



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

A constituent member of the British Caving Association

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Minutes of General Meeting - Saturday 15 February 2020

Approved 15 July 2020

The minutes of the meeting have been delayed by a number of months because the recording was inaccessible due to lockdown.

Minutes of meeting have been produced from audio recording.

The attendees at the approving meeting, only had 24 hours to check the minutes, and with the meeting in question preceding the minutes by four months accuracy has been questioned at the approving meeting.

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees

Alan Butcher	SMCC	AB	Chairman
Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts	AD	
Alan Grey	ACG	AG	
Barry Wilkinson	White Rabbit	BW	
Dave King	MNRC	DK	
Graham Price	Cerberus	GP	
Les Williams	WCC	LW	C&A Officer
Sam Richards	BEC	SR	
Tim Ball	Shepton CC	TB	

Non Voting

Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
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2 Apologies for Absence

Aubrey Newport	White Rabbit	AN
Idris Williams	Shropshire Scouts	IW
Dave Cooke		DC

3 Approval of minutes from GM 23th Nov 2019

Minutes approved. With correction of minor typo, Vote passed Nem Con

4 Chairman's report

Alan Butcher

Nothing to report:

Note: BCA AGM to be discussed later in meeting

5 Secretary's report

Frank Tully

Nothing to report

6 Conservation & access officer's report

Les Williams

Written report presented at meeting by GP

- 6.4 Ubley Warren Awaiting confirmation from BCA finance committee, that funding is available.
DC was tasked with getting this confirmation.
Ongoing
- 6.6 CSCC Locks Final locks are being fitted,
Stock hill mine shaft needs a CSCC lock, Lock has been handed out to another for fitting, GP to check.



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- 6.8 Request for CSCC key by Hampshire Scouts, Hampshire Scouts are a CSCC member, GP to send them a key.
- 6.9 Pressure washers, CSCC now have the Worx pressure washers and the Peli cases. They are available for use by CSCC members for cleaning cave formations.
GP to write instructions for use which will be issues with the washers.
Contact Graham Price to borrow the washers.
- 6.10 CaveFest Moved to AOB
- 6.11 Hobnail Hole There are loose rocks in the entrance and the cave is closed, the padlock has been changed.

7 Honorary treasurer's report

Nothing to report

8 Acting Training officer's report

Alan Butcher

Training appears to have settled down and is moving in the right direction.

9 Equipment officer's report

Andrew Atkinson

FT to approach Andrew Atkinson regarding supply of bolts.

10 BCA rep report

Report on BCA council meeting January – Alan Butcher

BCA Constitutional change AGM section 26.2 – Ballot results.

Both houses exceed the 70% support requirement, and so the motion has passed. Only 17% of individual members voted.

P&I committee, since the P&I standing committee was abolished at the last AGM, all P&I decision making is being brought to BCA committee, this took in excess of 45 minutes.

CSCC to raise a recommendation to the next BCA AGM where the P&I committee is reformed as a standing committee so that detailed discussion associated with P&I decisions can be made away from BCA council meetings, thereby speeding up the BCA committee meetings.

Cave Fest, CaveFestUK requested BCA support both financial and otherwise, the CaveFestUK's online presence gets in excess of 10000 hits per month and focuses on the social aspects of caving.

The meeting awarded CaveFestUK a £500 bursary and allows cave fest to use the BCA logo on material.

Adventure Academy, BCA donated £5600 to this commercial organisation whose aim is to supervise up to 14 under 18's caving, at each event. Stories in Stone, a charitable trust appears to be backing this as well.

At the point you decide to form a group which takes under 18's caving, which is not the Scouts or similar you will probably have to go down this route due to safeguarding issues.

Consensus, AB raised at the meeting that he is concerned that there is no attempt to gain consensus between the different BCA regions.

Questions and proposals for the forthcoming BCA AGM



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AB There are weakness in the current BCA processes which appear to have not been through properly. We need to proposes changes which will address these weaknesses.

Proposals from AB to the meeting:

- 1 Now BCA has got rid on the caving clubs vote, BCA needs to add back in caving club's representation. I suggest we double the number of club representatives on council.
- 2 Need to clarify the BCA manual of operations, regarding the voting to elect unopposed positions. CSCC propose that uncontested applicants are deemed elected.
- 3 Re-instate the P&I standing committee to streamline BCA council meetings.
- 4 Where if a member is censured for bullying, the member is not allowed to attend the next council meeting, the intent of this is to stop the member defending their actions and in effect continuing the attack.

AB to draft the detailed proposals.

They will then be presented to the BCA secretary.

Deadline for submissions to the BCA AGM 4 April 2020

11 Webmasters report

Dave Cooke

No report presented

12 Regional registry officer's report

Alan Gray

No report presented

13 Forthcoming events

13-14 June 2020 BCA AGM Weekend of caving related events

Friday, Meet and greet at the Hunters, People can go caving before the pub if they want

Saturday, lectures at village hall in afternoon, GP and LW to get copies of old films for showing before the dinner.

Interclub TugAWar after lectures, Beer and BBQ

Saturday night Basher Disco

Sunday BCA AGM 10:30

We could do with some breakfast rolls before the AGM and some food for dinner.

DK to approach Gonzo with doing a poster for the event,

The Decent deadline is the end of this month. AB to draft a new article.

We need volunteers to run the BBQ and bar.

14 Dates of meetings

Saturday 23th November 2019 (GM) 10:30 Hunters

Saturday 15th February 2020 (GM) 10:30 Hunters

Saturday 16th May 2020 (AGM) 10:30 Hunters



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15 Any other business

15.1 Cave Fest

Cave Fest have agreed to highlight cave conservation and this year's Cave Fest event, GP has been booked to talk at event. Cave Fest have agreed to split the profits between Cave Rescue and CSCC, specifically for cave conservation.

Meeting duration 1h40m