

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

BRITISH CAVING ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting

To be held at Hellifield Village hall on 16 September 2011

Starting at 20:00

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Officers reports
 - Chairman's report
 - Secretary's report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Conservation officer's report
 - Training officer report
 - Technical group report
5. Meets secretaries reports
 - Leck Fell
 - Casterton
 - Fell Birks Fell
 - Penyghent & Fountains Fell
 - Other areas
6. BCA report
7. Any other business
8. Date and place of next meeting



Council of Northern Caving Clubs

Secretaries reports 16 September 2011

Secretary's report

The summer period has been very quiet as it usually is and there is nothing to report.

Access Officers' report

CHECC have requested permits for Casterton Fell for their meet in North Yorkshire. This request has been granted; however as CHECC is a constituent of BCA the permits will be request through the BCA member clubs attending. They have also been informed that all the access requirements must be enforced.

Shuttleworth Pot and The Cupcake, all conservation work has now been completed.

Whitewell Pot area, the proposed clean up of Tip Wood has been temporary halted we are still waiting for the insurance officer to finalise the words for the insurance document after some asbestos sheets were uncovered.

The issues surrounding Ireby Fell Cavern are still active. I have now sent two emails to the landowner requesting a meeting with no reply.

CNCC Technical Group

The problem surrounding the replacement anchor has now been resolved. However, the recommended resin is no longer available, so we are waiting for the manufacturer to undertake some tests prior to recommendation.

BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee

There has not been a meeting since the last CNCC meeting so there is nothing to report.

Training Officers report

Nigel Ball and I have had a brief conversation on the future of training I will be preparing a questionnaire for distribution to all northern clubs.

Les Sykes

CNCC secretary

CNCC Training Officer

CNCC Access Officer

CNCC co-representative BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee

CNCC Council Meeting: September 16th 2011

Treasurers Report

Financial Status as of 30th August 2011:

Current Account: £1,072.87

High Interest Account: £20,179.67

Major expenditure for this period has been the purchase of conservation pins (£417.60)

Income consists of the sale of Rigging Guides and Shuttleworth Pot books.

Cave Rescue Manual: There are 9 remaining from the original 50 purchased.

Glenn Jones – CNCC Treasurer

BCA Report: The last meeting was on 11th June, there is nothing of any substance to report and the draft minutes are on the BCA website. It is anticipated that the October 15th meeting will agree the 2012 membership fees.

Conservation Officers Report

CNCC volunteers have been active on the following projects in 2011.

1. Repair of broken through at Browgill – Birkwith.
2. Capping of abandoned shafts at Gaping Gill.
3. Walling and Fencing at Yordas Wood.
4. Tree Planting at Yordas.
5. Thistle control at Yordas.
6. Clearance of Tip Wood –Bowland. (on going)
7. Stock Fencing at Little Pot- Large Pot. Kingsdale.
8. Stabilisation of Craftsman Pot –Kingsdale (Mike Bottomley et al)

Shuttleworth Pot.

A comprehensive re taping of the sensitive areas using stainless steel pins was completed prior to open season.

A sign warning cavers of the sensitivity of the floor formations was placed at the foot of the Divers Pitch.

John Gardner has undertaken an audit of features of interest after the first 6 weeks of permitted access. A small amount of extra taping was introduced to the My newt Passage area. No damage has been reported or discovered as yet (apart from the deterioration of the dog bones, due to inquisitive handling, which is in itself a very disappointing).

The landscaping around the entrance has been successful in restoring the vegetation cover.

Cupcake Pot.

A major pre-emptive conservation and protection job has been completed. This involved a huge personnel commitment from Northern Boggarts, which will hopefully protect the unique formations close to the entrance. The work was described in an excellent article in Descent 221.

Gaping Gill

Conservation taping with SS pins has been introduced to Old East Passage. More pins still required to complete the task to a satisfactory standard.

Report to CNCC committee meeting 16th September 2011.
Leck Fell Access Agreement.

Since the AGM 38 clubs have been issued with permits for the year 2011/12, which is about two more than the same time during 2010/11. As such demand for permits appears to be more or less stable.

For the rest of the year there are only 2 weekends fully booked (5th/6th Nov & 10th/11th Dec) and 2 Saturdays also (17th Sept & 26th Nov), so there is plenty of weekend availability for permits remaining.

There is not a great deal else to report, and since the last meeting there have been no matters or issues that have required particular attention.

Jim Sloane (CNCC Meets Sec – Leck Fell)

03/09/12