally the income was approximately, bar £1100, food £350. Expenditure DJ was £250, Hall £200, Bar costs £500, Food £200. Overall we made approximately £550 surplus.

BCA notification

Notify that CSCC will be purchasing some more locks



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### 10 Training officer's report

**Chris Binding**

So far this year there have been a few tuition sessions for various CSCC region clubs; more are in the pipeline, with possible clubs benefitting being BEC, MCG and WCMS; the grant available to BCA member clubs which provides the funding for a tame instructor to provide formal coaching to your fellow cavers can be easily found on the BCA website under the title Recreational Caver Training Grant - ask your committee to organise something if you wish to brush up, learn from scratch, or raise your game. Further details also available on the CSCC website.

#### 10.1 Changes to BCA training committee – Report from AB

There was a proposal at BCA council to split the training committee into a professional body and a recreational committee. This has not yet taken place

The training committee has formed the 'qualifications management committee' this committee includes two representatives from BCA council.

At the BCA meeting AB suggested that recreational caver training will be operated through the regional training officer and BCA will provide a short guide giving expected training and standards.

Application for funding for recreational training will be made in the same way as funding for C&A work.

There needs to be some guidance as to the expected training and standards for recreational caver training because the BCA insurers are looking for this and a basic Risk Assessment. This should apply to caving clubs training their own members as long as they follow the BCA guide.

### 11 Equipment officer's report

**Faye Litherland**

In a previous meeting CSCC approved a request to bolt a SRT route over the 20' in Swildons.

The proposed route has encountered some poor rock and installation of the route is now not taking place.

FL indicated that she is not intending to stand again for Equipment officer after this year. Providing this information now should give CSCC time to find a replacement.

### 12 BCA rep report

BCA AGM took place 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 .

#### **CRoW**

It was agreed by all that we should concentrate of cave conservation and landowner relations before we concentrate on anything else.

#### **Proxy voting**

The meeting approved the principle of proxy voting, any decision deferred to a future meeting.

AB is nominated as the CSCC BCA rep for the next meeting.

### 13 Webmasters report

**Aubrey Newport**

Some email issues which are being addressed.

The list of bolts are on the Website are out of date, FL to update.

The BCA diary was displayed on the on the CSCC website, however all the CSCC dates appear to have been deleted. DC to investigate.



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### 14 Regional registry officer's report

**Alan Gray**

Nothing to report

### 15 Forthcoming events

### 16 Date of next meetings:

Saturday 26th	November 2016	(EGM)	10:00	Hunters
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Saturday 18th	February 2017	(GM)	10:00	Hunters
Saturday 26th	November 2017	(GM)	10:00	Hunters
Saturday 20th	May 2017	(AGM)	10:00	Hunters

### 17 Any other business

Dig fest was Awesome.

Lost of caving took place including two brake trough's.

Thanks to Dave King for sorting out the bar, thanks to Darryl for organising the caving, Cookie, Tracy Hadfield for operating the BBQ, Walrus for transporting the BBQ and everyone else who helped.

Meeting duration 1h20m