

National Caving Association

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Saturday 11th February 1989, in the Workshop,
Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton commencing at 2.00pm.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting - Special General Meeting held on 17th June 1988 - previously circulated
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Officers reports : Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Access and Conservation Officer
5. Meets Secretaries reports : Birks Fell/Mongo Gill
Penyghent/Fountains Fell
Leck Fell
Pipperkin/Link
6. Constitutional Amendments : None proposed
7. Election of officers and committee
8. National Caving Association representatives report
9. Any other business
10. Arrangements for next committee meeting

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@ Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton

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David Leonard	ANT
F. Muckham	T.R.C.P.C.
J. f. Bailey	SRCC SRCC
B. Quinton	NORTHERN BOGCARTS
B. Bond	Burnley C.C.
R. Holmes	O.H.S.S.
Pete Alborough	Dent P.C. (M)
A. Pollock	Dent P.C. (C)
CJ DANILEWICZ	NPC
A TIMMS	NPC
Russell Myers	Craven Pottery Club.
A. S. Ham	RRCC - BCRA
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at Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton

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A. Lewis	Ant
C. J. DANIELS	Ant
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Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 11th February, 1989 at the Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton, chaired by R. Myers.

Present : P. Allwright (Dent PC), J. F. Bailey (SRCC), B. Bond (Burnley), C. J. Danilewicz (NPC), D. Feciti (SRCC), A. S. Hall (RRCPC), R. Holmes (DHSS), B. M. Hunt (EPC), D. Leonard (ANT), P. Muckalt (RRCPC), R. Myers (CPC), P. H. Parker (WRPC), M. Patton (SRCC), A. Polley (Dent PC), B. Quinton (Northern Boggarts), D. Shepherd (EPC), A. Speight (YSS), A. Timms (NPC), S. Whittle (SRCC).

Apologies : J. Rattray (BPC)

Minutes of Special General Meeting : Previously circulated and taken as read.

Matters arising : None

Officers Reports :

Chairman - R. Myers gave a brief run-down of the years happenings with particular reference to the saga of the previous AGM and the following Special General Meeting. He offered his services as chairman for the next year.

Secretary - P. H. Parker commented upon the attendance at meeting - generally poor - and the number of clubs who had shown an interest in Council membership (19) of whom seven had actually applied to join CNCC. He advised the meeting that he was prepared to continue as secretary for the next year.

Treasurer - D. Shepherd reported to the meeting that the number of paid-up member clubs for the year was 117, a large reduction on the 151 subscriptions received for 1987 NCA grant had been paid for 1986 but 1987 was still outstanding. He presented the accounts for the year 1st January to 31st December 1988, which showed a surplus of income over expenditure of #476 for the year, and an overall surplus on the balance sheet of #1240.

He offered to continue as treasurer.

R. Myers

C&A Officer - A.Hall presented a comprehensive report on the years happenings which had started well with the withdrawal of the Bar Pot planning application.

His relations with the Nature Conservancy had been quite good and this had enabled problems to be dealt with on a low-key basis.

There had been parking problems in Kingsdale but this matter was now being dealt with by the Dales Park's access officer.

The BCRA were about to publish for the NCA a booklet on legal aspects of underground access and the Mines Inspectorate had agreed on guidelines to the exploration of old mines, which should be published shortly.

On the subject of publications he felt that the CNCC handbook should be updated and he already had the facilities in place for this project.

There had been no further progress on a revised Leck Fell access agreement since the Autumn meeting with Lord Shuttleworth.

Discussion took place on this report and it was agreed that action should be taken to produce a revised edition of the handbook.

Meets secretaries reports :

Birks Fell/Mongo Gill - No report.

Penyghent/ Fountains Fell - J.Rattray had sent a written report which stated that it had been an uneventful year with no access problems. Permits for 1989 are going well and applications for 1990 are already being received.

Leck Fell - C.J.Danilewicz's year had been quite peaceful despite the issue of considerable numbers of permits. He felt that people would make life easier if they would give alternative dates when they wrote for permits. At this point a question from the floor asked for the Council's views on the possible removing of the Ireby to Notts Pot sump by getting rid of the step of rock that causes the sump. After general discussion it became apparent that almost all those present were not in favour of the idea.

Pippikin/Link - P.Muckalt reported that the problem of people approaching from the Casterton Fell side was continuing. Furthermore there appeared to have been no decrease in the numbers visiting the two caves without a permit.

Constitutional amendments : None proposed

Election of officers and committee :

The following persons and clubs were proposed and seconded and in the absence of any other nominations were duly elected.

