



# Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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## Minutes of General Meeting - Saturday 23 November 2019

**Approved 15 February 2020**

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### 1 Attendance

#### Voting Attendees

Alan Butcher	SMCC	AB	Chairman
Les Williams	WCC	LW	C&A Officer
Graham Price	Cerberus SS	GP	C&A Officer
Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts	AD	
Dave King	MNRC	DK	
David Cooke	Cheddar	DC	Webmaster
Peter Glanville	BEC	PG	

#### Non Voting

Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
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### 2 Apologies for Absence

Barry Wilkinson	White Rabbit	BW	
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### 3 Approval of minutes from GM 24th Nov 2018

Minutes approved.

### 4 Chairman's report

**Alan Butcher**

CSCC offer of to host the BCA AGM has been accepted. BCA AGM 13-14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

AB to be the event overall coordinator

AB has booked the village hall

LW to organise Science lectures or field work, on Saturday afternoon.

AB to look at getting some old videos to play.

LW to organise the some entertainment Basher if available.

Party in village hall Sat night, CSCC will underwrite risk on purchasing beer.

LW to make plans for Nigel, about running training on the Wessex tower.

LW look at regional council training.

AB to write something CSCC related for BCA newsletter Mid December

AB Need to look at any food hygiene issues with the village hall.

### 5 Secretary's report

**Frank Tully**

CSCC voted in the BCA ballot as instructed.

### 6 Conservation & access officer's report

**Les Williams**

Graham Price attended the BCA Conservation & Access Meeting.

The draft minutes of the BCA C&A meeting have been circulated.

The BCA C&A meeting is proposing to change the BCA cave conservation policy. The general feel of the meeting is they want to dilute the emphasis on conservation and give access increased focus. CSCC are un-happy with the diluted conservation message.

At the end of the meeting the BCA C&A convener announced her resignation.



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### **6.1 C&A Report**

GP circulated a paper copy of his report. Scan published on website.

### **7 Honorary treasurer's report**

**Dave Cooke**

#### **7.1 Bank Mandates**

The bank has lost the mandates again, so we need to restart the process.

The CSCC appoints the following people as signatories:

Dave Cooke Honorary treasurer

Francis Tully Secretary

Alan Butcher Chairman

#### **7.2 CSCC BCA Funding**

The last BCA Council meeting a proposal from the BCA C&A committee was passed. This resolution has changed the way C&A funding is approved. Now any C&A funding over £750 has to be approved by the BCA C&A committee.

Previously, since the formation of BCA, funding was approved by the Finance committee, and would be approved as long as the funding request met the stated rules. This has worked well in the past. CSCC are worried that this will significantly restrict access to C&A funding.

### **8 Acting Training officer's report**

**Alan Butcher**

Training events have been organized by Nigel Atkins.

### **9 Equipment officer's report**

**Andrew Atkinson**

FT to contact Andrew Atkinson regarding what anchors are available for placement.

If there are no anchors available with the required testing we need a way forward.

CSCC do not have any useable anchors, so cannot place anchors until Andrew details the solution.

### **10 BCA rep report**

Alan Butcher and Dave Cooke attended the last BCA meeting.

Prior to the meeting Alan Butcher presented the issues with the BCA AGM which CSCC detailed at the last CSCC meeting. Matt Ewles, BCA Secretary, addressed many of these issues in his report to the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting have been published.

Charterhouse Cave Company Ltd. Have made a formal complaint to the secretary of BCA regarding the conduct of Will Wally, Phil Rowsel has been asked by the meeting to try and mediate and get to the bottom of what the problem actually is.

### **11 Webmasters report**

**Dave Cooke**

#### **11.1 CSCC Website Refresh**

The CSCC website has long been due an overhaul which has finally happened.



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The new site has a nice modern and clean design. It will work much better with mobile phones and devices.

Let me know what you think.

Officers might like to review their pages and send me any updates they might have.

I'm open to contributions from other people as well.

The meeting was in agreement that the new website is a significant improvement and thanks Dave for all his hard work.

### 11.2 CSCC Facebook Page

Dave Cook suggested we set up a CSCC Facebook page for publicising the work that our members are doing. The meeting is happy for Dave to setup this.

Administrators to be Dave Cooke, Graham Price, Frank Tully.

### 12 Regional registry officer's report

**Alan Gray**

No report presented

### 13 Forthcoming events

BCA AGM Weekend of 13-14 June 2020

### 14 Date of next meetings:

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (GM) 10:30 Hunters

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (AGM) 10:30 Hunters

### 15 Any other business

#### 15.1 Worx Stalagmite cleaning pressure washer

Peter Glanville, I have been testing a 'Worx' battery powered mini pressure washer. So far it has proved excellent at cleaning mud of stall. The whole unit comes in a small, cave transportable box and has a 6m hose to suck clean water out of a container or stream. Currently they are retailing for £155 on Amazon (with a 4Ah battery).

The meeting feels that these would be very useful to the general caving community, and would like to purchase three. The meeting approves a budget of £500.

#### 15.2 MCR display

Martin Grass and MCR has been approached on a number of occasions to give a short talk of caving to various organisations, this has proved very successful at bring new members into the sport. However most of MCR's display is about cave rescue, stretchers, rescue kit etc.

Perhaps CSCC should develop a display which is more about actual caving.

CSCC are very interested in being involved in this. Members to take this back to their clubs and look at bring together some materials for the display.

Meeting duration 2h16m