

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

The Annual General Meeting of the Council was held
at the Marton Arms, Ingleton, on Saturday, the 22nd
May, 1971

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1. Minutes of the 1970 A.G.M.: were read and accepted as a correct record.
 2. Chairman's Report: The Chairman, Roger Sutcliffe, commented on the future of caving and the responsibility of present cavers to help the sport take shape in a way which will benefit future generations of cavers and not to concern themselves selfishly only with this year's caving.

He also stressed the importance of being represented on the Sports Council Committees on Access which will have strong representation on the Government Committee on Access.

3. Secretary's Report : (attached)
4. Treasurer's Report : (attached) The Treasurer pointed out that administrative expenses were increasing rapidly due to increased postal and printing costs. The largest single expense was the Weather Forecasting Service which was discussed as a separate item.

The Treasurer also pointed out that unless subscriptions were increased by 100%, the Council would not be able to meet future expenses.

£2 was allotted to purchase gifts for Bernard - Cafe, Ingleton, and Peter Burns - Pen-y-Ghent Cafe, Horton in Ribblesdale, for their efforts in marketing the Access Booklet.

Roger Sutcliffe agreed to attend to this item.

5. Weather Forecasting: The cost of this service has been increased to 45p. per forecast. After discussion it was decided to carry on using the service at the increased charge.

The Treasurer reported that W.R.C.C. pay one quarterly invoice of this charge.

6. Subscriptions: Due to increased costs noted in para.4 it was agreed to increase the subscription to £2 commencing January 1972.

7. Appointment of Officers

Chairman : ✓ Mr. J.R. Sutcliffe - Gritstone Club
Secretary : Mr. J. Rasdell - Rolls-Royce Speleological Group
Treasurer : ✓ Mr. J.M. Clarke - Bradford Pothole Club

A list of officers' names and addresses is attached.

8. Appointment of Committee: The following clubs were elected to be represented on the committee :

✓ / Craven P.C. +
✓ / Northern Pennine Club +
✓ / Earby Pothole Club +
✓ / Red Rose Cave & Potholing Club +
✓ / Bolton Speleo Club +
✓ / Yorkshire Subterranean Society
✓ / Burnley Caving Club +
✓ / B.S.A.
✓ / Kendal Caving Club (2) +

Wetherby + CRG.
CRO. +
Roger +
Robby. +
Hawthorn + → Oakes.
Smellor. x
D. Barber +
N. Platts. x

9. Area Reports: The Secretary reported on the meeting with the owners of the Leck and Casterton fells. It was agreed to resite the notice at the entrance to Leck fell and Whernside Manor volunteered to erect a suitable post on which to mount the notice. The request to consider "policing" Leck fell was felt to be premature and the meeting decided that the effect of the new yellow permits should be noted before any further action of any sort be taken.

Mossdale: Mr. H. Long reported on the burial of the six cavers drowned in Mossdale.

Negotiations are moving slowly and access seems likely in the future.

Castleton Fell: Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club are shortly to repair the entrance to County Pot.

Birks Fell: D. Mellor reported that the owner is very happy with the access arrangements which are working very well.

Pen-y-Ghent: A new Meets Secretary will be required for this area very shortly.

Complaints have been received about digging without permission in the Washfold Pot area and from Top Farm, Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

The Secretary reminded members that permission should always be sought for "digs".

10. National Caving Association: The following amendments to the N.C.A. Constitution were proposed to satisfy the requirements of the Sports Council for the purpose of applying for a grant.

These amendments will be put forward by C.N.C.C. representatives at the next meeting of the N.C.A. and were as follows :-

- (1) To omit section 3 limitations clause, since safeguards already exist.
- (2) Amendment to Section 5:

The Executive shall comprise one representative from each region, and one representative from the other constituent bodies, to be appointed annually at the A.G.M. Any officers to be appointed by the Executive from amongst themselves.

It was agreed to support B.A.C.I. after an eloquent address by Mr. M. Meredith of Whernside Manor.

Craven Pothole Club wished it to be noted that they did not support this decision.

N.C.A. Safety Conference: It was recommended that any club interested should attend.

N.C.A. Conservation and Access Meeting: The Chairman, Mr. J.R. Sutcliffe, will attend this function to be held on the 10th July.

11. Any Other Business: There was no other business and the meeting was closed.

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Council Officers are as follows :-

Chairman: J.R. Sutcliffe
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Bingley Road
Bradford
BD9 6HJ

Secretary: J. Rasdell
6 Monkroyd Avenue
Barnoldswick
via Colne
Lancs.

Treasurer: J.M. Clarke
7 Albert Avenue
Idle
Bradford

Meets Secretary: Birks Fell Cave
D.C. Mellor
9 South View
Farnhill
near Keighley

Casterton & Leck
J. Rasdell (Hon. Secretary)

Pen-y-Ghent Fountains, Mongo Gill
E.A. Shaw
Sough Lane Farm
near Guide
Blackburn
Lancs.

I wish to convey the thanks of the member clubs to the now retired secretary, Mr. Tom Sykes, who has held the post for the past eight years.

J. Rasdell
Hon. Secretary

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Hon. Secretary's Report 1971

During 1971 the access agreement for Birks Fell Cave was completed and has been working well. Slow progress continues to be made towards the re-opening of Dale Barn Cave and Mossdale Caverns. Complaints about incidents on Leck Fell have been cleared up by the designing of a new permit which, if completed by visiting clubs, will satisfy the requirements of the Landowner.

Committee members have attended meetings of the National Caving Association, the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Federation and various meetings with Landowners. Three Committee meetings have been held during the year. My thanks are due to the three meets Secretaries and to the C.C.P.R. staff for their work of typing and distribution.

T. Sykes,

Hon. Secretary.