Chairman - R.Myers (CPC)

Secretary - P.H.Parker (WRPC)

Treasurer - D.Shepherd (EPC)

A&C Officer - A.S.Hall (RRCPC)

Ass.Secretary - D.Leonard (ANT)

Ordinary committee - Bradford P.C., Burnley C.C., Dent House S.S.
Northern Pennine Club, South Ribble Caving Club, Yorkshire Subterranean Society.
Two places unfilled.

N.C.A. - P.Ramsden presented and then expounded upon a written report in which he noted the happenings of the past year and the limited but improving CNCC involvement in NCA matters. He gave notice of the NCA AGM and the considerable number of constitutional changes that had been tabled, and asked the meeting to consider the appointment of the four CNCC delegates to the meeting. He said that he would like to continue as CNCC rep to the NCA training committee but felt it necessary to officially advise of his work as a freelance caving instructor.

After a brief discussion he was confirmed as continuing in his role as CNCC representative to NCA and the following offered their services as NCA AGM reps - R.Myers, P.H.Parker, P.Ramsden, A.S.Hall (possible)

Any other business :

Associate Membership applications as follows were all approved - Polygon Youth Centre (DCA member), Alfreton Mountaineering Club (DCA member), Huddersfield Poly Caving Club (two proposers), Orcus Caving Club (two proposers).

The Westhouse Caving Club did not have any proposers and therefore were not elected to membership.

The South Ribble Caving Club was elected to full membership having been an associate member for more than a year and being based in the North of England.

Mention was made of Dave Elliot's rope testing programme and his need for further funding. After intense discussion the meeting instructed the secretary to invite D.E. to the next committee meeting to explain the current position

An inconclusive discussion took place about the likely effect on caving of the Water Privatisation Bill.

Next meeting : Committee meeting to be held on the 14th April 1989 at the Flying Horseshoes, Clapham.

R. Myers

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TREASURERS REPORT TO THE A.G.M. ON 11/02/89

At 4/03/88, 81 clubs had paid 1988 subs. By 17/06/88 101 had paid. By the end of the year a total of 114 had fully paid up. Compared to the 1987 figure of 151 clubs we are losing member clubs.

Our system of not issuing permits until subs have been paid seems to be getting through to some people.

The N.C.A. grant for 1986 was recieved on 20th May. A claim for 1987 has been sent (April 1988) and also an estimate for 1988.

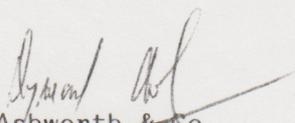
The years surplus (an increase of 241 on last year) can be put down to a real decrease on the printing and stamps etc.. Some of this can be put down to a reduction in member clubs, but your secretary has also made a significant contribution to this saving.

DAVID SHEPHERD
10/02/89

Balance Sheet as at 31st Debember, '88

	<u>1987</u>		<u>1988</u>
Assets			
Cash at Bank	426		253
National & Provintial Building Society	224		-
Britannia Building Society	<u>174</u>	824	1325
Liabilities			
Subscriptions paid in advance	<u>(60)</u>	304	
Creditor	<u>764</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>(338)</u>
			<u>1240</u>
Accumulated Funds			
Balance Brought Forward	527		764
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>237</u>		<u>476</u>
	<u>764</u>		<u>1240</u>

Prepared by:


Dymond, Ashworth & Co.

8th February, 1989.

The Council of Northern Caving Clubs

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, '88

	<u>1987</u>		<u>1988</u>	
<u>INCOME</u>				
Subscriptions	1094		768	
Grants	-		450	
Building Society Interest	9	1103	37	1255
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Room Hire	7		32	
Insurance	100		100	
NCA Subscriptions	204		108	
Printing & Stationery	418		225	
Officers Expenses	36		75	
Working Party	-		-	
Legal Fees	-		-	
Audit	34		34	
Emergency Telephone	-		119	
Donation (Mountain Rescue)	50		-	
Sundries	17		86	
Bank Charges	-	866	-	779
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REPORT OF NCA REPRESENTATIVE (PAUL RAMSDEN) TO CNCC AGM. II.2.89

I have attended the Training Committee, which had the normal 3 meetings per year, plus an extraordinary meeting to discuss the allocation of the Sports Council grant.

Publications have been produced on "Leadership and Instructor Qualifications in Caving" and "So you want to go caving", (general information for enquiries). Leaflets have been produced in conjunction with N.A.M.H.O. on mine exploration. Radon and its effects have been discussed. Two self - financing Caver Training workshops on Ladder and Line Techniques were held and a seminar for Scout Leaders. At the BCRA Conference, two lectures were given and an Open Forum on the work of the Training Committee was held.

The allocation of £11,600 grant aid and the employment of a part-time Training Co-ordinator and a job specification, have produced much discussion.

There are currently no CNCC representatives at either the Conservation and Access group or the Equipment committee, which meet in the morning at the same time as the Training committee prior to the NCA Executive meeting.

