Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Friday 8 May 2026

Approved

Recording of the meeting

The meeting was recorded for the purpose of minute taking.

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees **10 Voting reps**

Matt Doolan	SMCC	MD	
Dave L King	MNRC	DLK	
Judi Durber	EECC	JD	
Dave Cooke	Cheddar CC	DC	Chair/Webmaster
Matty Dredge	MCG	MD	Assistant Equipment
Adam Fletcher	GSS	AF	
Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts	AD	
Peter Burgess	Wealden CMS	PB	CSCC Comms
Andrea Roberts	WCMS	AR	
Wayne Starsmore	WCC	WS	C&A
Andrew Atkinson	UBSS	AA	Equipment
Laura Benn	BEC	LB	

Non Voting Attendees (Observers)

Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
Graham Mullan	UBSS	GM	CCC Ltd rep
Chris Binding			

2 Apologies for Absence

Tom Harrison		TH	Treasurer
Linda Wilson	UBSS	LW	BCA Rep

3 Election of Chair

The meeting was happy for Dave Cooke to chair the meeting.

4 Approval of minutes

4.1 GM 9 Feb 2026

Minutes approved with correction of typos,
Vote passed Unanimous.

4.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes

DLK Thrupe Lane Swallet entrance has now been cleared and is open. 16 volunteers turned up and turned what was expected to be a two day job into a one day event, thanks to everyone involved for a fantastic effort.

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DC CCC Ltd needs to request CSCC to replace bolts in GB ladder dig. CSCC then performs the work and updates the register.

AA CSCC has a policy of replacing bolts we maintain with out gaining permission from the meeting, this allows us to move fast when required and keep things safe. However in the case of GB CCC Ltd would need to request for us to do this.

5 Chair's report

Report published on website, https://cscc.org.uk/wiki/documents/start

DC FODCAG have formed as a regional council in the Forrest of Dean. However the boundaries between FODCAG and CSCC have not been clearly defined.

DC We really need an action to define the new boundary between CSCC and FODCAG

GM Does CSCC have clear boundaries. MCRA has a clear boundary to the North, being the county boundary between Bristol and South Gloucester.

DC The northern boundary is pretty vague but the boundary with Wales and DCUC follows the county lines.

GM The borders between regions decide which caves we control. If the border was drawn at the Bristol-Gloucester border CSCC control access to Pen Park hole, FODCAG would control access to Fishmonger's Swallet and 40 Acre Swallet.

AF I am a member of FODCAG, we have written our constitution and it is currently with BCA. I will be happy to circulate a copy to CSCC, comments and observations will be welcome.

6 Secretary's report

From the secretaries perspective the last year has been without incident, agendas and minutes have been produced and published on the website. Nothing much more interesting than this to report on.

Frank Tully Secretary CSCC

7 Treasurer

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GM I am currently scrutinising the draft accounts.

The accounts will be scrutinised and presented to the next meeting for approval.

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8 C&A Report

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WS Since publishing the report, I have done a little more work on the CSCC Access guide, embedding the Cheddar access calender into the guide. Currently we have access to the three caves once a week, this will make booking easier.

8.1 Wookey Hole

WS There are a fair number of fixed aids on the route to the cave these were placed by the diggers and they need some attention. I would like to replace these carabineers and ropes.

Proposal to replace fixed aids in Wookey, budget is £300.

Proposed JD, Vote passed Unanimous.

DC Is there a budget for Stock Hill Mine Cave and Holm Close, gates.

WS There was a provisional budget which has been put forward to the BCA working group, this has been provisionally agreed. I now need to finalise the design of the gates and get some prices to manufacturer.
I will bring the prices to CSCC for approval as soon as I have them.

WS I am still looking for a volunteer to replace me as C&A officer.

9 Equipment and Techniques

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AA No additional news

10 Communications Officer

Report published on website, https://cscc.org.uk/wiki/documents/start

PB Nothing to add, the communications appear to be working well.

DLK I will be getting a report together for the cleaning of Throupe Lane Swallet.

11 Training Officer

DC We do not currently have a training officer in post.

12 BCA Representative

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13 IT Officer's Report

Webmasters report is in the newsletter. https://cscc.org.uk/wiki/documents/start

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DC Currently the CSCC emails go through the old BCA server. There is a fault with the server which is causing some emails to be classified as spam. Hopefully moving the mailing lists over to the new server will fix this issues. The plan is to do this in the near future.

DC I have been moving the website from the old to the new BCA server in stages. The website and the access guide moved across last year, the4 two things remaining are the email and the mailing lists.

14 Forthcoming events

19-21 June 2026	NAMHO Swaledale
25-28 Sept 2026	Hidden Earth, Llangollen
Sat 17 Oct 2026	BCRA Cave Science Symposium, Online Zoom

15 Amendment to CSCC Constitution or questions to the AGM

No amendments or questions to the AGM submitted.

16 Election of Officers

16.1 Posts with unopposed nominations

- Frank Tully — Secretary
- Linda Wilson — BCA Rep
- Matty Dredge — E&T Assistant
- Peter Burgess — Communications Officer.
- Wayne Starsmore — C&A Officer

16.2 Posts without nominations

Posts without nominations at the start of the meeting, these posts are open for nomination from the floor of the meeting.

- Chair — Dave Cooke
- Treasurer — Tom Harrison
- Equipment & Techniques Officer — Andrew Atkinson
- Webmaster — Dave Cooke

DC All those currently in post have now indicated that they wish to continue.

The meeting voted everyone into post on block, Vote passed unanimous.

DC We still require a training officer

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DC Graham Mullan indicated this morning that he is willing to scrutinise the next years accounts.

The meeting voted appoint Graham Mullan as scrutineer of the accounts,
Vote passed unanimous.

17 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 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	17 August 2026	19:00	GM	Zoom
Monday	16 Nov 2026	19:00	GM	Zoom
Monday	1 Feb 2027	23:59	**Notification to of upcoming AGM**,	
Monday	8 Feb 2027	19:00	GM	Zoom
Friday	12 March 2027	23:59	Deadline for AGM nominations	
Friday	13 March 2027	19:00	Deadline for AGM constitutional amendments	
Thursday	1 April 2027	23:59	Notification to members of AGM nominations	
Friday	7 May 2027	19:00	AGM	Zoom

18 Any other Business

18.1 Red House Swallet

Adam GSS We are currently marking routes and generally getting the cave ready for visitors, however it is currently looking like we will not be ready before September.

Meeting duration 1h

Corrections