



Council of Southern Caving Clubs

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General Meeting - Saturday 8th November 2014

1 Attendance

Voting Attendees

Alan Gray	ACG Rep	AG	Regional Registry Officer
Dave Cooke	Cheddar Rep	DC	Treasurer
Dave King	MNRC Rep	DK	
Hayley Clark	MCG Rep	HC	
Hannah Bennett	BEC Rep	HB	
Graham Mullan	UBSS Rep	GM	
Graham Price	Cerberus Rep	GP	
Keith Batten	SMCC Rep	KB	
Les Williams	WCC Rep	LW	C&A Officer

Non Voting

Kate Lawrence	BEC	KL	Chair
Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
Alan Butcher	SMCC	AB	Training Officer
James Begley	SMCC	JB	BCA Rep
Aubrey Newport	WCC	AN	Webmaster
Linda Wilson	CCC Ltd Conservation Officer	LiW	Observer
Stuart McManus	BEC	SM	Observer

2 Apologies for Absence

Geoff Dommett	BCG Rep		
Idris Williams	Shropshire Scouts Caving Team		
Faye Litherland	BEC	FL	Equipment Officer
Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts		

3 Approval of minutes from GM 2nd August 2014

The minutes were approved subject to minor amendments

Approval of minutes from EGM 6th September 2014

The minutes were approved subject to minor amendments

4 Actions from previous minutes

None

5 Other matters arising from previous minutes

None



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6 Conservation & access officer's report

Les Williams

LW attended BCA C&A meeting 16/8/14

Two actions were placed upon CSCC which were not discussed at the CSCC EGM 6/9/14

1. Develop a list of caves which require special protection should CRoW become applied to caving.
2. Review of BCA documentation relating to the conservation of caving codes.

These will be discussed on the BCA C&A meeting on the 22/11/14.

6.1 Develop a list of caves which require special protection should CRoW become applied to caving

The Mendip hills have 151 caves on CRoW land (Manor farm does not appear to be on CRoW land).

Proposal that LW puts forward to BCA C&A committee the complete list of Mendip caves which would be potentially affected by a change to the interpretation of CRoW legislation and CSCC will mark on that list those cave which have restricted access for a variety of reasons.

Vote Proposed DC Seconded GM Passed Nem Com

6.2 Review of BCA documentation relating to the conservation of caving codes

The BCA C&A committee is going to be reviewing the various conservation and access caving codes in the near future.

6.3 Report on caves

- **Dinder Estates** Windsor hill flood sink 1, currently being dug by ATLAS who are dealing with any issues.
NHASA dig from the 1970s has been inherited by CSCC. A grill is being fitted to make safe. LW to liaise with the various parties..
- **Rhino** The cave is currently closed, the remediation of the loose boulders is complete and it is currently being re-bolted.
- **Box Quarries** Ongoing issues, access is as normal.
- **Compton Martin Ochre Mine** Needs a volunteer to remove the gate for remediation
- **Viaduct Sink** Gate is ready to be fitted, we now need some dry weather to drive across field.
- **Axbridge Hill Cavern** In Progress
- **Swildons** Repair of causeway leading to blockhouse, ongoing.
- **Swildons Stile** Repair of stone stile on way to Swildons. Approval of £50 for materials.
- **Loxton Cavern** Pipes have been delivered, to be moved to entrance soon.
- **Stoke Lane Slocker** There has been an issue involving the police where Mr. Massy made a complaint regarding people being undressed in the layby adjacent to Stoke Lane Slocker.
There is no agreed access to Stoke Lane Slocker. The Land owner does not consent to access and does not wish to be contacted regarding access.
It is believed that Mr. Chapman Slade owns Stoke Lane Slocker and not Mr. Massy. However Mr. Massey does own the land below, which he is currently developing. Browns hole is on the land which is being developed.
GP to check land registry to determine current ownership.
- **SD2 Oakhill** Gate needs to be fitted
- **Eggcup & PG** Blake's farm swallets Require gates.



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7 Chairman's report

Kate Lawrence

Thank to those who attended the BCA meeting.

Kennels update,

MDC have now published the restrictions placed on the kennels.

