



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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Minutes of General Meeting - Saturday 15th Sept 2018

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1 Attendance

Voting Attendees

Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts	AD	
Aubrey Newport	White Rabbit	AN	
Babs Price	BEC	BP	
Dave Cooke	Cheddar	DC	Treasurer/Webmaster
Dave King	MNRC	DK	
Geoff Drommot	BCG	GD	
Graham Price	Cerberus SS	GP	Assistant C&A Officer
Les Williams	WCC	LW	C&A Officer
Linda Wilson	UBSS	LIW	
Tim Ball	SMCC	TB	

Non Voting

Alan Butcher	SMCC	AB	Chairman
Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
Graham Mullan	UBSS	GM	

2 Apologies for Absence

Andrew Atkinson		AA	Equipment officer
Barry Wilkinson	White Rabbit	BW	

3 Approval of minutes from AGM 16th Sept 2017

Minutes approved.

Proposed AB, Seconded LW, Passed Unanimous

4 Chairman's report

Alan Butcher

Brief statement from Les Williams:

For those of you who aren't aware I am have now been elected chairman of BCA. At this meeting I am the representative of the Wessex Cave Club and at no time will I be representing BCA, unless it is made very clear that I am.

AB Welcome to the meeting.

We have not progressed much further with the Longleat Estates access issue. I have had a meeting with Leon of Longleat Estates to explain what we are proposing to do with a limited company by guarantee. We are currently seeking legal advice associated with the drawing up of this company, which is why we have no new news regarding this issue.

Access to caves continues as before using the Waiver system.

5 Honorary secretary's report

Frank Tully

6 Conservation & access officer's report

Les Williams

Report by Graham Price (Assistant C&A officer)

- 6.1 Stoke Lane Slocker Ongoing, fixing the Cerberus hut has taken a surprising amount of time.
- 6.2 Masbury Swallet Ongoing
- 6.3 Loxton Cavern Ongoing



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- 6.4 Ubley Warren Ongoing
6.5 CSCC Locks Progressing

Report by Dave King

6.6 Viaduct Sink Atlas were going to fit the gate which is at the MNRC. It turned out the gate was too small and casting concrete slab to support the gate was considered too difficult. Dave Speed has had a look at the entrance and is making another gate. Fitting the gate is ongoing.

Atlas request additional money to purchase another gate, to reduce the amount of civil work which needs doing. DC to contact BCA treasurer and explain the situation.

CSCC therefore have a spare gate, this is a standard CSCC gate and should be easily re-useable.

6.7 Hunters Lodge Inn Sink, gate has been reported as being stiff to unlock. LW to look into it. There was supposed to be a scaffold tube set across the shaft to stand on whilst getting on and off the rebelay, the BEC were tasked with installing this. Still not finished, BP to remind Estelle.

Report by Graham Price

6.8 Cow Hole Additional lock was attached to the cave gate stopping access to cavers. New locks have been fitted. The land the cave is in is being sold and the landowner has requested that the cave is not visited until the sale has been completed and an access agreement is made with the new owner.

Report by Les Williams

6.9 Browns Folly quarry No new news

The mine is open if the Muddy Hole entrance is used. However Avon Wildlife Trust and Restore are complaining to the land owner because people are breaking into Monkton Farleigh from Browns Folly Mine.

CSCC offered to help making the Muddy hole entrance more secure, however Natural England have issues with any changes to the entrance which must be addressed first. Removed from list until new news appears

6.10 Singing River Mine New CSCC lock fitted, for access you need to text the family before your visit. See website, it is up to date.

6.11 C&A section of website

GP Was tasked with updating the access arrangements for CSCC caves on the website. GP is still waiting for a password which allows him website rights to do this.

DC It is much easier if you forward changes to myself and I update the website. The process of someone else updating the website requires a database to be installed on your machine, which is not a trivial task, last time this was attempted it took all morning.

DC The alternative is to finish the new website database which will be easier to update.

AB Can we finish the new website database before the next meeting in 24th November.

6.12 LW We have run out of pigtail risers again,
Meeting authorises LW to get another £200 worth.

7 Honorary treasurer's report

Dave Cooke

The draft 2017 accounts were circulated to the meeting, these are similar to the accounts circulated at the last meeting but include traveling expenses.

Aubrey Newport has examined the accounts and has signed them off.

Vote to approve the accounts passed unanimous. Accounts approved

Approved accounts to be published on website.



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Clubs re-joining:

Reading University and KURG, they are both BCA members.

Proposed by the treasurer, passed unanimous.

Point of information, as question was asked as to whether SHARK really did want to join CSCC. DC contacted their chairman and they do.

8 Acting Training officer's report

Alan Butcher

Nothing to report

9 Equipment officer's report

Andrew Atkinson

No report presented

10 BCA rep report

There is a BCA AGM on the 3rd June 2018. Minutes have not yet been published.

Next meeting is in October.

Brief report from Alan Butcher

Changes to the training committee name was withdrawn and not voted on.

Terms of reference are being developed this year. AB is preparing a discussion paper about this issue. This will be developed and brought to the next AGM.

Jane Allen has been voted in as Publications and Communications officer.

11 Webmasters report

Dave Cooke

GDPR Ongoing

Updating the conservation & access website records was discussed earlier.

12 Regional registry officer's report

Alan Gray

Nothing to report

13 Forthcoming events

- Hidden earth next weekend, 21st to 23rd October.
- St Cuthbert's Premiere 13 October Priddy Village Hall
- BCRC Rescue Conference, 6-8th Sept 2019, Eastwater Farm

14 Date of next meetings:

Note Time has been changed to 10:30

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| • Saturday | 24 th | November 2018 (GM) | 10:30 Hunters |
| • Saturday | 16 th | February 2019 (GM) | 10:30 Hunters |
| • Saturday | 18 th | May 2019 (AGM) | 10:30 Hunters |

15 Any other business

Note to meeting, CSCC is no organising any events this year

Meeting duration 1h7m