

## BRITISH CAVING ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Inaugural Special General Meeting, held at the Baptist Church Hall, Alvechurch, 20 March 2004.

The meeting started at 14.15.

#### Present:

Mick Day (MD)	Chairman
Bob Mehew (BM)	Treasurer
Eddy Hill (EH)	Secretary
Steve Holding (SH)	NAMHO <sup>1</sup> & Recorder
Nick Williams (NW)	BCA Insurance Manager
Elsie Little (EL)	Conservation & Access Chairman <sup>2</sup>
Dave Judson (DJ)	BCRA <sup>1</sup> and Legal & Insurance Chairman <sup>2</sup>
Sue Mabbett (SM)	CCC <sup>1</sup>
Glenn Jones (GJ)	CNCC <sup>1</sup>
David Cooke (DC)	CSCC <sup>1</sup>
Jenny Potts (JP)	DCA <sup>1</sup>
Andrew Pryke (AP)	DCUC <sup>1</sup> and Equipment Chairman <sup>2</sup>
Alan Finch (AF)	WPCST <sup>1</sup>
Simon Froude (SF)	Bradford PC <sup>1</sup>
Mike Scratcher (MS)	Craven PC <sup>1</sup>
Owen Clarke (OC)	Cwmbran CC <sup>1</sup>
Maurice Febry (MF)	FODCC&AG <sup>1</sup>
Chris Broome (CB)	Masson Caving Group <sup>1</sup>
Boyd Potts (BP)	Orpheus CC <sup>1</sup>
Jacqui Marshall (JM)	University of Bristol SS <sup>1</sup>
Les Williams (LW)	Wessex Cave Club <sup>1</sup> and Publications & Information Chairman <sup>2</sup>
Idris Williams (IW)	Training Chairman <sup>2</sup>
Clarke Friend (CF)	Radon Working Group Convenor <sup>2</sup>
Jonathon Roberts	Observer <sup>3</sup>
Robert Scott	Observer <sup>3</sup>
Dave Webb	Observer <sup>3</sup>
David Jean	Observer <sup>3</sup>

1. Recognised as member reps. after acceptance of item 3a.
2. Individuals in post after decision in item 5.
3. Many present will also be individual members via membership of clubs/groups recognised after acceptance of item 3a.

#### 1. Chairman's welcome: Introduction and procedures

MD welcomed everybody to what he considered to be a momentous meeting.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from:

Bob Dearman  
Les Sykes

## **3. Applications for Membership**

### **3a. Consider applications for membership**

A list of Group, Associate and Direct Individual Members was circulated at the meeting. The list was amended to reflect the fact that several Group members had not yet paid the publication element of the subscription. The amended list is attached to these minutes, see Annex 1. It was agreed that the list of Group members was split into those who were constitutionally established (i.e. a copy of their constitution had been inspected and those who had yet to do so, i.e. those so designated as “provisional members” as per Clause 14.6 of the Constitution. Provisional members would therefore need to submit their constitutions to the BCA Secretary to confirm their membership of BCA. A further list of all Club Individual Members was available at the meeting on a computer. (NB An output is only attached to the set of minutes kept for the record, see Annex 2. It is known to contain duplications. Copies will be supplied upon request to B Mehew.)

Proposed by BM and seconded by EH and agreed.

### **3b. Consider appeals against determination of membership or exclusion**

None were raised.

## **4. Report on BCA Insurance progress**

Details of the income to date were tabled. Income was currently around two-thirds of the budget but significant additional income was still expected.

It was reported that a ‘special arrangement’ was being negotiated with the large membership of Subterranea Britannica. The activities of this group were considered to be such as to pose limited risk of a claim arising for the scheme. Such an arrangement was agreed subject to those Subterranean Britannica members paying a lower rate not being entitled to a BCA vote.

In answer to a question, it was noted that progress was such that there were real hopes of being able to continue with the scheme next year. The intention of generating a surplus in 2004, to cover any excess payment, should make future provision of insurance more attractive next year.

