

Council of Southern Caving Clubs

A constituent member of the British Caving Association

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Minutes of General Meeting – 19:00 Monday 10 Nov 2025

Zoom Meeting **Draft 1 Feb 2026**

Please note, the meeting has been recorded for note taking purposes.

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees 9 Voting reps

Adam Fletcher	AF	GSS	
Alan Dempster	AD	Avon Scouts	
Alan Grey	AG	ACG	
Andrea		WCMS	
Dave King	DLK	MNRC	
David Cooke	DC	ChCC	Chair
Judi Durber	JD	EECC	
Laura Benn	LB	BEC	
Matt Doolan	MD	SMCC	
Tom Harrison	TH	MCG	Treasurer
Wayne Starsmore	WS	WCC	C&A

Non Voting Attendees (Observers)

Andrew Atkinson	AA	UBSS	Equipment
Christopher Binding	CB		
Frank Tully	FT	WCC	Secretary
Graham Mullan	GM		CCC Ltd
Linda Wilson	LW	UBSS	BCA Rep
Peter Burgess	PB	Wealden CMS	Communications

Apologies for Absence

Ruth Revel	BD&CC
Stuart Jellis	Hades

2 Approval of minutes from AGM 19 Aug 2024

Corrections suggested by DC incorporated

Proposal that the minutes are a true record. Proposed DC
Vote passed Unanimously

2.1 Actions from the previous minutes

None

3 New Members **Tom Harrison**

Bath Spelo's have applied to be members of CSCC.

They are members of BCA.

Vote to Accept them into CSCC passed Unanimously

White Rabbit Caving Club have informed the meeting that they are leaving CSCC.

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4 Chair report Dave Cooke

DC Report is published on the website

DC I propose a vote of thanks for all the work Wayne Stars more has put in negotiating the the new Longleat Caves access agreement. Vote passed unanimously.

5 Treasurer's report Tom Harrison

See 'officer reports' published on website.

DC CSCC only income is only through expenses from BCA. The fundraiser in the summer did not raise much money. Caving Wales are introducing a fee for member clubs

TH We currently have a healthy amount of money in the bank, and we do not have any expenses on the horizon which will not be covered by a BCA claim.

DC In the past we had more money in the account than we do now, and claims to BCA take up to a year to process so sometimes we do need a fair buffer. This is not an urgent issue but it will get worse over time.

The general consensus of the meeting is that we are OK at the moment and there is a BCA emergency fund which can be applied for if we have a cash flow issue.

6 Secretary's report Frank Tully

Nothing significant to report.

7 C&A Report Wayne Starsmore

See 'officer reports' published on website.

WS The Longleat caves agreement has been a great success, this has taken a lot of work and not just from myself. We now have three fully trained wardens and the first led trip was the BEC.

DK We are having number of padlocks failing because grit has got into the mechanism. Please clean your hands before operating the padlocks it saves replacing the padlock and then cleaning the

7.1 Trip Reporting application

Request from Mike Waterworth for some funding to assist developing a trip reporting application. This is currently being developed by Mike using his own funds.

The main costs are rental of the domain name and some of the GIT services

Would it be possible for CSCC to support the development of this. The meeting is supportive of this application, those who have seen the application it are very positive.

DC We could assist with funding the development of this app, but we would only claim our expenses back from BCA so this would be better funded directly by BCA.

WS I will take this idea to the next BCA C&A meeting

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WS I have inherited the Gruntaphone radio location equipment from Brian Prewer. So if anyone has radio-locating projects please get in touch.

8 Equipment Officer

See 'officer reports' published on website

8.1 Three new anchors in Spider Hole

Proposal to install three new anchors in Spider, Vote passed Unanimous

DC For information, we do have a anchor request form.

9 Communications Officer

PB Nothing significant to report, to report at the moment. I will be producing the report soon so please get any new to me as soon as possible.

AD The emails arriving from CSCC come with a warning, indicating that the email is not safe to open.

DC Could you forward the problematic emails to DC and I'll have a look.

10 Training Officer

No training officer in post

11 BCA Rep Linda Wilson

See 'officer reports' published on website

12 Webmasters Report

See 'officer reports' published on website

DC The website is running well. AA has recently updated his area of the website, I would encourage other officers to have a quick look and update their areas as required.

13 Forthcoming events

JRat digging awards, 22 November Hunters Lodge Inn

MCR 90th Anniversary, Summer 2026

19-21 June 2026 Forrest Symposium

19-22 June 2026 NAMHO Grinton, Swaledale, North Yorkshire

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14 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.

Proposed Future meeting Dates

Monday	18 August 2025	19:00	GM	Zoom
Monday	10 Nov 2025	19:00	GM	Zoom
Monday	02 Feb 2026	23:59	Notification to	of upcoming AGM,
Monday	9 Feb 2026	19:00	GM	Zoom
Friday	13 March 2026	23:59	Deadline for AGM	nominations
Friday	13 March 2026	19:00	Deadline for AGM	constitutional amendments
Tuesday	1 April 2026	23:59	Notification to members	of AGM nominations
Friday	8 May 2026	19:00	AGM	Zoom

15 AOB

15.1 CSCC Fund raiser

Adam GSS If we wish to do a fund raising event next year, now is the time to start organising it.

DC The summer event this year was attended by most of the people staying at the local huts, perhaps it would be better to hold it in November when the huts would be busier?

LW We do not have a pressing need for funds at the moment, and there is not an obvious window for us to put on a successful fund raiser. Especially with MCR celebrating their 90th this year.

FT The meeting could not agree on a date which does not clash with other events in the coming year.

15.2 Caving apps

TH I have been developing some web apps to assist with operating a club, these have been developed for the MCG but I am happy to share them.

One example is an app which makes SumUp reports easier to decode, this reduces the effort required when reconciling payments. In addition I have a membership managing app which is in the testing stage. If any clubs want to assist with the testing could your treasurers get in touch.

Meeting duration 1h10mmin