

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council
which was held at the Marton Arms on 20th May 1967.

- Item 1 Apologies for absence were received from the Meets Secretary, J. Morgan and from the Workington College of Further Education.
- Item 2 Minutes of the 1966 A.G.M. were accepted as a true record.
- Item 3 Chairman's Address - R. Sutcliffe stressed the need for continuing efforts towards good relations with landowners, particularly with regard to litter and 'pirating'.
- Item 4 Secretary's Report - (attached).
- Item 5 Treasurer's Report - (attached).
- Item 6 a) Appointment of Officers
J. R. Sutcliffe - Chairman
T. Sykes - Secretary
H. Long - Treasurer
Committee will appoint Meets Secretaries.
- b) Appointment of Committee
R.R.P.C., B.S.A., Gritstone, B.P.C., N.P.C., C.P.C., Burnley C.C., Leeds University, N.E.G., H.W.P.C., Earby P.C.
- Item 7 Area Reports - (attached)
- Item 8 Regional Councils for caving will meet on 24th June at Settle.
- Item 9 Sports Councils - P. Morgan reported dissatisfaction in Lancashire Sports Council because of disinterest in our type of sport. Recommended non-attendance at meetings, but continued membership.
- Item 10 Insurance - Reported that policy had been taken out for damage to property, for £7 10s. 0d. which gives cover up to £10,000.
- Item 11 Outstanding Matters
- a) Library }
b) Preservation } - Referred to Committee for action.
- c) Access Booklet and Surveys - New booklet including availability of surveys will be duplicated soon.
- Item 12 Any other business -- Leeds University representatives raised the question of public relations work with landowners. Suggested slides should be shown at local meetings etc. The whole question of publicity was referred to the Committee.

Addresses of Officers

Chairman:	J.R. Sutcliffe, 16 Ryelands Grove, Heaton, Bradford, 9., Yorks.
Hon. Secretary:	T. Sykes, 11 Prospect Avenue, Lostock Hall, Preston, Lancs.
Hon. Treasurer:	H. Long, 2 Dalacres Crescent, Embsary, Nr. Skipton, Yorks.
Hon. Assistant Secretary:	(Meets for Leck, Casterton and Fountains Fell) J. Morgan, 23 Rimington Avenue, Colne, Lancs.
Hon. Assistant Secretary:	(Meets for Penyghent, Fountains Fell (except Mr. Carter's land) and Mongo Gill) J. Resdell, 6 Monkroyd Avenue, Barnoldswick, Nr. Colne, Lancs.

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Secretary's Report

Since the A.G.M. on the 21st May 1966 there have been Committee Meetings on 19th August 1966, 20th January, and 10th March 1967. Committee Members have also attended other meetings of the various Sports Councils, landowners, the Regional Councils for Caving and the B.S.A. Conference.

1966 saw the first meeting of the Regional Councils, attended by four Committee members and resulting in consolidating the co-operation between cavers in all parts of the country. Minutes of the various Councils' meetings are circulated to others. The Southern Council issued their Handbook in September 1966.

We have had a quiet year as far as access problems have been concerned. Access to Swinsto and New Goyden were resolved and now create no problem. A few additional meets were gained on Fountains Fell. Alum Pot still remains a problem and many representations have been made during the year to try to press the West Riding Planning Committee to issue their definitive map.

My thanks to both meets Secretaries, Jeff Morgern and Jack Resdell for their efforts. I'm sure they manage to answer letters more promptly than me, once again pressure of work is my excuse - please give as much notice as possible when requesting meets.

Membership of the Council now totals 63 Clubs.

T. Sykes.
Hon. Secretary.

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Receipts and Payments Account for Year ending 18th May 1967

Receipts

Payments

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and Entry Fees	32.	0.	0.	Secretary's expenses	3.	12.	11.
Sale of Access Booklets	5.	4.	0.	Meets Secretary's expenses	2.	9.	2.
Balance in Hand at Bank on 18th May 1967	21.	3.	5.	Treasurer's expenses		10.	7.
				Hire of rooms	1.	8.	0.
				Payment to C.C.P.R. for clerical work	6.	13.	0.
				Printing notepaper, access plan, etc.	6.	3.	7.
				Subscription to Lancashire Sports Federation	1.	0.	0.
				Insurance Premium	7.	10.	0.
				Bank Charges		2.	6.
				Balance in hand at Bank on 18th May 1967, as shown on statement.	28.	17.	8.
	58	7.	5.		58.	7.	5.

NOTE: Again no account has been taken of unsold copies of the Access Booklet, of which a few remain.

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Area Reports

- a) Leck Fell
 - i) Complaint from gamekeeper about litter. This will be cleared but clubs are asked particularly to watch out for litter and clear it as we go along. This could jeopardize our access agreement.
 - ii) Call at the Lodge when visiting the fell. The Lodge is 100 yds. down the lane to the right, just before reaching the fell.
- b) Casterton Fell Clubs are asked to call at Bull Pot Farm when visiting the fell.
- c) Swinsto Settled amicably during the year.
- d) Fountains Fell Improved access this year. Good behaviour could result in more meets plus Hammer Pot next year.
- e) New Goyden Keep to the path as instructed and all will be well.
- f) Penyghent No problems.
- g) Mossdale The new entrance is open. Apply as per access booklet and stick to the path (right of way) through the scar.
- h) Alum Pot Still no nearer with publication of definitive map.
- i) Mongo Gill Seems to be alright now provided clubs call on gamekeeper and book meet previously with meets secretary.
- j) Dale Barn Cave No progress yet.