



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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Minutes of General Meeting - Saturday 25th Nov 2017

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1 Attendance

Voting Attendees

Graham Price	Cerberus SS	GP	
Aubrey Newport	White Rabbit	AN	
Dave Cooke	Cheddar	DC	Treasurer/Webmaster
Graham Mullan	UBSS	GM	
Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts	AD	
Alan Gray	ACG	AG	
Dave King	MNRC	DK	
Keith Batten	SMCC	KB	
Les Williams	WCC	LW	C&A Officer

Non Voting

Alan Butcher	SMCC	AB	Chairman
Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
Neil Mains	MCG	NM	
Jamie Larke	GCC	GW	
Darren Postians	GCC	DP	

2 Apologies for Absence

Chris Binding	SPCC/ACI	CB	
Barry Wilkinson	White Rabbit	BW	
Andrew Atkinson		AA	Equipment officer

3 Approval of minutes from AGM 16th Sept 2017

Minutes approved with minor amendment.

Proposed AB, Seconded LW, Passed Unanimous

4 Actions from previous minutes

None

5 Chairman's report

Alan Butcher

5.1 Training committee update,

Chris Binding has resigned from the position of CSCC training officer.

6 Honorary secretary's report

Frank Tully

Nothing to report

7 Conservation & access officer's report

Les Williams

7.1 Access to caves on land owned by Longleat Enterprises Ltd.

Longleat Enterprises Ltd. lawyers have produced a 'Heads of Terms' document. CSCC has developed a response to this document which includes a proposed access agreement which addresses all the points raised in the 'Heads of Terms' document.

The first draft of this proposed document was discussed at the meeting and comments were taken on board. This is to be looked at by a lawyer representing CSCC and will then be presented to Longleat Enterprises Ltd. in the near future.



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7.2 Stoke Lane Slocker

There have been issues with parking for this cave.

If you are not breaking the law by parking in an unsafe manner there are no issues with access to stoke lane slocker. Parking in an unsafe manner is a police matter.

GP to clarify the issue with the quarry owner.

7.3 Loxton Cavern

Work stabilizing the shaft has uncovered more issues and the shaft is still unstable and therefore closed.

7.4 Masbury Swallet

Gate has been fabricated, awaiting galvanizing and fitting.

7.5 Browns Folly quarry

Negotiations between Hobhouse Estates and Natural England are awaiting a bat expert.

7.6 Ubley Warren and Nettle

The dangerous boulders in the foot and crutch series of Nettle are still a problem. Both caves are therefore still closed..

Meeting approved funds of £150 for stabilisation of dangerous boulders in foot and crutch series.

The gate has been galvanized and will be fitted soon.

The hanging boulder in the connection passage are still a problem.

7.7 Report on other caves

Viaduct Sink

Gate is at MNRC, awaiting fitting, ongoing

Swildons Causeway

Repair of causeway leading to blockhouse, ongoing

Swildons Stile

Repair of stone stile on way to Swildons, awaiting dry weather, ongoing

Hunters lodge inn sink

New gate is waiting to be fabricated. Ongoing.

7.8 CSCC Locks

CSCC are ordering the ABUS 40mm lock with a stainless hasp.

Keys will be circulated to the CSCC member clubs before the locks are changed.

CSCC member clubs which currently hold CSCC keys will receive 1 key per club. The larger clubs which issue keys to visitors will receive additional keys as required.

GP to organise publishing to clubs and cavers that the locks are being changed

7.9 Pig Tail Risers

A batch of 120 'Pig Tail Risers' have been produced for the protection of Perl Mine. LW has not received an invoice yet however the last batch were £1.10 each.

The meeting approves up to £150 the expenditure when the invoice is received.

8 Honorary treasurer's report

Dave Cooke

Changes to bank mandates are still in process.

AN received the full 2016 accounts a few weeks ago and is still examining them.



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9 Training officer's report

9.1 Report on BCA council meeting and run-up.

As a result of the of the training committee splitting into recreational and commercial; at the Eurospelo meeting of the BCA it was decided to develop a short guidance note for clubs to provide recreational instruction. This guidance note was presented at the October meeting of BCA council. The report was a scheme offering guidelines with proposals as to how clubs would appoint people to do their training. The meeting felt this was effectively the start of 'certificates for recreational caving' and it was not accepted. However it is currently on the BCA website under the Training committee section even though it has not been accepted.

AB was tasked with monitoring the issue of generating guidance note clubs to provide recreational instruction.

CSCC currently requires a training officer. However the meeting felt that incumbent should have their role and responsibilities defined before taking up the role.

AB offered to develop some words detailing the role and responsibilities of the new training officer

Commercial training update

It was intended that the training committee purchase some bespoke software to assist with management of commercial training and certification of leaders. Due to various issues with the company supplying this software this purchase now appears unlikely. However this will be decided at the next meeting of BCA council meeting.

10 Equipment officer's report

Andrew Atkinson

Equipment officer's report is on the website.

GP has placed a number of bolts in Ubley and Nettle with the permission of the equipment officer. The meeting is happy to approve these bolts. Paperwork needs to be completed.

11 BCA rep report

12 Webmasters report

Dave Cooke

Email lists have been tweaked slightly;

- The officials list 'officials-list@csccl.org.uk', is for discussions between the officers and reps, anyone who is subscribed to the list can post to the list.
- The general list 'csccl-list@csccl.org.uk', is now an announce list and only the Webmaster and Secretary can post to it. Other members can post to it but their post will need to be moderated before it is forwarded on.

13 Regional registry officer's report

Alan Gray

Linda Wilson attended the recent BCA meeting on behalf of CSCC.

The salient points of her report were read out by AB

The turnout for the vote was disappointing with less than 20% voting.

GP, DC and FT to review the information on our website resulting from the constitutional change.



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14 Forthcoming events

14.1 Cave Fest

Friday 4th May through to Monday 7th May – First May bank holiday.

This is to be integration of DigFest and Cavefest.

See www.cavefest.co.uk for details.

CSCC is happy to assist wherever we can.

15 Date of next meetings:

Note Time has been changed to 10:30

Saturday 17th February 2018 (GM) 10:30 Hunters

Saturday 19th May 2018 (AGM) 10:30 Hunters

16 Any other business

Changes to Data protection regulations.

DC to look at putting a note on the website regarding CSCC Data protection policy.

CSCC does not hold data on members. It does hold limited data on the CSCC membership clubs and their representatives.

Meeting duration 2h20m