

**MINUTES OF THE CNCC COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 19 January 2007  
AT HELLIFIELD VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

The Meeting commenced at 20.00.

**PRESENT:** Glenn Jones (LUG), Les Sykes (LUG), Bernard Bond (BCC), Geoff Barber (PP), Roy Holmes (DHSS/CRO), F. Hartley (no club), S. Beck (BCC), M. Hale (BSC/CRO), J. Sloane (LUG), J. Altringham (CPC), D. Hodgson (CPC), S. Lieberman (RRCPC)

**1. APOLOGIES:** R. Halliwell, P.Halliwell, M. Dunn

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Minutes accepted and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES:**

LS asked F. Hartley if the trip her group was on in Pool Sink was a BCC permit. F. Hartley confirmed that it was.

**4. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:**

Geoff again explained that he would no longer represent English Nature at CNCC meetings and asked whether this affected his position as chairperson.. LS said that there was a growing problem with club representation and officer's membership of clubs and the CNCC constitution, LS is looking at the matter which may result in a constitutional change at the AGM.

**SECRETARYS REPORT:**

Verbal report that will be covered in other parts of the agenda.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Written report presented.

GJ explained the setting up of the CNCC web site. The initiation of the site was initially agreed with GJ, LS, GB, the meeting was asked to ratify the expenditure.

**ACCESS AND CONSERVATION OFFICER:**

Not present, no report received.

**TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT:**

No Training Officer at present.

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## **TECHNICAL GROUP:**

BCA has agreed to fund the new batteries, and these will be ordered soon. DMM will not be producing any more Eco anchors, so BCA equipment Committee will be looking at a new type.

## **5. MEETS SECRETARYS REPORTS:**

### **Leck Fell:**

There is concern about people parking on the grassed areas of the Fell and roadsides during wet weather. Damage is occurring, a letter will be sent to Descent for publication regarding this matter and asking cavers to park on hard standing. The meeting felt that this advise should go out as general practice as numerous areas that are used are deteriorating in times of wet weather.

### **Casterton Fell:**

No reports

### **Birks Fell:**

Nothing to report.

### **Penyghent and Fountains Fell:**

No problems reported by the landowners.

### **Other Areas:**

Nothing to report.

## **9. BCA REPORTS:**

BCA finance committee 6 monthly meeting RCC treasurers to ensure that finances are on track for the financial year. It appears that CNCC has received two grants from BCA for the same period 2004-2005. Therefore CNCC will not be submitting a claim for 2007.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

J. Altringham and D. Hodgson from CPC attended the meeting to discuss the controversial bat gate at County Pot. A long discussion was held regarding the health of Bats and known sites in that system. SL, JA & DH will be working together with RRCPC for the siting of Bat friendly entrances.

DH gave a valuable account of the life of moths in two northern caves. He explained that his work, currently in its infancy would benefit from funding and asked if CNCC would donate to the research project. The committee agreed that £250 would be donated to the moth research project overseen by DH.

## **12. DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING: AGM**

Hellifield Village Institute, Hellifield. Committee Meeting 17 March 2007 starting at 10.00

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