

11, Prospect Avenue,
Lostock Hall,
PRESTON.

8th April, 1964.

Dear Sir,

The Annual General Meeting of the Council of Northern Caving Clubs will be held on Saturday 9th May, 1964 at 3.0 p.m. at the Flying Horseshoes Hotel, Clapham.

You are invited to send two representatives to the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

T. SYKES,
Honorary Secretary:

A G E N D A:

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Matters arising from the minutes.
3. Election of Honorary Treasurer.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Area Reports:
 - i. Leck/Casterton
 - ii. Fountains Fell
 - iii. The Allotment
 - iv. Alum Pot.
7. Amendment to Constitution:
(Please see the minutes of Committee Meetings dates,
14th March and 4th April 1964 under 'Applications for Membership').

The amendment is as follows:-

13b. All future applicants for membership will be elected to a class of associate membership and after a period of twelve months they can apply for full membership which shall be decided by the Committee. Associate members will be under supervision as directed by Clause (2) if so decided by the Committee.

The Subscriptions of associate member clubs shall be the same as full member clubs under Clause 13a.

8. Proposed National Association:
Report on progress.
9. Any other business _____

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

11, Prospect Ave.,
Lostock Hall,
Preston.
26.4.64

Dear Sir,

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution have been received for consideration at the Annual General Meeting :-

Clause 6.

after different, insert, 'full member'

The whole clause will then read ; A working Committee shall be elected every two years and shall consist of eight selected members, plus a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall represent different full member clubs of at least eight years standing.

Clause 10.

Add new sentence as follows ; Voting at general meetings will be confined to full member clubs.

Yours faithfully,

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Hon. Secretary.

Distribution; All member and associate member clubs.

Attendance Register

Club

Name

Royal G.A.T., Salford

D. BRANDON

J.C. BRANDON,

W. TONGE

G. H. LYON

B.S.A.

N.S.L.

R.R.C.P.C.

E.P.C.

W.R.P.C.

B.C.C.

B.C.C

F.M.C.

K.C.C.

C.P.C.

B.A.P.C.

B.A.C.P.C.

H.W.P.C.

L.V.V.S.S.

L.V.V.S.S.

G.C.

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N.S.L.

M. Ramblers

B.B.P.C.

Miss C.M. Rowdie

M.H. Long.

J. Egan
M. W. Gibson

J. Crookedale Peter Morgan
M. G. Melvin.

R. Crosby.

K.W. WILLIAMS.

L. Lord

K. Cowle

David A. Gibson.

John F. Bonney

G.R. Lohyhan.

{ B. Goodland
R. Taylor.

W. O. Grandison.

A. J. R. R. R. R.

J. R. Suter

W. A. Hobbs.

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J. Clegg.

A. A. A. A.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at
Clapham on the 9th May, 1964.

- 1, The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.
- 2, Election of Hon. Treasurer. There were two nominations Mrs D. Clegg (Marland Rumbler's Club) Mr H. Long (B.S.A.) Mr H. Long was elected.

This created a vacancy on the Committee and the Burnley C.C. were elected to provide a committee representative.

- 3, The Treasurer's report was accepted. Mr. Clegg was thanked from the Chair for her help since Easter. Mrs Clegg raised the following points:-

- a) Clubs sending cheques should state the name of club with the cheque.
- b) Financial year March - March.
- c) If a club joins late in the year how much do they pay?

These points to be referred to the Committee.

- 4, Secretary's report was accepted.

- 5, Area reports:

(i) Leach/Lester

Reported that at the meeting with the demonstrators this morning it had been agreed:

- a) No limit on number of people allowed on the fall to be adhered to in the agreement but the Council should voluntarily limit numbers to 50.
- b) Lost John (bull bit) and any one other pit hole may be visited on the same day.
- c) The booking is to be made by one club who shall accept full responsibility for the behaviour of their members and for damage done.
- d) Guests will be admitted for some special reasons but shall go down the same pit as their hosts.
- e) agreed to erect a style on the wire fence

near County Pot.

a) possible use of old shed and suggested.

(ii) Fountain's Fell.

No further progress with either. a) proposed agreement with Davis and Bowring or b) the Appeal now resting with the National Parks Commission. Regular reminders are being sent.

(iii) The Allotment.

Final reply from Dr Edmonson that fell will be closed for 6 months of the year.

Agreed that Dr Edmonson shall be told that member clubs are willing to accept the closure for 3 months, will apply for permission for the 6 months when the fell is open but will not accept the closure for the other 3 months.

