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Annual General Meeting 14.05.11, Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Graham Price (Chair/Cerberus Obs) GP Hayley Clark (Secretary/MCG Rep) HC Alan Gray (ACG Rep) AG Alan Dempster (Avon Scouts Rep) AD Les Williams (C&A Officer/WCC Rep) LW Faye Litherland (Equipment Officer/BEC Rep) FL Aubrey Newport (WCC Obs) AN Dave Cundy (Treasurer/SBSS Rep) DC Alan Butcher (SMCC Rep) AB Darrel Instrell (MNRC Rep) DI Chrissy Price (Cerberus Rep) CP David G Cooke (Webmaster/ ChCC Rep) DGC Mark Williams (BCA Officer) MW Andy Eavis (BCA)	Shropshire Scouts Ashford Speleological Society

Meeting started at 10.10am.

Meeting quorate with 10 member clubs represented

1) Minutes of the previous meeting (12.02.11)

7.2 change box mines to Box Mines

7.9 para 3 amend to: CSCC will accept responsibility for all cave gates/caves on NT land in our region and if need be CSCC will sort out access to any site in our region. It would be useful for NT to consult CSCC on any cave/mine related issues.

7.10 change "through" Frozen Cascade to "to bypass" Frozen Cascade

10.4 add Ltd after CCC

Proposed FL seconded LW accepted as amended

2) Actions from previous meeting: -

5.4 (from minutes 31.07.10) Update on bolts in Black Hole Swildons. **FL & DGC.**

FL and DGC recently visited Black Hole Series and have rechecked the anchors and decided on the placement of 6 new anchors.

6.3 (from minutes 31.07.10) DC to go to bank to sort out tax as account currently taxed at source and needs to be changed (item 7.3 of previous meeting) **DC.**

Ongoing

7.5 (from minutes 31.07.10) Compton Martin Ochre Mine (8.2 of previous minutes), gate has been made but yet to be fitted. **LW. Taken under Item 7.1**

7.7 (from minutes 06.11.10) Update on Viaduct Sink **LW. Taken under item 7.1**



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6.1 2009/2010 accounts now ready to scrutinise **AN. Ongoing**

6.2 DC to put in claim to BCA treasurer for monies owed. **DC Ongoing**

7.1 Update on access to the 3 Loxton Caves (Loxton Cave, Loxton Cavern and Loxton Quarry Cave). **LW Take under Item 7.2**

7.3 Note to be put on web regarding situation at Brownes Folly Mine. **LW. Done**

7.6 Update on gate to Priddy Green Sink **LW take under Item 7.1**

9.4 Minutes of Training Committee meeting to be emailed to AB to do short summary for inclusion in minutes. **HC (DONE) and AB.**

10.5 (Item 9.5 of previous minutes) FL has researched various drills and there is little difference between them, good and bad points with them all. Meeting authorised FL to purchase a suitable drill and liaise with DC to get payment. **FL. Drill has been purchased.**

3) Other Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

4) Chairman's Report

4.1 Busy year for CSCC, all Officers been busy, effective and efficient. GP thanked all Officers for their hard work over the last year

5) Secretary's Report.

5.1 Avon & Somerset Constabulary Caving Section now members of CSCC, LW has sent them a CSCC cave key and handbook. LW suggested HC email Darren Crew to ask if there is an in house magazine for the Police so he could promote the sport and encourage more people to get involved.

5.2 Finally have managed to collate a membership list of all CSCC member clubs, we have 37 in total, HC asked all Officers and Reps to let her know if there is anyone who has been missed so she can update. DGC to update website with this list. HC queried when non BCA clubs should pay their £15 subs, the meeting confirmed these should be paid to run with the calendar year so fees should be paid for the year at the beginning of January. The meeting discussed the possibility of increasing the subs but voted against this increase this year.

5.3 Each regional Council needs to appoint someone to be coordinator for the National Cave and Mine Registry. In order for CSCC to do this a position needed to be created as Regional Registry Officer. DGC proposed the creation of this position, FL seconded and the meeting agreed. With the position created there was only one nomination for the role, DGC was proposed by DC and seconded by AD, meeting accepted DGC as the new regional Registry Officer.

AD requested DGC in his new role to be aware that Scouts leadership permits have recently changed so caves and mines are separate and that in the registry there may now be a need to differentiate between mines and caves.

5.4 HC thanked FL for replying to emails and requested that other Officers did too.

6) Treasurer's Report.

