



# Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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## Minutes of General Meeting – Monday 14 Feb 2022

Approved

### 1 Attendance

#### Voting Attendees

#### 10 Voting reps

Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts	AD	
Alan Gray	ACG	AG	
Dave Cooke	Cheddar CC	DC	Acting Treasurer/Webmaster
Dave King	MNRC	DK	
Estelle Sandford	BEC	ES	
Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
Hayley Clarke	MCG	HC	
Henry Morgan	UBSS	HM	
Judi Durber	EECC	JD	
Peter Burgess	Wealden CMS	PB	

#### Non Voting Attendees (Observers)

Chris Binding		CB	
Dave Keegan		DWK	Training Officer
Ed Waters		EW	Chair
Graham Mullan		GM	CCC Ltd rep
Linda Wilson		LiW	BCA Rep
Pete Hall		PH	Comms Officer
Russell Myers	BCA Chair	RM	

### 2 Apologies for Absence

Andrew Atkinson		AA	Equipment
Geoff Dommit			
Graham Price	Cerberus CC	GP	C&A
Tim Ball	SMCC		

### 3 Approval of minutes from AGM 14 May 2021

Minutes approved with corrections, Proposed AG. Seconded PB, Vote passed Unanimous

#### 3.1 Minutes 19Nov Section 4.1 Action to look at hybrid meetings

Discussion took place regarding hybrid meetings, ('in person' and zoom)

ES Hybrid meetings have been tried in the long room of the Hunters and it is was not successful, apparently because the available phone signal is too weak.

Hybrid meetings have worked well for club meetings but at least decent Wi-Fi is required.

The meeting agreed that there should be at least one 'in person' meeting a year.

Action on secretary to programme in, an 'in person' workshop event for next year.

#### 3.2 Minutes 19Nov Section 6.1 Action on officers to detail their roles

Ongoing

Action on officers to bring their role descriptions to the AGM meeting



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### 3.3 Minutes 19Nov Section 9.1 UKCaving forum

A sub-forum has been instigated on UKCaving.

JD Could we have more articles on the forum.

EW Could all reps and members send questions and articles to the communications officer if they think something has been missed.

### 3.4 Minutes 19Nov Section 13.1 Gender Neutrality

Proposed changes to constitution published in Agenda, repeated here.

#### Proposed changes to the constitution:

To be proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the committee.

The word 'Chairman' to be replaced by the word 'Chair' in the following sections of the constitution; 5g; 6a; 6c; 6f; 6h

Action on the club reps to take this proposed constitutional change back to their respective committees and bring their views to this meeting.

## 4 Chairman's report Ed Waters

I have written a statement in the CSCC newsletter, <https://csccl.org.uk/wiki/documents/start>

## 5 Secretary's report Frank Tully

Nothing significant to report which has not been discussed earlier in the meeting, see Agenda.

### 5.1 New Members

No new member applications

## 6 C&A Report

C&A report has been published on the website.

To repeat the statement at the end of the report;

I am extremely worried that the current problems we are suffering with break-ins is going to result in the total loss of access to a number of sites. I have spoken to various landowners and it is becoming clear that they are not happy with what is going on. This is involving me in an extraordinary amount of work and some very delicate negotiations.



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### 6.1 Funding

DC Regarding the funding for the Waterwheel gate this sounds like the money has already been spent, is it not normal to request funding before spending the money, or at least in an emergency inform the executive.

EW Proposal to spend £700 on a new Waterwheel gate to replace the one which has been severely damaged. An attempt was made to repair the damaged.

Proposed JD EECC, Seconded HC MCG, Vote passed Unanimous.

EW Proposal to spend £500 for repairs of all three Loxton cave/cavern gates which have been damaged.

Proposed DK MNRC, Seconded AG ACG, Passed Unanimous.

### Questions to Graham Price raised at the meeting.

DC The second entrance to Stoke Lane, it on the edge of a cliff, not near a footpath, and very few cavers know about it. Why are we gating this entrance?

Please clarify that the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate is not to be made or installed without specific agreement at the next meeting. A 2<sup>nd</sup> gate has not previously been agreed.

Action on Graham Price to answer

### Question regarding CSCC Pressure Washers

JD What has happening with the stal cleaning pressure washers which were donated?

LiW I would be happy to run a stal cleaning workshop with a practical session underground somewhere.

Action on Graham Price to answer

### 6.2 Labels for gates

Proposal to the meeting to design and attach labels to the CSCC gate informing the public how to gain access.

Action on Pete Hall to get a list of caves, a proposed label design and a price for the labels.

## 7 Treasurer

Report published on website

Could officers please send in their expenses, if we don't claim our expenses this delays making a claim from BCA and this could cause cash flow issues.



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### 8 Equipment Officer

Report in newsletter.

BCA Equipment and Techniques committee

The first meeting on the new committee took place, there was some confusion and Andrew was not invited until the last minute, however this issue has now been sorted.

#### Report from Russell Myers – BCA Chair,

Early days for the new committee, a work in progress, but things are looking good.

The meeting welcomed this.

### 9 Communications Officer

Newsletter was published last month.

The meeting approved of the newsletter.

We are having some issues with distribution emails by MailChimp.

LiW The problems appears to mostly be due to some of recipients email filters. We have that when we send out ordinary emails, and at least with MailChimp we can see which addresses are bouncing (BEC) and then rectify it. Which in the BEC case we did by flagging it up.

LiW As an aside, that also gives up the chance to check with reps that they are actually engaging. Worth remembering here as well that is reps read in preview mode without opening in browser, it doesn't show in the stats so the actual readership is always higher than we know.

### 10 Training Officer

I could not attend the BCA Equipment and Techniques meeting but have spoken to the chairman of the committee since the meeting.

I am currently running an introduction to photography for 8 people. The attendees are being charged £10 each and the cost of the course is £150, the remainder is to be made up by BCA.

Propose we authorise Dave to spend the £70 the remainder coming from the attendee's non-refundable deposits.

DK MNRC Seconded JD EECC, passed Unanimous

### 11 BCA Representative

Report published in news letter.

LiW I am looking into sourcing some grant funding, so that groups of young cavers can attend the UIS conference, which takes place in France this coming summer.

LiW In terms of BCA council, everything appears to be going well.



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### 12 Webmasters Report

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#### CSCC Forum

ES The BEC have discussed this and feel that if we do have a new forum it needs to add something special which is not being delivered by other means, otherwise it is not really worth doing. The meeting generally agreed with this sentiment.

### 13 AOB

#### 13.1 Access control philosophy

A wide ranging discussion took place regarding our current gate's design methodology, in the face of cheap battery powered angle grinders.

### 14 Forthcoming events

### 15 CSCC Significant dates

Note. This is a list of important dates around the current CSCC year, which runs AGM to AGM. The dates of the AGM, notifications and deadlines are defined in the constitution, this is a reminder. Dates of meetings are initially decided at the AGM however they can be changed. Please consult the website diary.

Monday	6 Sept 2021	19:00	GM	Zoom
Friday	19 Nov 2021	19:00	GM	Zoom
Tuesday	1 Feb 2022	23:59	Notification to members of upcoming AGM <u><a href="#">This is the notification</a></u>	
Monday	14 Feb 2022	19:00	GM	Zoom
Tuesday	15 March 2022	23:59	Deadline for AGM nominations	
Friday	18 March 2022	19:00	Deadline for AGM constitutional amendments	
Friday	1 April 2022	23:59	Notification to members of AGM nominations	
Friday	13 May 2022	19:00	AGM	Zoom

Meeting duration 1:48

### Corrections

Graham Mullan Email 15 Feb 22:35, Corrections applied