



## Council of Northern Caving Clubs

### Committee meeting 15 June 2012

#### **Secretary's report**

Please accept my apologies for absence but the dates were agreed at the AGM and I was not present.

Since the last meeting there has been just the run of the mill secretarial work that keeps me busy.

#### **Access Officer's report**

The new Leck Fell Access agreement has been agreed and signed.

I have negotiated access for speleological exploration of land owned by the Duchy of Lancaster in the North of the region. It is an area where there are currently no known caves.

Although I am aware of unauthorised access to Casterton Fell some clubs have been written to and warned. There is also a misconception amongst some that it is their right to go when they like, this is not the case and all clubs must apply for access permits. The 'Black path' over Casterton Fell is currently looking in a reasonable condition, it must be noted that someone has spent some time of placing rocks in strategic places and in other areas some nice drainage work; although I am pleased with the effort it should not be construed that this is an agreed route as it is not.

#### **CNCC Technical Group**

The PECO anchors in Rowten Pot have now been decommissioned, for a full report of the process please see CNCC web site where there is a document.

#### **BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee**

I am not going to dwell on the issues because I know Glenn has put together a full report and analysis of what has happened. The issues do require a full debate by the CNCC committee and may need a Special AGM convening to discuss possible future implications. All I will state is that I am not prepared to sit on a committee where the convenor deliberately uses deceit to get an agreement. Nor do I have any time for an organisation that condones such deceit. I am currently dismayed at the effectiveness of the BCA National Council and its ability to function with honesty and integrity.

The BCA chairman's report to the AGM mentions that regional rivalry can be destructive; what he failed to mention is that not telling the truth is far more destructive and when it is not dealt with effectively it leads to a lack of confidence within that organisation.

**Training Officers report**

I had tried to contact Nigel Ball prior to the last BCA Training Committee meeting as I could not attend. One of the items I wanted to discuss was regional council funding for training events. However Nigel did not respond to either the emails or the phone calls and the minutes have not been published yet, so I am unaware of the outcome.

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