

**MINUTES OF THE CNCC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 15 January 2010
AT HELLIFIELD VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

The Meeting commenced at 20.00.

PRESENT: Glenn Jones (Treasurer), Les Sykes (Secretary), Bernard Bond (BCC), F. Hartley (BCC), J. Sloane (LUG), S. Lieberman (RRCPC), M. Hughes (BPC), P. Monk (NB), T. Brown (NB), A. Whitney (RRCPC/CRO), I. Jones (NSG), H. Lomas (YRC), M. Dunn (Conservation), M. Hale (BSC), D. Weare (YSS), R. Halliwell (CPC), P. Halliwell (CPC), R. Holmes (DHSS).

1. APOLOGIES:

P. Allwright, A. Hind.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes accepted and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES:

No matters arising.

4. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

Written report submitted and appended to these minutes. RH mentioned that it was CRO anniversary this year and that a party was planned in Clapham on 06 June 2010.

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Report circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting and appended to these minutes.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Written report presented which is appended to these minutes.
A vote was taken to ratify the proposed spend on the thankyou evening for the cave conservation volunteers. This was passed.

CONSERVATION OFFICER:

Written report submitted which is appended to these minutes. MD has asked that the report is read, feedback is requested especially on the cave conservation monitoring proposals.

ACCESS OFFICER:

Report submitted which is appended to these minutes. The report contains new access information which should be read.

TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT:

Training officer report circulated prior to the meeting. There will be a CNCC training event in 2010 more details to follow.

Minutes taken by Les Sykes
Secretary Council Of Northern Caving Clubs

TECHNICAL GROUP:

Report circulated prior to the meeting which is appended to these minutes. An anchor training course is planned for 06/02/2010. CNCC has nominated the following for the course: Adam Collinge (UWFRA), Steve Woods (UWFRA), Mike Brown (UWFRA), Ray Duffy (RRCPC), Sam Leiberman (RRCPC).

5. MEETS SECRETARYS REPORTS:

Leck Fell:

JS submitted a report which is appended to the minutes.

Casterton Fell:

There has been a change of meets secretary for Casterton Fell. Requests for permits should be sent to A. Speight, 6b Springfield, Bentham, Lancaster. (see also web site cncc.org)

Birks Fell:

RH (Ric) is still negotiating with the National Trust regarding future access. RH also mentioned that Elsie Little (BCA conservation) is also talking to the National Trust on a national basis.

Penyghent and Fountains Fell:

The game keeper has moved from Dalehead Farm and we are currently awaiting more information. MH has been told by the farmer that he can now issue permits all year and that there is no requirement for a meets list to be sent.

Other Areas:

Ingleborough digs, a meeting had been convened by the Estate with Natural England and some local clubs. MD said as soon as she has permission to release some information for cavers in general it will be done.

9. BCA REPORTS:

An explanation was given by LS regarding his withdrawal from the post of Convenor to BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee. GJ explained the issues that have been raised by CSCC over the publication of the Anchor Installation Guidelines. The main people involved in anchor replacement in the two main regions are getting increasingly frustrated at CSCC's deliberate attempt to stall progress. DCUC will be adopting the document at their AGM in February leaving CSCC the only region not to accept the new document on anchor placement.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

RH gave a brief explanation of the expansion of YDNP. RH has been looking at and digesting the information in an attempt to compile a response, however he does not see any implications for cavers or caving.

Pete Muckalt the meets secretary for Casterton Fell since the early eighties has not been very well recently. Pete has decided to stand down as meets secretary (see 5 above). As recognition for Pete's years of dedicated service to the caving community CNCC will be commissioning something special as a thankyou. The meeting agreed that this should be done.

The CNCC committee, on behalf of the caving community, would like to thank Pete for his time and commitment in ensuring that permits were readily available when possible, and for the work he has done behind the scenes with the landowners when problems arose.

12. DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:

06 March 2010 Hellifield Village Institute, Hellifield. AGM starting at 10:00