It was noted that the initial BCA Executive had already agreed that the insurance covered the activities of NCA, BCRA and BCA.

Insurance cover for other various constitutionally established bodies was considered by the meeting. It was agreed that free cover would be offered to the activities of all constitutionally established Nation Bodies (BCRA, CDG, CHECC, NAMHO and WPCST) constitutionally established Regional Caving Councils (CCC, CNCC, CSCC, DCA and DCUC) and Cave Rescue Organisations (BCRC and all affiliated cave rescue organisations). It was specifically agreed that ACI would not

be offered cover as it was considered to have requirements outside the scope of the BCA insurance. It was also agreed that these bodies would still be expected to pay the Access Control Body fee, if they wished to include this activity.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer reported on various items requiring action (see Annex 1). Specific items were put to the meeting:

“That the Chairman of BCA is authorised to sign the agreement with BCRA and NCA over the (insurance) guarantees” was proposed by BM, seconded by JP and agreed.

That “BCA Council is instructed to hold conjoint meetings of its Council and all of its committees and other groups with NCA and permit the records of those conjoint meetings to be made in the name of BCA” was proposed by BM, seconded by JP and agreed.

### **5. Elect such officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees as may be required**

It was proposed by JP, seconded by LW and agreed that all officers and chairmen of standing committees etc, already in post for NCA fill the same role for BCA.

### **6. Discuss and confirm matters of policy of the Association for postal ballot and to direct the National Council on such matters.**

No items identified.

### **7. Agree date and venue of the next General Meeting of the Association**

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on 12 March 2005, at Alvechurch, starting at 10.30am. This date would require holding a National Council meeting on 08 January 2005.

### **8. Any other business**

A vote of thanks was proposed by LW and agreed for the effort placed by everybody who had contributed to progressing BCA to this point.

The meeting was closed at 15.50.

## Annex 1 Group, Associate and Direct Individual Members of BCA accepted at the ISGM

### BCA GROUP MEMBERS

#### BCA CONST. ESTABL. MEMBER "CLUBS"

ASHFORD SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
AXBRIDGE CAVING GROUP  
BLACK ROSE CAVING CLUB  
BLACK SHEEP DIGGERS  
BORDER CAVING GROUP  
BRACKNELL DISTRICT CAVING CLUB  
BRYNMAWR CAVING CLUB  
BURNLEY CAVING CLUB  
CAMBRIDGE CAVING & CLIMBING CLUB  
CAVE & CRAG CLUB  
CERBERUS SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
CHELSEA SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
COMBE MARTIN SILVER MINE RES. & PRES. SOC.  
COMBINED SERVICES CAVING ASSN.  
COTHAM CAVING GROUP  
CRAVEN POTHOLE CLUB  
CREWE CLIMBING & POTHOLING CLUB  
CROYDON CAVING CLUB  
CWMBRAN CAVING CLUB  
DERBYSHIRE CAVING CLUB  
DERBYSHIRE PENNINE CLUB  
DEVON KARST RESEARCH SOCIETY  
DEVON SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
DISLEY UNDERGROUND GROUP  
DUDLEY CAVING CLUB  
DURHAM UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGICAL ASSN.  
EARBY POTHOLE CLUB  
EAST DORSET SPELEO SOCIETY  
EDUCATION IN THE ENVIRONMENT CAVING CLUB  
ELDON POTHOLE CLUB  
EXETER UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
FOREST CAVING GROUP  
FRIENDS OF HMS FORWARD  
FYLDE & DISTRICT SPELEO SOCIETY  
GLOUCESTER SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
GOSPORT SPELEOLOGICAL CLUB  
GRAMPIAN SPELEOLOGICAL GROUP  
HADES CAVING CLUB  
HEREFORD CAVING CLUB  
IMPERIAL COLLEGE CAVING CLUB  
KENDAL CAVING CLUB  
KENT UNDERGROUND RESEARCH GROUP  
LANCASHIRE CAVING & CLIMBING CLUB

