



# Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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## Minutes of General Meeting – 19:00 Monday 15 Aug 2022

### Zoom Meeting **Approved**

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#### 1 Attendance

##### Voting Attendees 11 Voting reps

Alan Dempster	AD	Avon Scouts	
Alan Gray	AG	ACG	
Barry Wilkinson	BW	White Rabbit Caving Group	
Dave Cooke	DC	Cheddar CC	Webmaster
Estelle Sandford	ES	BEC (Later)	
Frank Tully	FT	WCC Rep	Secretary
Hayley Clarke	HC	MCG	
Henry Morgan	HM	UBSS	
Judi Durber	JD	EECC	
Laura Benn	LB	BEC (Start)	
Peter Burgess	PB	Wealden CMS	
Phil Day	PD	MNRC	

##### Non Voting Attendees (Observers)

Andrew Atkinson	AA		Equipment
Chris Binding	CB	Observer	
Ed Waters	EW		Chair
Graham Mullan	GM	Observer	CCC LTD
Linda Wilson	LW		BCA Rep
Tom Harrison	TH		Treasurer
Wayne Starsmore	WS		C&A

#### 2 Apologies for Absence

Dave Keegan, Pete Hall, Graham Price

##### Actions highlighted in minutes

To be addressed in individual officers reports.

#### 3 Approval of minutes from GM 14 Feb 2022

5:00

Minutes approved, Proposed Cheddar, Seconded EECC, Vote passed Unanimous

#### 4 Chairman's report Ed Waters

6:40

Report to the meeting published in the newsletter.

##### 4.1 Quarry entrance of Stoke Lane Slocker

At the last meeting a number of the reps felt they did not have a mandate to vote on the second quarry gate of Stoke Lane. I would like to take this vote again.

Vote to **not** fit the gate to the second Quarry entrance of Stoke Lane Slocker. Proposed WCC, Seconder EECC, Vote Against 0 Abstention Avon Scouts MCG, For Remainder. Passed.



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#### 4.2 Mendip Rocks

Mendip Rocks event is taking place 1st October, MCR will be having a display, I feel it would be a good idea if CSCC had a display showing the non-rescue side of caving.

Do we have any volunteers to pull together our presence at the event?

EW to contact Mendip Rocks and see if they can fit us in.

#### 4.3 Proposal to hold a day long workshop for; future access policy for CSCC; & Better representation of individuals

I would like to host a meeting to discuss the CSCC future access policy and how CSCC could better represent individual cavers. This will not necessarily be an event for club reps, but an event for all cavers and underground explorers. The intention is we can listen to and include a wide range of views and opinions.

Proposal to have a CSCC All day workshop Sat 12 November, Seconder, WRCC, Against 1, Abs 0, For Remainder.

EW to look at holding the event in the long room of the hunters or the Wessex Library.

EW to bring an agenda together for the event.

#### 5 Secretary's report **Frank Tully**

Nothing significant to report.

##### 5.1 New Members **Dave Cooke**

No new members

#### 6 C&A Report **Wayne Starsmore**

Report to the meeting published in the newsletter.

Following on from my report.

I was expecting some news from Longleat but as of this meeting they have not reported back to me.

The new gate has been fitted to Compton Martin Ochre Mine.

#### 7 BCA Rep **Linda Wilson**

There have been no significant developments since the AGM meeting. I did not have to vote on continuing the CRoW judicial review because the working group led by David Rose had already decided to stop the action.

DC The BCA June minutes state that there will not be any reimbursement of costs from the court case.

#### 8 Treasurer **Tom Harrison**

Still in the process of handing over while we work out access to the bank account and I find my feet!



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I've completed a draft of the proposed formalised process for project work/ spending to follow, and would like to go through it with Cookie for his opinion at some point.

As Cookie has previously advised, the CSCC Claim for 2021 has been paid by the BCA.

Although as emailed, I'd hoped to canvass opinion on the mileage rate change proposal, The BCA Council have already approved the change, so it is now 45p per mile.

Graham Price has been reimbursed ~£4000 for the invoices he has submitted, I have been informed that this includes the ~£1500 invoice that Wayne had a copy of, from Dave Addicott.

David Keegan should be reimbursed shortly for his payment for the Photography Workshop.

I have also started work on a list of potential ideas for CSCC fundraising as discussed in the previous meeting. Will forward this separately.

