



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

A constituent member of the British Caving Association

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Minutes of General Meeting – 19:00 Tuesday 13 Feb 2023

Zoom Meeting **Draft 17 Feb**

Please note, the meeting has been recorded for note taking purposes.

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees 9 Voting reps

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| Alan Dempster | AD | Avon Scouts | |
| Barry Wilkinson | BW | WRCG | |
| Dave King | DLK | MNRC | |
| Frank Tully | FT | WCC | Secretary |
| Joe Duxbury | JDx | GSS | |
| Judi Durber | JD | EECC | |
| Laura Benn | LB | BEC | |
| Peter Burgess | PB | Wealden CMS | Communications |
| Tom Harrison | TH | MCG | Treasurer (Chair for Meeting) |
| Zac Woodford | ZW | UBSS | |

Non Voting Attendees (Observers)

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| Dave Keegan | DK | | Training Officer |
| Linda Wilson | LW | UBSS | BCA Rep |

Apologies for Absence

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| Andrew Atkinson | AA | | Equipment |
| David Cooke | DC | Cheddar | IT Officer |
| Graham Mullan | GM | | CCC Ltd |
| Kevin Brockway | KB | Hades | |
| Matt Doolan | MD | SMCC | |
| Wayne Starsmore | WS | WCC | C&A |

Voting in Chair for meeting

Proposal that TH chairs the meeting, LW, seconded AD, vote passed Unanimous.

2 Approval of minutes from GM 13 Nov 2022

Approval of minutes with corrections proposed

Proposal that the minutes are a true record. Proposed BW seconded JD

Vote passed Unanimous.

2.1 Actions from the previous minutes

2.1.1 Section 5 Discretionary spending

A discretionary spend amount of up to £100 that could be approved by the Treasurer and one other CSCC Officer not involved with the purchase or spend. This spend would not require approval at a General Meeting but should be noted in the Treasurer's report. Should the Treasurer require reimbursement, this must be approved by two other CSCC Officers.

Vote approve this ruling, Proposed JD, seconded AD, Vote passed unanimous.

2.1.2 Club Reps to forward names of Loxton Leaders

WS to report to the next meeting.



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- 2.1.3 Section 9 Clubs controlling access to caves, to forward descriptions of how individuals outside those clubs would gain access, to the CSCC communications officer.
- PB There has been no responses yet.
- TH We really need to send this out as a separate email.
PB actioned to send out an email to member clubs, requesting that they make it clear on their websites, which caves they control access to, and the process of how to visit these caves, this needs to include any contact details.
IT would also be useful that clubs publish if they lend out CSCC keys and how to borrow them.
- JD An email was sent out to CSCC member clubs requesting that they return details of how to borrow CSCC keys. The only club website which has details of how to borrow a CSCC key, with contact details is the MCG.

3 New Members Tom Harrison

TH No new members, 33 renewals so far.

I have received an email from the Buckfastleigh Caving Group, "As of 1st January 2024, Buckfastleigh Caving Group is no longer a member of BCA and therefore no longer a member of regional councils. Some of us are still caving as members of other Caving Clubs. BCG will remain as a social group but no longer caving as a group"

4 Chair report

DC I have been elected as chair for this meeting, so there is no chairman's report.

5 Treasurer's report

Report to the meeting TH,

The draft accounts for 2023 have been completed. We have available funds of just over £5000 but have still not received all outstanding claims for pre 2021 works.

Maine's Barn refurbishment expenses/costs have been paid. These came to £1984.50 and were covered by the grant of £2000 from the Somerset Community Fund. To comply with a stipulation for receiving the grant, I have completed and sent a report for these works. Thanks to Wayne for the photos and details.

Tom Harrison

6 Secretary's report Frank Tully

Nothing significant to report.

7 C&A Report Wayne Starsmore

Report to the meeting published in the newsletter.

Priddy Barn Floor



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JD Replacing the Priddy barn floor was a massive job, WS and many others put in a huge amount of time making this happen.
I would like to personally thank WS and everyone else who put in a huge amount of work.

8 Equipment Officer

No report presented to the meeting.

9 Communications Officer

A brief report this quarter:

I have produced another newsletter in advance of the February Meeting.

News stories have been posted to the CSCC website, and third party sites as required.

All comms channels continue to present no issues of concern.

I would urge everyone to consider forwarding any of the following for future newsletters.

Responses to date have been welcome, but few in number which is very disheartening.

Society/organisation related news items of interest to the wider community.

Short society/organisation profiles – tell us who you are and what you do. Large or small, new or old, your society profile is welcome.

The newsletter is distributed directly to over 100 individuals and is also promoted via UKCaving to anyone else.

Peter Burgess CSCC Comms 12th February 2024

JD The website is not up to date, the last newsletter was November 2023

PB I can post into the news but DC is needed to update the actual website, Dave is currently on expedition in India.

LW Stats on the February newsletter,

Of the 101 recipients we have had 60 openings, which is quite good hit rate.

JD The February newsletter was seen by 116 on the UKCaving website. Interestingly the Priddy barn posts were over 1000 views.

10 Training Officer

DK It has been a quiet few months. I am engaging with Bean regarding rescue techniques. One thing which members may not know, is 'Mendip Cave Rescue' cannot offer training to non MCR members for insurance reasons. However Bean as a CIC can offer training. I am also currently organising training for UBSS.



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11 BCA Rep

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See report in the newsletter

Regarding the personnel crisis at BCA, It is looking hopeful that we may have a volunteer for Treasurer and one of the individual reps.

I do not know what is happening with the IT issues at the moment.

However Russell Myers BCA chair is standing down at the end of this year for personnel reasons. From a personal Russel standpoint I will be extremely sad so see Russel stand down. He has done a huge amount over the last few years making BCA a reasonable place to work. I hope his replacement keeps it that way.

12 Webmasters Report

Report presented before the meeting by email,

Nothing to report other than I have been preparing to move the website to the new Internet provider but haven't made the move yet.

13 Forthcoming events

NAMHO Fri 28 to Sun 30 June, Redruth Cornwall, see NAMHO website for details.

Priddy Folk festival 12-14 July



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14 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.

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| Friday | 12 May 2023 | 19:00 | AGM | Zoom |
| Wed | 16 August 2023 | 19:00 | GM | Zoom |
| Monday | 13 Nov 2023 | 19:00 | GM | Zoom |
| Thursday | 1 Feb 2024 | 23:59 | Notification to of upcoming AGM, <u>This is the notification.</u> | |
| Tuesday | 13 Feb 2024 | 19:00 | GM | Zoom |
| Friday | 15 March 2024 | 19:00 | Deadline for AGM constitutional amendments | |
| Friday | 15 March 2024 | 23:59 | Deadline for AGM nominations | |
| Monday | 1 April 2024 | 23:59 | Notification to members of AGM nominations | |
| Friday | 10 May 2024 | 19:00 | AGM | Zoom |

15 AOB

Pressure Washers

LB There has been a recent issue with an oil spill in St Cuthbert's cave, which has now resulted in a lot of fungus eating the oil. How would I go about borrowing the CSCC pressure washers.

FT The pressure washers are intended to be borrowed for just this sort of occasion. Contact the C&A officer.

Meeting duration 56min