

BRITISH CAVING ASSOCIATION



The meeting of the BCA National Council was held on Saturday 25 March 2006 at Alvechurch Church Hall, Alvechurch immediately following the BCA AGM

Present –

Mick Day (MD)	BCA Chairman
Jonathan Roberts (JR)	BCA Treasurer
Paula Grgich-Warke (PGW)	BCA Honorary Secretary
Elsie Little (EL)	BCA Conservation & Access Officer
Idris Williams (IW)	BCA Training Officer
Les Williams (LW)	Publications and Information Officer
David Judson (DJ)	Legal & Insurance Officer/BCRA Representative
Sue Mabbett (SM)	Cambrian Caving Council Representative
Jenny Potts (JP)	Derbyshire Caving Association Representative
Boyd Potts (BP)	Orpheus Caving Club
Steve Holding (SH)	NAMHO Representative
David Cooke (DC)	Club Representative, Wessex Caving Club
Emma Porter (EP)	Individual Member Representative
Andy Pryke (AP)	BCA Equipment Officer
Clark Friend (CF)	BCA Convenor, Radon Working Party
Bob Mehew (BM)	BCA Rope Tester/Individual Member
Steve King (SK)	CSCC
Owen Clarke (OC)	Council Club Rep/Individual Member
Patrick Hall (PH)	South Wales CC/Individual Member

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & ADDRESS – carried from AGM
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Nick Williams, Chris Broome, James Cochrane, Sue Mabbett, David Jean
3. APPLICATIONS FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP – None received
4. MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 JANUARY 2006 – The minutes were accepted as amended. Note that a clarification was made regarding allocation of training funds (for recreational caving training and datasheet)
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 14 JANUARY 2006 – The existing manual of operations was distributed electronically prior to the meeting – officers are reminded to update and expand upon their duties to make a comprehensive and modern manual.

OFFICERS REPORTS

6. CHAIRMAN – no further report
7. SECRETARY – no further report

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8. TREASURER – The regional treasurer’s meeting seems unlikely to occur as expected due to various delays. A partial payment will be made to the regions until the remainder is resolved at the upcoming regional treasurers meeting which is anticipated in late April or May 2006.
 9. CONSERVATION OFFICER – no further report
 10. TRAINING OFFICER – no further report
 11. EQUIPMENT OFFICER – An indoor “cave” was on display at the recent Outdoors Show in Birmingham. A new anchor is being type tested. Costs for this testing will likely be several hundred pounds, but is necessary to ensure that appropriate evaluation has been conducted before the product can be used. The commonly used resin “Resifix 3+” is now being marketed under a different name. The formula, however, remains unchanged.
 12. EDITOR – no further report - A report summary of the proceedings of the AGM will be made available for publication in the next newsletter.
- PUBLICATIONS & INFORMATION OFFICER – Adverts for Membership Secretary post are to be displayed on web and printed in upcoming BCA newsletter. ACTION: NW to email advert to LW for publication. LW is establishing electronic payment for web services, possibly through Paypal.
13. LEGAL & INSURANCE OFFICER – no further report
 14. INSURANCE MANAGER – PH has offered to take a professional look at improving the process of data management within the membership database. MD will contact NW to clarify this situation and recommend liaising with PH to resolve.
 15. CONVENOR, RADON WORKING PARTY - CF appointed to continue
 16. NATIONAL CAVE REGISTRY CO-ORDINATOR – DC prepared to continue
 17. WEBMASTER – proposes web services post as separate – LW will continue to do both but recommended the two posts are listed as separate appointments in the future.
 18. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE – No report received. MD to contact for report and update.
- MOTION: A motion was made by PGW that all posts in items 14 -18 continue with current postholders as appointed. The motion was seconded by JP and passed unanimously.

OTHER

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. West Berkshire Council – SK will add us to the registry as per their instructions
 - b. Hunshelf Parish Council – Request for Insurance advice/support – JP will pass to their insurance advisor to offer advice
 - c. Administrative Support for BCA – Resignation of Lynne Bailey – see other discussions
 - d. UIS Cave Rescue Commission Questionnaire – BM will forward on appropriately
 - e. Need for distribution of current BCA membership lists (CNCC and CCC requests by email) covered elsewhere
 - f. CNCC – reimbursement to regional councils – has discussed with JR and an interim amount was agreed.
 - g. BM –BM was asked to provide updated list of officers contact details to all officers.
20. DATE, TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
 - 17 June 2006
 - Future Meetings: 7 October 2006, 13 January 2007, 24 March 2007 (AGM). JP will organize access to Alvechurch Church Hall for these dates.

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