

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

The Annual General Meeting of the Council will be held at the Ingleton Community Centre at 3.00 pm on Saturday 22nd May 1976.

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Members are reminded that voting will be restricted to one representative from each paid-up full member club present at the meeting. Notice has also been given by Jack Rasdell of his intention to resign at the end of this present year, nominations for the post will be accepted at the meeting or in advance from a full member club secretary.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Saturday 22 May 1976 at Ingleton Community Centre.

The following clubs were represented:

Yorkshire Subterranean Society (Secretary), Bradford Pothole Club (Treasurer), Lancaster University Speleological Society, Earby Pothole Club, Gritstone Club, University of Leeds Speleological Association, Furness Underground Group, Kendal Caving Club, Whernside Manor, Craven Pothole Club, Bolton Speleo Club, Viking Cave and Pothole Club, White Rose Pothole Club, Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club, Vibram Mountaineering Club, Rochdale Cavernophilous, British Aircraft Corporation Pothole Club, Burnley Caving Club, Dales Caving Club, British Association of Caving Instructors, Representative NCA Novice Training Committee, Representative NCA Equipment Committee.

In the absence of the Chairman R. Glover took the chair.

Item 1 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

Item 2 Minutes of 1975 AGM

Copies of the Minutes had been distributed and the meeting agreed that they were a true record and should be accepted as read. Proposed KCC, Sec. CPC.

Item 3 Matters Arising

i. Weather Forecasting Scheme

The Council had reluctantly decided that it could no longer afford to pay its previous share (66%) of the scheme. No payments had been made towards it since Christmas and the Yorkshire Dales National Park authority were at present paying all the bills.

ii. National Park Plan

M. K. Lyon explained how the Caving and Climbing Working Group had been set up and gave a precis of its report. The meeting agreed with the report that caving should not be over publicised but facilities such as small lay-bys could be made available where necessary (eg. as in Kingsdale). The meeting thanked M. K. Lyon for his work.

Item 4 Chairman's Report

In the absence of the Chairman no report was submitted. Notice had been given that the Chairman intended to resign at this meeting.

It was noted that the Special General Meeting called to discuss pirating and access agreements had been poorly attended but several grievances had been given an airing and it was generally felt that the Special meeting had served a useful purpose.

Item 5 Secretary's Report

This was read to the meeting. The new handbook was discussed. R. Sutcliffe stated that if he was given assistance greater progress could be made. It was proposed that R. Palmer CPC and J. Wilcock KCC assist R. Sutcliffe

with the handbook. Prop. G.C. Sec. F.U.G. The motion was passed.

Item 6 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer supplied copies of income and expenditure for year ending 31st March 1976. He stated that only 40% of member clubs had paid their 1976 subscriptions. It was prop. KCC and sec. CPC that clubs in arrears be asked to pay these arrears. In the event of no reply or non payment of subs these clubs would be struck off the membership list and they would not be allowed meets until they rejoined. The motion was carried unanimously.

R. Glover explained that the item White Scar Publicity in the accounts was for his expenses in publicising the sale of the cave and organising the public meeting. The Committee had agreed to pay these expenses and this was endorsed by the meeting.

J. Clarke stated that after 5 years of office he felt that he would like to step down. The meeting thanked him for his past services.

Item 7 Subscriptions 1977

The meeting was informed by R. Sutcliffe that the NCA are likely to increase their subscriptions for Regional Councils.

It was agreed that a ceiling of £4 be fixed for the 1977 subscription. The present subscription could be adjusted up to that figure at the Treasurers discretion. Prop. CPC Sec. BSC.

It was agreed that the entrance fee should remain at £1. Prop. EPC Sec. GC.

Item 8 Proposed amendment to the Constitution

It was proposed that items 3.1 and 3.5 of the CNCC constitution be deleted. The motion was defeated.

It was proposed by the CPC that item 6.1 of the constitution be amended to:

6.1 A working committee shall be elected every year at a General meeting.

The motion was passed.

(The Committee had previously been elected every two years.)

Item 9 Election of Officers and Committee

CHAIRMAN - Randal Coe, CPC was proposed by CPC and seconded by KCC. There were no other nomination and Mr R. Coe was duly elected Chairman.

SECRETARY - Brian Smith, BPC was proposed by GC and seconded by CPC. There were no other nominations and Mr B. Smith was elected Secretary.

TREASURER - Jim Wilcock, KCC was proposed by KCC and seconded by CPC. There were no other nominations and Mr J. Wilcock was elected Treasurer.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - Graham Hudson YCC, was proposed by KCC and seconded by GC. There were no other nominations and Mr G. Hudson was elected assistant secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

White Rose PC (Prop. GC, Sec. YSS)
 Furness Underground Group (Prop. CPC, Sec. KCC)
 Gritstone Club (Prop. KCC, Sec. ULSA)
 Bolton Speleo Club (Prop. ULSA, Sec. GC)
 Red Rose CPC (Prop. EPC, Sec. KCC)
 Earby Pothole Club (Prop. GC, Sec. YSS)
 Burnley Caving Club (Prop. WRPC, Sec. EPC)
 University of Leeds SA (Prop. GC, Sec. KCC)

Item 10 Meets Secretaries Reports

Wharfedale/Mongo Gill

D. Mellor reported no problems at Birks Fell but some clubs were pirating Mongo Gill which was annoying the owner.

Leck/Casterton

No problems but becoming very heavily used. Several weekdays were now booked as well as weekends.

I. Jopson informed the meeting that after several years in office he wished to resign. A vote of thanks was given for his services.

Fountains/Penyghent

No problems with Penyghent - meets sec. to sort out minor problems with Fountains Fell.

Washfold Pot

No problems.

Access Agreements

The council agreed that, where possible, greater access should be sought, in particular on Leck and Casterton Fells where at times, particularly between October and January, meets had reached saturation point. It was appreciated that some clubs believed that CNCC was trying to control as many fells as possible. The Council hoped that greater access on Casterton Fell and the completely open access to Cherry Tree/Darnbook area showed that the council was striving for greater access. Clubs should realise that the CNCC is usually involved only when a fell has been completely closed and that it is the landowners that ask for restrictive access agreements. Despite this the meeting felt that pots such as Penyghent Pot and Dale Head Pot merited the one club per pot per day rule, although it was hoped that if clubs disagreed they would voice their opinions to the council.

Item 11 Any Other Business

Proposed Nature Reserve in Chapel-le-Dale

There was little to report. Enquiries were proceeding.

Whernside Manor

Ben Lyon reported that Whernside Manor had now been bought by the Yorkshire Dales National Park and it was to continue as a Caving Centre.

NCA Raffle

The CNCC agreed in principle but reservations were expressed.

Communications

Inter - CNCC communications had been very poor during the past year and there had been many complaints from member and other clubs. It was hoped that the new committee would improve matters. Subscriptions in particular to be chased up.

A vote of thanks was given to R. Glover for chairing the meeting.

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