(iv) Alum Pot.

The latest information is item 4d of the last Committee Meeting. Reported that representatives will meet the Ramblers Association later in the month to discuss this and other points.

- (d) Alum Pot: Information was available about the claimed footpath to Alum Pot. It was understood that the Definitive Map will not be completed for several years. In the meantime it can be assumed that a right of way, over a footpath which is shown in the draft map, exists. The draft map shows the footpath leading to Alum Pot; the mineral rights of the land are not owned by Mr. Wilcock. It was agreed that representatives should meet the Ramblers Association in the near future to discuss the implications of this. In the meantime clubs are again recommended not to pay the 6d charge demanded by Mr. Wilcock.

(v) Alston. It is still intended that a representative will meet the owner.

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8, Proposed National Association.

Reported that further circular to all clubs encouraging formation of other regional bodies is now being prepared.

9, Any other business.

a) The question of behaviour and litter were raised.
It was suggested that the Voluntary Warden System may be a possible answer.
Agreed Committee will consider.

b) The question of conservation was raised.
Reported that Council had agreed to cooperate with C.B.G on this matter.
Agreed Committee will consider.

c) Reported that demands for money had been received from the farmer on one approach to Sell Gill.

Agreed Action to be taken by Committee.

d) Proposed that memorial be erected in memory of Treasurer Alan Pegg. Agreed that the proposed site leading to Genty Pot would be suitable place for plaque. Details to be left to Committee.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed.

Secretary's Report

Since the appointment of the officials and Committee on the 2nd March, 1964 there have been Committee Meetings on the ~~6th~~^{11th} April, 63, 8th June 63, October 19th 63, ^{11th January} 14th March, 64 and 4th April 64. Also there was a general meeting on the 22nd June to ~~agree~~^{agree} the Constitution and a Special General Meeting on the 28th February 1964 to discuss a proposed National Association. Attendances have also been made at the CCPR (N.W. Region) Conference & Opportunities for Physical Recreation in Manchester and the CCPR (Yorkshire Region) Conference Safety in Potholing in Leeds. Members of the Committee were represented on the organising Committee of the latter.

Since the Council was formed over 400 letters have been written resulting in access to 2 fells, probable access to 2 more and the battle still raging for the other 2. Detailed reports on ~~the~~ areas progress will be given later.

Casterton and Lock Fells, 1964.

The beginning of 1964 brought a mixture of tragedy and success to the Council of Northern Caving Clubs. The tragedy occurred at Easter with the regretted death of our treasurer down Lancaster Hole. The Council's representatives ~~to~~ were successful in obtaining improved terms of access to both fells which should give all clubs a better 'crack of the whip'. Any limitation of access ^{also} tends to ~~the~~ limit the possibility of new discoveries and little has been done in the way of digging over the last two years. 86

~~The~~ ^{the} ~~only~~ new path hole ~~for some years~~ ^{discouraged however} was ~~a~~ ^{the} Borehole which ^{had been a problem for some years} ~~formed~~ ^{opened up} naturally and was spotted by members of the North Donedale Speleological Group, who explored it past the 2nd pitch. Previously only 30 ft long the original passage is now open through a short crawl to a 10 ft pitch. The passage that follows swings sharply round beneath the bed of Easingill in a winding knee-deep canal until a flat out crawl is reached. A fifty foot broken pitch leads to another crawl into a series of chambers whose only features are masses and masses of loose boulders. The last chamber is well over a thousand feet ²⁰⁰ from the entrance and is estimated to be in the region of Depot Passage. The whole entrance section is liable to sudden and complete flooding. A full ~~to~~ account of the exploration is given in the September 1964 issue of Northern Caving. Another discovery or rather rediscovery was shown to ~~the~~ a small Red Rose surveying team by George Corner. A boulder slope on the right at the bottom of Stake Pt leads ^{via} a tight passage into a large chamber. A short crawl leads to another ~~large~~ ^{just} chamber containing four large avars. A climb out of this chamber into another smaller chamber and the voices of another party in the region of 'Bobs Bess' were heard. Returning down the slope the party dropped into a stream passage leading directly to ~~the~~ the Master Cave at Stake Pt. A full description may be found in the R.R.P.C.

newsletter Summer 1964.

This is another system within the Lancaster Escogill network. The work on the ^{complete} survey is now almost ~~complete~~ ^{done} and I am told that difficulties over printing are now delaying its publication.