



# Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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## General Meeting 03/08/13 Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Graham Price (Chair/Cerberus Rep) GP Hayley Clark (Secretary/MCG Obs) HC Alan Dempster (Avon Scouts Rep) AD Mark Williams (BCA Officer/MCG Rep) MW Aubrey Newport (WCC Rep) AN Alan Butcher (SMCC Rep) AB Geoff Dommett (BCG Rep) GD Faye Litherland (Equipment Officer/BEC Rep) Barry Wilkinson (WCC Obs)	Idris Williams (Shropshire Scouts Caving Team) Ashford Speleological Society David G Cooke (Webmaster/ ChCC Rep) DGC Alan Gray (ACG Rep) AG Dave Cundy (Treasurer/SBSS Rep) DC Les Williams (C&A Officer/WCC Rep) LW

**Meeting started at 10.05 am.**

**1) Minutes of the previous meeting (11/05/13)**

Amendments to the wording of 6.1, 7.1 and 11.1 proposed GD seconded MW accepted as amended

**2) Actions from previous meeting: -**

- Update to CSCC handbook LW and DGC **ongoing.**
- LW to write promotional text for CSCC **ongoing**
- Situation in Rhino Rift **ongoing do not go below top of third pitch.**

**3) Other Matters arising from the previous meeting**

None

**4) Chairman's Report**

**4.1** Situation at Heale Farm Cave is still ongoing

**4.2** Loxton Cavern, still ongoing as waiting for approval from BCA for the expenditure for the pipes, DC to chase BCA for an answer

**4.3** The works at Longwood Valley Sink will not require the funding of CSCC as Cheddar caves have offered to fund any short fall in the funds

**4.4** At previous meeting concerns were raised over access to Reservoir Hole following the rescue, GP has received correspondence from cheddar caves and they are happy and excited over the discoveries/exploration happening there and are happy with the current access arrangements



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## 5) Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report however secretary again voiced her disappointment in Officers not attending meetings when there are only 4 a year and also for not sending a report when unable to attend

## 6) Treasurer's Report.

**6.1** Yearly subs received from Avon Constabulary

**6.2.** DGC sent some questions and observations about the 2012 accounts to be discussed in his absence. These were based on a draft set of accounts and most had already been resolved in the published accounts. One typo in note 1 the amount £229.46 should read £219.46. DGC was also suggesting that CSCC should report our number of member clubs to BCA. In practice CSCC require BCA to tell us who the member clubs are because they pay subscriptions to BCA

## 7) Conservation & Access Officer's Report

**7.1** GD reported Sludge Pit opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, as of this meeting there had been 29 logged trips but only £21.14 in the tin, cavers must pay £1 per person per trip

**7.2** No progress on any of the gates or Swildons Entrance or Priddy Green Sink Entrance. FL wanted to know why these had all taken so long particularly the gates, HC pointed out that a couple of gates were ready to be fitted and were just waiting for the right weather and volunteers to fit them. LW to report at next meeting

## 8) Training Officer's Report

Position still vacant, volunteer to take on the role still required please contact GP or HC for any further information

## 9) Equipment Officer's Report.

**9.1** 304/316 stainless further discussions have taken place as to whether 304 stainless can be used in caves, however further research needs to take place. Still waiting for the replacement anchors to arrive, FL to contact Nick Williams again and give him a deadline if by then we do not have any then FL to go ahead and buy them

**9.2** Spider Hole has been re-bolted but no request has been received by CSCC therefore this cannot be covered by CSCC and no funding given

## 10) BCA Rep's Report

**10.1** BCA draft report on commercial caving, this was discussed in some detail, it was agreed that the title should actually read "The BCA is a Governing Body which is a representative for underground exploration in the UK" as it is not the only Governing Body, there are others.. The document needs to be clear that there are different types of commercial caving and relate to both commercial caving for profit and commercial caving for safety and for training, it needs to be clear to both cavers and non-cavers, it needs to be worded carefully so it does not become a means by which landowners can deny access. CSCC has concerns about it being published and turned into a leaflet by which non-cavers/landowners stick by religiously.



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**11) Webmaster's Report**

11.1 Nothing to report

**12) Regional Registry Officer's report**

12.1 BCA'S Treasurer has agreed to pay for MCRA's web space

**13) AOB**

13.1 Big Day out, held at Blue School sports centre in Wells to encourage people to get involved in more sports, Wessex Cave Club have been asked if they wish to help next year, they have asked if CSCC wish to be involved rather than just one club.

**DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Saturday 2nd November 2013