



DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of DCA Council Meeting, 13th. Feb. 2010, Monyash Village Hall

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| Present: | Officers: | Bob Dearman [BD] | Chairman (Eldon P.C. & Ind. Memb) |
| | | Terry Jackson [TJ] | Vice-Chairman (Ind. Memb.) |
| | | Jenny Potts [JP] | Secretary/Treasurer (Orpheus C.C. & Ind. Mem.) |
| | | Dave Webb [DW] | Conservation Officer (Masson C.G. & PDMHS) |
| | | Peter Mellors [PM] | Legal & Insurance Officer (Ind. Memb.) |
| | | Paul Lydon [PL] | Publications Off. / Newsletter Editor (Orpheus C.C.) |
| | | Chris Broome [CB] | Asst. Sec. / Planning Liaison (Masson C.G.) |
| | Club Reps.: | Eldon P.C. | (Bob Dearman) |
| | | Masson C.G. | Dennis Jump [DJ], (Chris Broome) |
| | | Orpheus C.C. | Boyd Potts [BP], (Paul Lydon) |
| | | PDMHS | (Dave Webb) |
| | | Technical Spel. Gr. | Wayne Sheldon [WS] |
| | Ind. Membs.: | Bob Dearman, Terry Jackson, Peter Mellors, Jenny Potts, (Wayne Sheldon), Karen Slatcher [KS] | |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / ESTABLISH QUORUM:

- 1.1 **Apologies received from:** Officers: Christine Wilson (Asst. Cons. Off.), Iain Barker (Access Officer), Jules Barrett (Equipment Officer), Martyn Grayson (Projects Officer), Nigel Atkinson (Training Officer).
Associate Member: Burton V.T. (Graham Marshment). Individual Members: Mike Pilling, Dave Wall.
- 1.2 The meeting was quorate with 7 Officers present.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING: (31 Oct. 2009: circulated previously and on DCA website.) *That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.* Prop. B.Potts, Sec. T.Jackson. **Agreed unanimously.**

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 3.1.a 3.1.b.i **Sheffield Cliffhanger 2011 and Peak District Outdoor Activities Festival:**
Cliffhanger was on the w/e 3/4 July. JP had contacted Nigel Atkins who was willing to oversee ladder climbing and SRT activities. The YHA "cave" would not be available and it was considered money could be better spent building our own "artificial cave" than funding transport of the Mendip-built SpeleoOlympics to Sheffield. JP would contact the Cliffhanger organisers and confirm that DCA would be putting on a stand/display. She would also check with NA to confirm that he was available on the 3/4 July weekend. **Action: JP, NA**
- 3.1.b 3.1.b.i **The Peak District Outdoor Activities Festival** was taking place over 2 weeks at the end of April with an introductory day in Buxton at which some activities would be "showcased". JP had explained to the organisers that people wanting to try out caving would need to contact professional instructors because of insurance. She understood Nigel Atkins was organising some activities during the 2-week period. **Action: NA**
- 3.2 3.1.b.ii **Building a DCA "artificial cave":** Dennis Jump produced sample drawings of simple and relatively cheap "artificial cave" elements which would be suitable for children to use at Cliffhanger. It was agreed that DJ would mastermind the building of the "DCA cave" with help from BD and possibly also Martyn Grayson. **Action: DJ, BD, MG**
- 3.3 3.2 **Sale of Manifold/Hamps Cave Conservation Audit:** JP reported that this was now being sold at the Peak District Mining Museum. It was suggested that posters advertising the publication and sales details might be put up at outlets in the Manifold Valley. **Action: JP**
- 3.4 3.4 & 8.2 **DCA Handbook:** Dealt with at the AGM under item 13.1.b. **Action: TJ, JP, PL**
- 3.5 5.2.a.ii & 8.6 **Paper pulp dumping:** Samples of the materials dumped needed to be collected for analysis and areas where it had been dumped should be reported to DW. **Action: All, DW**
- 3.6 5.2.b.ii **Knotlow:** It had been reported by Ralph Johnson to JP that the work required in Knotlow had been completed by the Coffin Dodgers.
- 3.7 5.2.b.iii **P8 Bolts:** The 2010 AGM had agreed that these bolts were to be left in situ. (See 2010 AGM Minute 6.8.b.)
- 3.8 5.4.i **Holme Bank Chert Mine:** Iain Barker was aware of the problem. It was suggested that he, BD and Martyn Grayson might look at the situation and suggest a solution if one was required. **Action: IB, BD, MG**
- 3.9 5.5.i **Ashford Marble Mine tape damage:** The tape needed to be checked; DJ offered to help. **Action: DW, DJ**
- 3.10 5.6.i **Winnatts Head Eco-anchors:** JP had circulated details of the placements in Information Circular 2009/4 and they had also appeared in The Derbyshire Caver no. 130.
- 3.11 5.6.ii **Plate Hangers on Garlands Pot in Giants:** Jules Barrett and Nigel Atkins were looking into this. JP would check. **Action: JP, JBa, NA**
- 3.12 6.4 **BCA Legal & Insurance setup:** Being dealt with by JP.
- 3.13 8.1 **Election of Officers at DCA AGM:** Dealt with. (See AGM Minute 7.)
- 3.14 8.3 **Giants Hole payment installation:** Agreed leave this to the cave owner.
- 3.15 8.4 **Cascade Cavern Lid:** BD would check the situation. **Action BD**

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

Next meeting will be Council Meeting on 26th. June 2010.

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 1.53pm.

J.Potts, Recorder