



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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Minutes of General Meeting - Saturday 26th November 2016

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1 Attendance

Voting Attendees

Aubrey Newport	White Rabbit	AN	Webmaster
Graham Mullan	UBSS	GM	
Daniel Matthews	MCG Rep	DM	
Les Williams	WCC Rep	LW	C&A Officer
Alan Gray	ACG	AG	Regional Registry Officer
Keith Batten	SMCC	KB	
Chris Binding	SPCC/ACI	CB	Training officer
Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts Rep	AD	
Jonathan Da'Casto	BDCC	JD	
Dave Cooke	Cheddar Rep	DC	Treasurer

Non Voting

Alan Butcher	SMCC Rep	AB	Chairman
Frank Tully	WCC Observer	FT	Secretary

2 Apologies for Absence

Hannah Bennett	BEC	HB
Barry Wilkinson	WCC/White Rabbit	BW
Geoff Dommett	Buckfastleigh CG	GD

3 Approval of minutes from general meeting 21st May 2016

Minutes approved with minor amendments.

Proposed AB, Seconded FL, Passed Unanimous

4 Actions from previous minutes

None

5 Other matters arising from previous minutes

None

6 Chairman's report

Alan Butcher

Let's have a general meeting because as the we are not quorate for the EGM



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7 Honorary secretary's report

Frank Tully

Nothing to report

8 Conservation & access officer's report

Les Williams

8.1 Report on caves

- Box Quarries

Les Williams has not spoken to the landowner at this point.

A fence has been erected around backdoor and CSCC would like to recommend to its members that they do not use this entrance to avoid upsetting the neighbors/landowners.

When approaching 'Backdoor' from the Quarryman's Arms, just before you reach the new fence you pass another entrance named 'Bat Grill'. This is secured in the same way as other entrances into the Box mines complex and brings you into the same approximate area as the Backdoor entrance does.

- Compton Martin Ochre Mine Gate is in disrepair.
- Viaduct Sink Fitting gate, ongoing
- Swildons Repair of causeway leading to blockhouse, ongoing
- Swildons Stile Repair of stone stile on way to Swildons, ongoing
- Loxton Cavern Entrance is secured, lower shaft still requires stabilization, ongoing.
- Stainsburys Shaft Gate was seriously damaged leaving it in a dangerous state.. New gate and grillage has been fitted and all the grillage has more substantially fixed to the beams. Cost of materials exceeded the estimate by £74. The meeting accepts the increase Proposed AB, Seconded LW, Passed Unanimous.
- Hunters lodge inn sink New gate to be fabricated. The November meeting allocated £600 for the materials for a new gate.

Pigtails risers and orange flagging tape.

CSCC has now run out of orange flagging tape and pigtail risers.

LW to bring the price for another batch of risers for the next meeting.

The orange flagging tape is expensive, Chris Binding to bring a price per roll to the next meeting.

Cantabria caves are marked with nylon fishing wire, this fluoresces in caving lamps and is visible. Chris Binding to investigate this and bring his finding to a future meeting.

AN to look at investigating use of parcel banding strip, this is believed to be polyester.

Locks

CSCC is running low on locks. The meeting approves LW to spend £150 on locks. Proposed LW seconded AB passed Unanimous



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9 Honorary treasurer's report

Dave Cooke

Treasurers Report to the CSCC Nov 2016 meeting

I am in the process of claiming our grant for last year from BCA and agreeing our budget for next year (2017). It would be helpful if Officers could present any outstanding expenses.

The provisional figures I gave for DigFest 2016 at the last meeting were slightly optimistic. These are the final figures:

Income: £1370.26 (£956.49 bar, £413.77 BBQ)

Costs: £1160.07 (£532.85 bar, £177.22 BBQ, £250 DJ, £200 Hall)

Surplus: £210.19

For comparison the Dig Fest 2014 accounts were:

Income: £1375.25 (£882.25 bar, £493.00 BBQ)

Costs: £936.71 (£416.06 bar, £300.65 BBQ, £100 DJ, £120 Hall)

Surplus: £438.54

At the request of the bar staff, £50 from the sale of the cider given by Barry Hulatt was donated to the Action for Children charity as sponsorship for Steve Pointon and his circumnavigation of the UK by boat challenge. Steve is a member of the Cheddar Caving Club. The challenge raised over £18,000 for vulnerable children and young people.

David Cooke Nov 2016

10 Training officer's report

Chris Binding

Training has been provided to the Wealdon recently, this was well received.

10.1 Changes to BCA training committee – Report from AB

There are proposed changes to how recreational caver training is organised and funded.

These changes include abolishing the training committee and forming a professional training body and recreational training being administered by the regions bodies, eg CSCC.

This will require a change in the BCA constitution. The detailed proposal for the changes to the BCA constitution regarding this have not, at the time of this meeting been finalised.

This meeting makes it known that we are generally in agreement with administration of recreational caver training being devolved to the regional councils and grant funded via the regional councils.

CSCC looks forward to seeing the detail of the proposed changes.

11 Equipment officer's report

Faye Litherland

No report presented

12 BCA rep report

DC was the CSCC representative at the BCA council meeting

At the time of this meeting the Minutes of the BCA council meeting have not been published.

CSCC is somewhat disappointed that the Mendip caving clubs did not attend. If you do not attend when the meeting is in your local area your argument is diminished when complaining about decisions made.



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Insurance issues

The insurance company underwriting the BCA insurance want us to have a 'Hazard Assessment' for individual caves.

This would reduce the legitimacy of the 'I didn't know it was dangerous' argument that the claimant could make if they hurt themselves caving and then litigate someone protected by the BCA policy. CSCC await BCA guidance regarding this.

13 Webmasters report

Aubrey Newport

Website and email is functioning well

13.1 BCA Diary page

The BCA diary was displayed on the on the CSCC website, however all the CSCC dates appear to have been deleted.

Dave Cooke, The BCA website records all additions and deletions, it appears that CSCC have not successfully added any items recently whilst others have. We need to address how CSCC are adding events to the BCA diary. This issue is not a fault of the BCA server.

13.2 Discussion regarding the email lists

The officials-list@csccl.org.uk is discussion list and anyone on the list can send emails to it.

The general csccl-list@csccl.org.uk should be an announce list which should only accept emails to the list from the CSCC executive. Currently it allows sending of emails by anyone on the list, this is leading to its use for discussions, which is not its purpose.

13.3 List of Bolts

The list of bolts are on the Website are out of date, FL to update.

14 Regional registry officer's report

Alan Gray

Nothing to report

15 Forthcoming events

16 Date of next meetings:

Saturday 18th	February 2016	(EGM)	10:00	Hunters
Saturday 18th	February 2017	(GM)	10:00	Hunters
Saturday 26th	November 2017	(GM)	10:00	Hunters
Saturday 13th	May 2017	(AGM)	10:00	Hunters

17 Any other business

The 20th May AGM clashes with the Shepton CC AGM. The Shepton have booked the long room in the hunters. This date also clashes with the BCA field meet on the Gower to which the Secretary and C&A officer would like to attend.

Proposal from the chair to change date of the AGM from 20th May to the 13th May.

Passed without opposition.

Meeting duration 1h27m