6.1 FL has purchased new drill, cheque has been given to her to reimburse her for money spent



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6.2 Monies still outstanding from 2009/2010 amount to approx £2000, treasurer needs to apply to BCA to get these paid.

6.3 Paperwork for 2009/2010 handed to AN for scrutinising. AD proposed acceptance and AB seconded the acceptance of the accounts subject to them being scrutinised by AN

7) Conservation & Access Officer's Report

7.1 All gates ongoing (Compton Martin Ochre Mine, Viaduct Sink, Priddy Green Sink, White Pit). Post meeting note LW met with Biff Frith after the meeting to discuss the gates and went to Viaduct Sink to help decide on a course of action.

7.2 Situation on access to Loxton Caves is still ongoing, the key the leaders have to Loxton Cavern doesn't work, GP asked LW to sort situation as a matter of urgency as not all leaders were aware their keys no longer worked. GP suggested MCR have a copy of the new key asap as a temporary measure until situation sorted in case of a rescue.

7.3 Situation with Restore at Brownes Folly has quietened down with no new incidents having been reported.

7.4 Ongoing issues at Box Mines with people tunnelling under the gate at Jacks workings, Darkplaces are working to restore and mend anything that gets damaged.

7.5 Also with Box Mines, Chris Davies of Darkplaces is liaising with the landowner, to keep access to Back Door entrance, a new hedge has been placed at the edge of his boundary but a path has been left for cavers to access the mines this way, the hedge is more for privacy. CSCC have offered Darkplaces any support if needed

7.6 Following the recent death of the landowner for Eastwater Cavern, CSCC wish to pass on their condolences to the family.

7.7 The money given to Charterhouse for the bypass to the Frozen Cascade has been spent on drilling the tunnel, the bang has not been the expensive bit but the drills. So far there have been 17 banging trips with 3.4m of the 6m passed. CCC Ltd have also given £200 towards the bang.

7.8 Cuckoo Cleaves, AN reported that with the dry weather the CO2 levels will be building up so it is imperative that the sign warning about CO2 is put in place asap. LW said the sign is ready, AN to get sign from LW and take to Cuckoo Cleaves

7.9 The National Trust second draft agreement for access to caves on their land is ready for comment, AG to send electronic copy to LW and HC for comment.

8) Training Officer's Report

8.1 Training Committee meeting scheduled for 14th May 2011 was cancelled; don't yet know dates for the next meeting

8.2 AB not had time to summarise minutes from previous Training Committee meeting. However he did point out he had grave concerns over the minutes as it appears the Training Committee are changing their own constitution without going through the National Council. Due to his concerns over the minutes and needing to establish what is going on AB offered to attend the next meeting with DI or instead of as the delegated CSCC representative as his experience as CSCC Training Officer will be invaluable in getting to the bottom of this.

9) Equipment Officer's Report.

9.1 See attached report provided by FL.

9.2 FL and DGC looked at the rigging of the ladder up to ladder dig. They have proposed a change in the layout to the chain to make it safer for people rigging it so



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they can protect themselves. GP confirmed that CCC Ltd will pay for the bolts and chains to enable this to happen

10) **BCA Rep's Report**

10.1 BCA's artificial cave is available to be borrowed for events and is currently kept in Derbyshire

10.2 BCA documents are such as minutes are normally available to view within a month of the meeting. It is recommended that all clubs look at and read the minutes from the BCA meetings and pass back any comments or queries they have

11) **Webmaster's Report**

Nothing to report

12) Election of Officers for year 2011/2012

Chairman	GP
Secretary	HC
Treasurer	DC
C & A	LW
Training	DI
Equipment	FL
BCA Rep	MW
Webmaster	DGC

Officers all taken on block, proposed AG seconded AD all accepted.

13) **Forthcoming Events.**

13.1 Hidden Earth Monmouth Sept 23-25 2011 (TBC)

13.2 SMCC sponsored prusik June 2011

14) **AOB**

14.1 Do we want a stand at Hidden Earth to show what CSCC does? Various ideas were discussed and it was decided in principal it was a good idea but would need someone to coordinate it, it could just be a static stand unmaned with photos, plans, pictures etc.. HC to email reps to see if anyone is willing to take this on

14.2 Down to last couple of CSCC cave access handbooks, these need to be updated and reprinted, it was decided to discuss this at the next meeting

15) Dates for the next meetings

Saturday	30th July 2011
Saturday	05 th November 2011
Saturday	04 th February 2012
Saturday	12 th May 2012 (AGM)

Meeting Closed: 12:50