#### BCA PROSPECTIVE MEMBER CLUBS

SHROPSHIRE SCOUTS CAVING TEAM  
PENDLE CAVING CLUB  
SPELEO VERCORS  
EYLSIUM UNDERGROUND GROUP

#### BCA NATIONAL BODIES

ASSOCIATION OF CAVING INSTRUCTORS  
BRITISH CAVE RESCUE COUNCIL  
BRITISH CAVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
CAVE DIVING GROUP  
COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION CAVING CLUBS  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINING HISTORICAL ORGS.  
WILLIAM PENGELLY CAVE STUDIES TRUST

#### BCA REGIONAL COUNCILS

CAMBRIAN CAVING COUNCIL  
COUNCIL OF NORTHER CAVING CLUBS  
COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CAVING CLUBS  
DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION  
DEVON & CORNWALL UNDERGROUND COUNCIL

LANNER & DISTRICT MINING CLUB  
LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY POTHOLING CLUB  
LOST WORLD CAVING CLUB  
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGY CLUB  
MENDIP CAVING GROUP  
MENDIP NATURE RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
MORLEY POTHOLING CLUB  
NEWBURY & DISTRICT CAVING CLUB  
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY CAVING CLUB  
NORTH WALES CAVING CLUB  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION  
NORTHERN ENGLAND MINES EXPN. GROUP  
NORTHUMBRIAN SPELEOLOGY GROUP  
NORWICH CAVING & CLIMING CLUB  
OLD KINGSTONIANS CAVING CLUB  
ORPHEUS CAVING CLUB  
OXFORD UNIVERSITY CAVING CLUB  
READING UNIVERSITY CAVING CLUB  
RED ROSE CAVE & POTHOLE CLUB  
ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN CAVING CLUB  
SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY SPELEO. SOCIETY  
SHEPTON MALLET CAVING CLUB  
SOUTH BRISTOL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
SOUTH LONDON SPELEO  
SOUTH WALES CAVING CLUB  
SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY CAVING CLUB  
SPELEO RHAL CAVING CLUB  
SURREY SCOUTS CAVING CLUB  
SWAN POTHOLING CLUB  
SWISS RE. TROGS  
TECHNICAL SPELEOLOGICAL GROUP  
UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SPEL. SOCIETY  
UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD CAVING CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS SPEL. ASSOCIATION  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UNION CAVING CLUB  
WEALDEN CAVE & MINE SOCIETY  
WESSEX CAVE CLUB  
WEST LANCS. SCOUT CAVING TEAM  
WEST MIDLANDS CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP  
WESTMINSTER SPELEO GROUP  
WHITE ROSE POTHOLE CLUB  
YORED ALE CAVE AND MINE GROUP  
YORK UNIV. CAVE & POTHOLE CLUB

#### BCA CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATIONS

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
CORNWALL MINE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
CUMBRIA ORE MINES RESCUE UNIT  
DERBYSHIRE CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
DEVON CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE CAVE RESCUE GROUP  
GWENT CAVE RESCUE TEAM  
IRISH CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
MENDIP CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
MIDLANDS CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
NORTH WALES CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
SCOTTISH CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
SOUTH EAST CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION  
SWALEDALE FELL RESCUE ORGANISATION  
UPPER WHARFEDAILE FELL RESCUE ASSN.  
WEST BRECON CAVE RESCUE TEAM

#### BCA ACCESS CONTROLLING BODIES

CHARTERHOUSE CAVING COMPANY  
DAN-YR-OGOF CAVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FAIRY CAVES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
FOREST OF DEAN CONSERVATION & ACCESS GROUP  
PWLL DU CAVE MANAGEMENT GROUP

BCA PROVISIONAL GROUP MEMBERS

(Subject to provision of a copy of their constitution)

