



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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Minutes of General Meeting – 19:00 Monday 11 Nov 2022

Zoom Meeting **Approved**

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees 11 Voting reps

Adam Fletcher	AF	GSS	
Alan Dempster	AD	Avon Scouts	
Alan Gray	AG	ACG	
Barry Wilkinson	BW	White Rabbit Caving Group	
Dave King	DK	MNRC	
Frank Tully	FT	WCC	Secretary
Hayley Clarke	HC	MCG	
Judi Durber	JD	EECC	
Linda Wilson	LW	UBSS	BCA Rep
Peter Burgess	PB	Wealden CMS	

Non Voting Attendees (Observers)

Andrew Atkinson	AA		Equipment
Ed Waters	EW		Chair
Graham Mullan	GM	Observer	CCC Ltd
Tom Harrison	TH		Treasurer
Wayne Starsmore	WS		C&A

2 Apologies for Absence

Dave Cook (IT Officer), Henry Morgan, Pete Hall (Communications Officer)

3 Approval of minutes from GM 15 August 2022

Approval of minutes; Proposed LW UBSS, Seconded AG ACG, Against 0; Abstentions DK MNRC; Vote passed

4 Chairman's report **Ed Waters**

6:40

Report to the meeting published in the newsletter.

The workshop for future access policy for CSCC & Better representation of individuals has had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Since cancelling the event a number of people have made it known that they had intended to attend but didn't inform me, however even if they had attended I feel there would not have been enough people to make any progress. I am intending to hold these two workshops virtually in the near future.

I attended the Mendip Rocks festival. This was a successful event and feel it had a positive impact for caving on Mendip.

5 Secretary's report **Frank Tully**

Nothing significant to report.

5.1 New Members **Dave Cooke**

No new members presented to the meeting.



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6 C&A Report **Wayne Starsmore**

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Following on from my report.

The singing river gate needs replacing, the frame from Stoke Lane gate looks like it could be repurposed for this, however we will need to make another gate. Is there anyone from the clubs who can assist with the gate fabrication please come forward.

Rose Cottage; There has been a complaint regarding access to this cave, do not climb over the new electric gate. Follow the access instruction on the CSCC access guide on the website.

Holme Close cave, Access negotiations are ongoing.

EW The work you are putting in is appreciated, thanks.

6.1 Fairy Cave Quarry Access

DK Statement read out regarding access to Fairy cave quarry.

Please follow the access rules published on the CSCC website.

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8 Treasurer **Tom Harrison**

My report is on the website.

We have 39 members, of these 35 are BCA affiliated clubs, 3 BCA associated clubs and 1 BCA non-affiliated club.

I have almost completed the handover from Dave Cooke and the Bank mandates are nearing completion. The approved expenditure list has been updated from previous minutes and will be sent out to the officers.

We received an advance of £5000 from the BCA for a claim against spending which has occurred this year, which we have received invoices for. We are awaiting the response from the BCA C&A committee to see what has been approved.

In my report I mentioned the Hinkley Point C community fund grants. I have spoken to the person from Somerset council who administers these grants on behalf of Hinkley Point. To apply for those particular grants we would have to show how the construction of Hinkley point C has affected Mendip caving. <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/small-grants-programme>

EW If anyone can think of a way of linking our interests to these grants please contact the treasurer.

There is a Mendip Hills grant, <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/mendip-hills-criteria> this appears more suited to our needs. The committee meet next January. The replacement of the changing room floor in farmer Main's barn feels like a project which would suit this grant.

EW Proposal that CSCC apply for a Mendip Hills grant for the renovations of the changing room floor in farmer Main's barn. Proposed LW UBSS, Seconded BW WRCC, Vote Against 0, Abstention 0, Passed Unanimous.



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Tom Harrison and Ed Waters to apply for this grant.

EW The Mendip Hills Grant is something which will be of interest to the clubs on Mendip.

EW I am aware of all the hard work that the Tom is doing, the treasurers job is one which allows everything else to function. Thank You.

9 Equipment Officer

AA Not a lot has happened since the last meeting, we are awaiting some more glue before fitting some more hangers

10 Communications Officer

Report published on the website.

JC The communications officer has listed all the clubs which have forwarded the newsletter, but our club has forwarded the email and we are not counted.

LW If the newsletter is forwarded using gmail the counting may not work correctly.

10.1 Issues with PDF's of the newsletter.

The newsletter has been published on the CSCC website in PDF format.

11 Training Officer

Nothing to report

12 BCA Rep

Linda Wilson

See report in the CSCC November newsletter

I might add that it was nice to see BCA, through Russel Myers its chair, acknowledging all the hard work that Dave Cooke has put in to BCA.

Does anybody here know anyone who would be willing and able to do the job of BCA treasurer? Howard is standing down at the end of this year.

A really good point is the C&A group is getting off the ground again, there have been two productive meetings and another is scheduled for January.

13 Webmasters Report

Nothing to report

14 Forthcoming events

19 November JRat Digging awards

25-27 November CHECC is on Mendip

15 AOB



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16 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 associated 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 latest copy of the minutes or the agenda on the website.

Please note Meetings have been spaced evenly throughout the year, following the AGM which is fixed in the constitution and is traditionally the second Saturday in May.

Monday	15 August 2022	19:00	GM	Zoom
Friday	11 Nov 2022	19:00	GM	Zoom
Wednesday	1 Feb 2023	23:59	Notification to members of upcoming AGM, <u>This is the notification.</u>	
Monday	13 Feb 2023	19:00	GM	Zoom
Wednesday	15 March 2023	23:59	Deadline for AGM nominations	
Friday	17 March 2023	19:00	Deadline for AGM constitutional amendments	
Saturday	1 April 2023	23:59	Notification to members of AGM nominations	
Friday	12 May 2023	19:00	AGM	Zoom

Meeting duration 57min

Corrections