



# Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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## General Meeting 02 November 13 Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Graham Price (Chair/Cerberus Rep) GP Hayley Clark (Secretary/MCG Rep) HC Alan Dempster (Avon Scouts Rep) AD Aubrey Newport (WCC Rep) AN Geoff Dommett (BCG Rep) GD Faye Litherland (Equipment Officer/BEC Rep) David G Cooke (Webmaster/ ChCC Rep) DGC Alan Gray (ACG Rep) AG Les Williams (C&A Officer/WCC Rep) LW Andy Dommett (BCG Obs) Doug Parker (BCG Obs)	Mark Williams (BCA Officer) MW

**Meeting started at 10.05 am.**

**1) Minutes of the previous meeting (03/08/13)**

Accepted proposed FL seconded LW

**2) Actions from previous meeting: -**

- Update to CSCC handbook LW and DGC **ongoing**.
- LW to write promotional text for CSCC **ongoing**
- Situation in Rhino Rift **ongoing do not go below top of third pitch**.

**3) Other Matters arising from the previous meeting**

None

**4) Chairman's Report**

**4.1** Situation at Heale Farm Cave is still ongoing however further contact has been made and is positive as the land owner is going to review the access arrangements and there is a possibility that they will look at a CSCC lock, GP to email a copy of the insurance documents for land owner to see.

**4.2** Loxton Cavern, situation regarding the funding by BCA for these works is unclear, and with no treasurer present it was thought that no reply had been received from BCA, DGC to contact Paul Ibberson after the meeting **POST MEETING NOTE** Paul Ibberson confirmed that BCA would fund these works.

**4.3** The works at Longwood Valley Sink has been finished, access is for diggers only, and access is now controlled by CCC Ltd

**4.4** Planning application submitted by the Mendip Hunt for converting buildings into Kennels at Eastwater Lane, GP has commented on behalf of CSCC outlining pollution concerns for the caves in the locality



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**4.5** GP received a draft consultation “Mendip Rocks” produced by the Mendip Hills AONB, CSCC and any interested parties have been asked to comment. Specific requirements are any information or resources that could be offered to a future Mendip Rocks project, any areas of proposed work that anyone would like to be involved in to help deliver Mendip Rocks. HC to email document ASAP to clubs reps and request that any feedback be sent to GP by 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013. **POST MEETING NOTE HC sent info to reps on 04/11/13**

## **5) Secretary’s Report.**

**5.1** HC has decided not to continue as CSCC Secretary after the AGM in May 2014 and has let the other Officers know now in order that another Secretary can be found.

## **6) Treasurer’s Report.**

**6.1** None received

**6.2** DGC sent some questions and observations about the 2012 accounts to be discussed in his absence. These were based on a draft set of accounts and most had already been resolved in the published accounts. One typo In note 1 the amount £229.46 should read £219.46. DGC was also suggesting that CSCC should report our number of member clubs to BCA. In practice CSCC require BCA to tell us who the member clubs are because they pay subscriptions to BCA

## **7) Conservation & Access Officer’s Report**

**7.1** No progress has been made on any of the gates, White Pit entrance will need to be secured whilst the old gate is taken off and repaired

**7.2** DEFRA are holding a consultation on Biodiversity Offsetting, HC to send consultation to reps **POST MEETING NOTE HC sent consultation to reps on 04/11/13**

## **8) Training Officer’s Report**

**8.1** Position still vacant, volunteer to take on the role still required please contact GP or HC for any further information

## **9) Equipment Officer’s Report.**

**9.1** FL now has correct 316 anchors so anchors can now be placed in caves. Tom Chapman has now trained Andrew Atkinson and Chris Binding to be trainers so they can train others to place anchors if needed

## **10) BCA Rep’s Report**

**10.1** Subscription fees are staying the same for 2014

## **11) Webmaster’s Report**

**11.1** Nothing to report

## **12) Regional Registry Officer’s report**

**12.1** Nothing to report



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## 13) AOB

**13.1** Mendip Underground will be on Mendip by mid December 2013

**13.2** Discussions were held as to how CSCC could raise money, people outside including member clubs do not realise that CSCC does not have income, projects are generally funded by BCA such as conservation projects/gates/access but these are all claimed back afterwards. The funds in the bank are dwindling and need to be built up so there are reserves. FL proposed a Digfest weekend where people can visit other peoples digs with permission and if necessary accompanied by the current diggers. FL volunteered to organise with the help of DGC for advertising and AN to book Priddy Village Hall and help with the bar. The weekend proposed is 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June. **POST MEETING NOTE VILLAGE HALL BOOKED, DATES CONFIRMED**

## DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Saturday 01 February 2014