ABBOTSHOLME SCHOOL CAVING CLUB  
ALTERNATIVE DERBYSHIRE CAVING CLUB  
AMMAN VALLEY CAVING CLUB  
ANTARES CAVING CLUB  
AVON & SOMERSET C. C. CAVING SECTION  
AVON OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CLUB  
AVON SCOUTS  
BARNET CAVING GROUP  
BRADFORD POTHOLE CLUB  
BRISTOL EXPLORATION CLUB  
BURTON VENTURE TRUST  
CADLEY HILL CAVING CLUB  
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CAVING CLUB  
CARDIFF UNIVERSITY CAVING CLUB  
CARN BREA MINING SOCIETY  
CAVE DIVING GROUP (WELSH SECTION)  
CHEDDAR CAVING CLUB  
CHESTERFIELD CAVING CLUB  
COTHAM SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
CUMBRIA AMENITY TRUST MINING HIST. SOCIETY  
DAN-Y-DARREN CAVING CLUB  
DERWENT MOUNTAINEERING CLUB  
DEVON MINERAL MINING CLUB  
DUNSTABLE CAVING CLUB  
EARBY MINES RESEARCH GROUP  
EAST ESSEX CAVING INSTRUCTORS TEAM  
EAST SUSSEX SCOUTS CAVING TEAM  
ERIC CAVING CLUB  
ESSEX COUNTY SCOUT CAVING TEAM  
FERRETS SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
FROME CAVING GROUP  
GAGENDOR CAVING GROUP  
GORPHWYSFA CLUB  
GREATER LONDON SOUTH CAVING COMMITTEE  
GROSVENOR CAVING CLUB  
HAMPSHIRE SCOUTS (HANTS SCOUT CAV. CLUB)  
HARSTON CAVING CLUB  
HARWELL EXPLORATION GROUP  
HEWLETT PACKARD CAVING CLUB  
HORSESHOE BAT GROUP  
INTL. SOCIETY FOR SPELEOLOGICAL ARTS  
JACKPOT CAVING GROUP  
JOINT SERVICE MOUNTAIN TRAINING WING  
KEYHOLE CAVING CLUB

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CUMBRIA OUTDOORS  
DAVE EDWARDS & ASSOCIATES  
DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL YOUTH SERVICE  
DEVON ADVENTURE TRAINING  
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EDALE YOUTH HOSTEL ACTIVITY CENTRE  
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KINDER CAVING CLUB  
KINGSBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
KINGSDOWN AND OUTS  
LAKELAND CAVING GROUP  
LANCASHIRE UNDERGROUND GROUP  
LIMESTONE CAVING CLUB  
LINCOLN SCOUTS CAVING CLUB  
MASSON CAVING GROUP  
MILTON KEYNES GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE CAVING CLUB  
NORTHERN ENGLAND MINES EXPLN. GROUP  
NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY CAVING CLUB  
OGOFEYD JEUNESSE  
PEAK DIST MINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PEAK LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY  
PEGASUS CLUB NOTTINGHAM  
PLYMOUTH CAVING GROUP  
PRINCE'S TRUST ACTIVITY CENTRE  
ROLLS ROYCE CAVING CLUB  
RUBBER DUCK CAVING CLUB  
SCOUT COUNCIL FOR WALES CAVING GROUP  
SEAL GUIDES CAVING CLUB  
SHROPSHIRE CAVING & MINING CLUB  
SLOUGH MOUNTAINEERING CLUB  
SPELEOLOGICAL UNION OF IRELAND  
STROUD SUBTERRANEAN RAMBLERS  
SUBTERRANEA BRITANNICA  
SUBTERRANEAN CHIROPTERIST GROUP  
SURREY YOUTH CAVING GROUP  
SWALEDALE OUTDOOR CLUB  
SWINDON SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
TAUNTON CAVING CLUB  
TAVISTOCK & DISTRICT OUTDOOR ED. FORUM  
THE FRIENDS OF DRAKELOW TUNNELS  
THURROCK ADVENTURE CLUB  
TOBY CAVING CLUB  
TORNE VALLEY CAVING CLUB  
TRIDENT CAVING CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH CAVING CLUB  
VIKING/ICENI EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT  
WAYA CAVING CLUB  
WEST MIDDLESEX CAVING CLUB  
YORKSHIRE RAMBLERS CLUB  
YORKSHIRE SUBTERRANEAN SOCIETY  
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