

MINUTES OF THE CNCC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 October 2008 AT HELLIFIELD VILLAGE INSTITUTE

The Meeting commenced at 20.00.

PRESENT: Glenn Jones (Treasurer), Les Sykes (Secretary), Bernard Bond (BCC), Roy Holmes (Chairman), F. Hartley (BCC), (BPC), Ian Lloyd (BPC), J. Sloane (LUG), S. Lieberman (RRCPC), J. Phillips (RRCPC/MUSC), P. Jones(CPC), D. Weare (YSS), M. Hale (BSG/CRO), P. Allwright (DHSS)/BCRC), A. Hinde (GC/NE), M.Dunn (BSC), M. Hughes (BPC)

1. APOLOGIES: P. Halliwell, R. Halliwell (CPC), H. Lomas (YRC), A. Speight (YSS).

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes accepted and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES:

No matters arising.

4. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

No written report submitted. RH did mention to the meeting the sad loss of P. Haigh who had passed away earlier in the day.

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Secretary submitted a comprehensive report outlining the following points.

- Unauthorised access to CNCC access controlled caves; this has now been passed to BCA who will be writing to the clubs concerned.
- Flooding in caves; the chairman especially and others raised concerns to the increasing number of incidents in which cavers and leaders are being caught out by the cave flooding. LS to write an article for Descent.
- CNCC and Natural England conservation agreement; this has now been signed and all enquiry's for conservation grants should be sent to M. Dun CNCC conservation officer.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Written report presented which covered the following points:

- CNCC rigging guide is selling very well and we will need to purchase more in 2009.
- Proposed expenditure for the next period to include; Cave rescue manual, the committee agreed that £504 be used to purchase 50 copies for onward sale to the clubs.
- CNCC technical group web site; it was agreed by the committee to pay for the transfer of this site to the CNCC site for £105.

ACCESS AND CONSERVATION OFFICER:

The conservation officer thanked R. Duffy and A. Whitney for their work in restoring the Colonnades in Lancaster Hole to their former glory, this was endorsed by the committee.

Andrew Hinde is now contracted by Natural England to identify potential areas of conservation work within the SSSI. The contract is to run for six months and is linked to the contract that CNCC has signed with NE for conservation work.

All CNCC member clubs will be sent a letter of explanation from M. Dunn.

Andrew Hinde mentioned the following points:

That the money is primarily for work within the SSSI, but may be extended to cover some sites outside the SSSI.

CNCC is to propose a list of sites which it thinks is appropriate for funding; this is being achieved by involving the member clubs co-ordinated through M. Dunn and A. Hinde.

A loose conservation sub group of volunteers was agreed this consisted of the following interested parties. AH, MD, AH, SL, PJ, LS and RH.

TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT:

No Training Officer at present. LS has indicated that he will take on this role at the 2009 AGM.

TECHNICAL GROUP:

The PECO anchor (replacement for the Eco anchor) has now been tested by CNCC Technical Group and Hilti. The tests of which were identical to the Eco anchor. A full report is on the CNCC web site and a copy of the report will be submitted to the BCA equipment & techniques committee.

5. MEETS SECRETARYS REPORTS:

Leck Fell:

JS submitted a report which outlined the following points:

- Permit requests are steady and there is still availability for the next couple of months.
- Unauthorised access to the caves, JS submitted a report for J to present to the BCA meeting this has now been resolved for these incidents.
- JS would like to remind all clubs of the requirement to obtain permits and when on the Fell park in the agreed places as damage to the Fell has occurred by cavers who decide to park off road and then get stuck.

Casterton Fell:

No problems to report.

Birks Fell:

RH has been in contact with National Trust over an increase in Robinsons Pot requests; to date no response has been received.

Penyghent and Fountains Fell:

No problems.

Other Areas:

A number of discrepancies have been highlighted which need addressing; these are G perfect the game keeper is still named on the permit but has passed away. The contact details for Out Sleet Beck Pot need to be updated. The contact details for Hagg Ghyll need to be updated.

9. BCA REPORTS:

BCA finance committee have met, CNCC is still working off it's over payment from BCA. BCA declined to pay CNCC for the £250 for the Skoska Cave moth monitoring project, on the grounds that funding must benefit all cavers.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The slope above County Pot has been partially stabilised. The lid to Lancaster Hole needs to be replaced, this will be undertaken by SL.

12. DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:

16 January 2009 Hellifield Village Institute, Hellifield. Starting at 20:00

07 March 2009 Hellifield Village Institute, Hellifield. AGM starting at 10:00