We need to have assurance that the sewerage tank is going to be emptied legally and supernatant etc. is not discharged to the land. We need to find out what monitoring will be put in place by the relevant bodies. KL

For information, Roger Stenner performed an investigation of biological life in Swildons, to be published soon on the UBSS Website.

8 Honorary secretary's report

Frank Tully

8.1 Proposal to change dates of future meetings

Saturday 31st January 2015 10:00 change to Saturday 7th February 2015 10:00

Date was chosen after consultation because various members of CSCC could not attend on the 7th of Feb.

Saturday 9th May 2015 (AGM) 10:00 change to Saturday 2nd May 2015 (AGM) 10:00

AGM was chosen to be the second weekend in May because the first weekend is a bank holiday.

Meeting agreed to keep the days the same because it will cause too much confusion to change the agreed and published dates.

9 Honorary treasurer's report

Dave Cooke

It was agreed that the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer (i.e. Kate Lawrence, Frank Tully and David Cooke) be the signatories on the bank account in accordance to the bank mandate. Any two of the three signatories are required to sign cheques.

Proposed: DC, Sec: FT. Passed unanimous

9.1 Approval of Accounts 2013

Issue with accounts found at short notice, deferred to next meeting.

Application to BCA of a budget of £1500 for five new gates in 2015.

10 Training officer's report

Alan Butcher

Training in Stafford went well.

Nigel Ball is presenting a new training structure, see training manuals

AB is to take a look at future events.

11 Equipment officer's report

Faye Litherland

Report presented to meeting

The main issue is testing of the new resin for the anchor placement scheme, following the existing resin being prohibited from use in the near future.

We have two requests for anchors in Rhino and Reservoir Hole, (Forms have been submitted). We have sufficient stock of the existing tested resin to install these bolts.

LW seconded the proposal to install the anchors, passed Unanimous.



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12 BCA rep report

James Begley

JB attended BCA meeting on behalf of CSCC

BCA have agreed to conduct a postal a ballot of members regarding the countryside and rights of way act (2000) and its application to caving. The ballot paper will have two choices; YES or NO.

Please consult BCA website for details of the ballot paper.

The voting slips will be printed and mailed mid November.

BCA council decided not to send out information for members with the ballot.

Following this ballot if the vote is in favor of a change to the current interpretation of CRoW a second ballot will take place to change BCA constitution.

Proposal to produce a short single sheet overview of the CRoW issue for distribution to clubs.

Proposed AB Seconded GM Passed Nem Con.

JB and AB to produce document.

JB to contact BCA and ask if we can include this short single sheet overview in the BCA ballot mailing.

CSCC to distribute this document to the clubs by email. The clubs will be requested to distribute this to their members.

DC to generate list of club email addresses from published sources.

C&A Officer, LW to publish on CSCC website

Secretary, FT to distribute send out email.

Proposal that JB takes to following proposal to the next BCA meeting regarding the second ballot and BCA constitutional change.

CSCC requests that in the event of the CRoW act referendum having a YES vote, BCA conducts all necessary consultations and makes the results known to its members prior to seeking any constitutional change.

Proposed by GM Seconded, GP Passed, Unanimous

13 Webmasters report

Aubrey Newport

Mailing list has updated and attachment size increased.

Various offices need to send content to webmaster so that their sections of the website are not blank.

14 Regional registry officer's report

Alan Gray

Nothing to report

15 Forthcoming events

Saturday 27th November The Search for the Lost cave of Hutton, Wells & Mendip Museum

16 Any other business

Applications for new membership



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LADS go further

They have applied to join CSCC, they have joined BCA, supplied a copy of their constitution, and paid their fee.
The meeting approves their membership of CSCC, Nem Con

Compass Caving Group

Have applied to join CSCC, They are not BCA members.
The meeting wishes them to supply a copy of their constitution and thereby prove they are a Bona Fide caving club.
FT to ask for constitution.
Decision deferred to next meeting.

17 Date of next meetings:

Saturday 31st January 2015 10:00 Hunters

Saturday 9th May 2015 (AGM) 10:00 Hunters