I would like to continue as CNCC representative to the Training committee, if approved by the AGM, making known as requested, my work as a freelance Caving Instructor.

I have also attended meetings of the NCA Executive and am a member of the Working Party on the structure of British Caving, usually all held on the same day. A major topic has been the financial affairs / grant aid of the NCA. The working party is producing another questionnaire aimed at every caver. Poor internal communications within the caving world are a major problem.

CNCC seems to have shown some renewed interest in NCA matters. If this is to continue, there needs to be a time limit on meetings or the order of the agenda needs changing as previously NCA reports came at or after closing time. Perhaps members could indicate whether they would like an abstract of the NCA Minutes including with CNCC Minutes so they know what is happening.

There are lots of constitutional changes tabled for the NCA AGM in March, which CNCC might like to consider. I think it would be a good idea to name the 4 delegates (and reserves if necessary) to attend the NCA AGM. I volunteer to be one, if approved. Equally if there are people interested in Equipment or Conservation, they should be encouraged to attend regularly.

CNCC C & A Matters

The year started very well with the withdrawal of the Bar Pot Planning Application by Bob Jarman and the formal approval by C.N.C.C. of the new Caster-ton access agreement being run by R.R.C.P.C. Since then as usual several minor problems have been tactfully dealt with as outlined below.

Relations with the N.C.C. have progressed fairly smoothly this year. Many of the problems which have cropped up have been dealt with quietly and behind the scenes, particularly with regards to the re-scheduling of the Special Sites of Scientific Interest. Most of the sites have now been notified and I have site information with me if people would like to see it.

There has been a problem concerning access to the land known as High Lot on the western flanks of Inleborough. This site is owned by the NCC and is an NNR and contains Sunset, Meregill and the more recent discovery of Knacker-trapper Pot. In the autumn a meeting took place on site between myself, local NCC wardens and a member of the Northern Cave Club, who had discovered the cave. It was agreed to put a proper lid over the hole but not a lock as had been requested by the NCC. Northern Cave Club then applied officially to divert the stream (which in practice they had already done). Here the matter rests at present although I have assured the NCC that we will let it be known that anyone caving on High Lot needs the permission of the NCC.

Another matter concerning NCC land ownership has been more recently drawn to my attention. A few months ago the NCC bought the South House Moor area, which includes a CNCC access controlled cave, Washfold Pot. At some stage in the future after the Inleborough geomorphological review has been completed NCC want to examine the access arrangements for this cave and the many others on the land around it.

Another problem of a different nature in the summer of last year was the old story of parking problems in Kingsdale. After complaints by parishioners the local council decided to designate the road "single track with passing places". The CNCC Secretary and myself met Rae Lonsdale from the National Park on site where some preliminary work had already been carried out and we all agreed that this would only aggravate the situation. Rae managed to halt the work for the time being until another solution to the problem is found.

The CNCC Handbook 1985 is now grossly out of date and I propose that we should update and reproduce this as soon as possible. I have a typist and word processor lined up to do the job at a cost of about £60. All the data is on disk and can easily be updated in future. I have copies with me for people to take away and update ASAP. There is no need for it to drag on for two or three years.

News from NCA

"Legal Aspects of Access Underground" booklet. - this booklet is about to be published by BCRA for NCA. Clubs are urged to buy their own copy as it will be a useful reference document

Bat Conservation Code. - clubs were recently circulated this leaflet.

Peak Cavern. - with the support of myself and Pete Mellors (DCA) the money spent on keeping open Mucky Ducks is to be reimbursed from the Cave Conservation Emergency Fund.

Guidelines on the Exploration of Old Mines. - these have finally been agreed and approved by the HSE Mines Inspectorate. It is hoped to have them published nationally. They establish an important precedent in distinguishing between specialist caving/mining groups and their parties and the public at large.

P.S. There has been no progress recently on the renegotiation of the Leck Fell agreement. Lord Shuttleworth has not been in contact since the Autumn meeting.

A.S. Hall

10.2.89

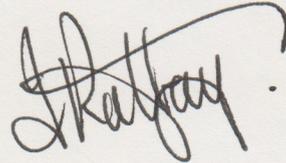
C.N.C.C. MEETS SECRETARY PEN-Y-GHENT & FOUNTAINS FELL

REPORT 1988-89

First I apologise for not being at the A.G.M. this is due to the fact I have been working abroad alot in recent months.

Last year was fairly on eventful and no problems of access have been experienced. There were 221 permits issued for 1988. I have also issued already 161 permits for 1989 and I,m also even recieving bookings for 1990.

I believe there are matters arising with the N.C.C. over access to Washfold unfortunately I've not been able to deal with this due to reasons already stated. I hope Andy Hall might be able to throw some light on this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Rattray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Rattray