Regards Tom

#### **Bank Mandates**

It is proposed that the Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary, being Tom Harrison, Ed Waters and Francis Tully be the signatories, any 2 of 3 to sign, to the CSCC bank accounts as per the bank mandate and further that Tom Harrison be authorised to use online banking with the accounts.

Proposed Judi Durber EECC, Seconded Alan Gray ACG, Vote passed in favour unanimous.

#### **C&A Officer Invoices**

EW The outgoing C&A officer made it apparent at the AGM that there was further monies which have been spent by him, which have not been invoiced. I have tried to contact him on three occasions and he has not answered his phone. Until he invoices CSCC we cannot make a claim to BCA and reimburse his expenditure.

#### **Compton Martin Gate**

DC CSCC paid £654 for the Compton Martin gate directly. We would normally claim monies off BCA after the accounts had been finalised however in light that we are low on funds I propose the treasurer progresses the claim of £654 for the Compton Martin gate from BCA.

Seconded Phil Day MNRC, Vote passed in favour Unanimous.

#### **BCA Mileage Rates**

TH I was advised that BCA have approved an increase of the claimable mileage rate to £0.45/mile.

DC BCA council voted on this before CSCC had time to discuss it. The £0.45/mile includes depreciation of your vehicle, as volunteers should BCA be reimbursing you for depreciation. I simply this is being a little bit greedy.

LW I voted on this at the BCA meeting not realising it was controversial. Depreciation is wear and tare and your car is being worn out by driving it on BCA business.

DC Are we going to raise our own rate from £0.25/mile to £0.45/mile? Officers can claim mileage when driving for CSCC business, CSCC then claims this from BCA. Most but not all officers donate their travel expenses back to CSCC.



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LW I am unhappy that donating officers donating travel expenses back to CSCC could be construed by incoming officers as being required and not completely voluntary.

DC I propose that we increase the mileage rate from £0.25/mile to £0.45/mile in line with BCA. Seconded Henry Morgan UBSS. Against 0 Abstaining 1 (DC), passed by the remainder.

### 9 Equipment Officer

AA Very little to report. I have spoken to Graham Price regarding the Harfords landing climb in Loxton cavern, but as yet no news.

### 10 Communications Officer

AA Can I request that a copy of the news letter is produced and put on the website, because I cannot read it from within mailchimp?

DC To do a good job making a pdf of the mail chimp post, is not entirely simple, but I will have a look into it.

ES We are having trouble forwarding the newsletter to our members. We can forward the link but the newsletter appears to get captured by our filters.

### 11 Training Officer

Nothing to report

### 12 Webmasters Report

Nothing to report

### 13 Forthcoming events

1st October	Mendip Rocks.
Sat 12 November	CSCC workshop for; future access policy for CSCC; & Better representation of individuals. Venue to be announced
19 November	Jrat Digging awards
25-27 November	CHECC is on Mendip

### 14 AOB

WS There has been a rockfall reported in Eastwater cavern, I haven't seen it yet but do not believe it is anything major, however please take care.

WS CHECC is on Mendip 25-27 November, I have had a request from the CHECC secretary; They have asked to borrow 20 CSCC keys; to prepay for Swildons and Eastwater. The meeting is happy to facilitate this.



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#### 15 CSCC Significant dates

Note. This is a list of important dates around the current CSCC year, which runs AGM to AGM. The dates of the AGM, notifications and associated deadlines are defined in the constitution, this is a reminder. Dates of meetings are initially decided at the AGM however they can be changed. Please consult the latest copy of the minutes or the agenda on the website.

Please note Meetings have been spaced evenly throughout the year, following the AGM which is fixed in the constitution and is traditionally the second Saturday in May.

Monday	15 Aug 2022	19:00 GM	Zoom
Friday	11 Nov 2022	19:00 GM	Zoom
Wednesday	1 Feb 2023	23:59	Notification to members of upcoming AGM, <b><u>This is the notification.</u></b>
Monday	13 Feb 2023	10:30 GM	Zoom
Wednesday	15 March 2023	23:59	Deadline for AGM nominations
Friday	17 March 2023	19:00	Deadline for AGM constitutional amendments
Saturday	1 April 2023	23:59	Notification to members of AGM nominations
Friday	12 May 2023	19:00 AGM	Zoom

Meeting duration 1:16

#### Corrections

Dave Cooke Corrections by email 10 Nov 2022, 11:03, applied