

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

British Caving Association

Agenda for Committee Meeting 14th January 2017, Hellifield Village Institute, 9:30am

Items/details in red added 11th January (after the original issuing of the agenda)

(1) Apologies for absence

(2) Acceptance of minutes from the October Committee meeting

Two minor errors to correct have been brought to attention:

- (a) Simon Wilson's apology for absence was missed from the minutes in error.
- (b) Error in transcription/interpretation: *"Andrew Hinde said that he had considered the tax exemption status of the land of Langcliffe Hall Estate and found there to be no breach of the conditions associated to this"*. This is to be changed to *"Andrew Hinde said that **Natural England** had considered the tax exemption....."*

(3) Any matters arising or updates on actions (below) from the October Committee meeting?

Individual(s)	Action item
Matt E.	Issue July meeting minutes as final.
Johnny L./Tim A.	Keep CNCC Officer/Committee informed of progress regarding combined access agreement for Leck/Casterton/Ingleborough (and if completed, make efforts to get Langcliffe Hall Estate to join the agreement).
Johnny L./Tim A./ Andrew H.	Prepare suggested CNCC access agreement for Fairy Holes for presentation to Savills in York before Christmas.
Matt E./Gary D.	Matt Ewles to convene discussions with all relevant parties to ensure our current scheme meets modern standards and if necessary make recommendations for improvement. Create mechanism to list known hazards/loose anchors etc on CNCC website to bring these to attention of caving community, and to include updated statement on other fixed aids to clarify that we have no responsibility for these.
Matt E./Gary D.	Make cave descriptions available on CNCC website and examine means to introduce appropriate disclaimers for these.
Matt E.	Schedule guidance to Access Controlling Bodies for further discussion at January meeting when guidance should have been issued by BCA.

(4) Reports (will be made available approx one week before meeting)

- a. Chairman's report – Roy Holmes
- b. Secretary's report – Matt Ewles
- c. Treasurer's report – Pete Bann

- d. Conservation Officer's report – Kay Easton
- e. Training Officer's report – No current serving Training Officer
- f. Access Officer's report – Johnny Latimer
- g. Other representative reports (optional) - Various
- h. Meets secretary reports (optional) - Various

A verbal report on access will be delivered by Tim Allen. Additional reports have been provided including Webmaster (Gary Douthwaite), IC anchor (Simon Wilson), BCA E&T (Simon Wilson) and a report on some matters of relevance from the 7th January 2017 BCA meeting.

(5) BCA guidance to Access Controlling Bodies

Please see the discussion on this from the October meeting minutes.

This agenda item is intended to hear updates on the progress of this and to see if there are any actions required from the CNCC yet.

(6) Date and time of next meeting

AGM Saturday 11th March 2017, Hellifield Village Institute, 10am

(7) Any other business?

Two additional items have come up since the original agenda was issued:

Ropes in Simpson Pot:

Ian Lloyd (EuroSpeleo rope co-ordinator) has reported that since EuroSpeleo, Simpson's Pot has been left partially rigged, in a way which may be obtrusive to other cavers who are undertaking a pull through trip, and the ropes may be in a potentially dangerous state. Ian has asked the CNCC Committee for guidance and to whether any action should be taken? It should be clarified that the person who rigged Simpson's for EuroSpeleo is not responsible for abandoning these ropes, and the person(s) responsible for these ropes has not been identified.

Anchor scheme discussion:

There has been a lively exchange since 6th January 2017 on the UK Caving Forum (The Dales section, thread title 'CNCC Resin Anchor Scheme') referencing the CNCC and anchor installation. Some of the commentaries have been critical of the CNCC. There may be some open discussion to be had as to how we go about addressing this. Representatives are advised to review this thread to be aware of some of the matters raised. At the very least are we missing some information on our website? Is there more that the CNCC could/should be doing to support engagement with anchor installation or to support the teams involved in installing anchors in our region?

Reminder to ALL clubs and individuals:

Deadline for submitting notification of intention to stand at the AGM for any Officer positions, or a Committee position (including the new Individual Caver Representative) is the 14th January.

(i.e. the day of this Committee meeting).

Notification involves sending an email or letter announcing your intention to stand to the Secretary, ideally with a statement to accompany your application.

Current Committee Clubs and Officers are reminded that they must submit notification of their intentions if wishing to stand again for the same position.