



British Caving Association

Minutes of BCA Council Meeting, 24th. March 2007, Baptist Church Hall, Alvechurch

Present: Mick Day [MD] BCA Chairman
David Cooke [DC] BCA Treasurer
Simon Froude [SF] BCA Secretary
Elsie Little [EL] BCA Conservation & Access Officer
Andy Pryke [AP] BCA Equipment Officer
Les Williams [LW] BCA Publications & Information Officer; BCA Webmaster
Jenny Potts [JP] Derbyshire Caving Association Secretary/Rep.
Idris Williams [IW] Club Rep. Shropshire Scouts
Steve Holding [SH] NAMHO Rep.
Chris Jewell [CJ] CHECC Rep.
Boyd Potts [BP] Club Rep. Orpheus C.C.
Damian Weare [DW] Individual Member Rep.
Stephen King [SK] Individual Member Rep. / CSCC Secretary
Bernie Woodley [BW] Club Rep. SWCC
Sue Mabbett [SM] Cambrian Caving Council Rep.
Bob Mehw [BM]
Clark Friend [CF]
N.M.Davies [ND]

1. Chairman's Welcome:

MD welcomed members to this Council Meeting immediately following the BCA AGM. J.Potts agreed to act as Recorder.

2. Apologies:

Apologies had been received from: Graham Mollard [GM] BCA Training Officer; D.Judson [DJ] BCA Legal & Insurance Officer; Glenn Jones [GJ] BCA Membership Administrator; Nick Williams [NW], BCA Insurance Manager; Emma Porter, Jim Cochrane

3. Minutes of Previous Council Meeting (13 January 2007): *(Previously circulated and on website.)*

SK pointed out that the reference in item 5.7 should be to GJ, not GL. *Agreed.*

SK queried the reference in 8.2.a: the last sentence of the 2nd. paragraph. *Agreed the Minute is a correct record of what was said.*

Agreed unanimously, subject to the amendment to item 5.7, that the Minutes were a correct record.

4. Dates for BCA Council Meetings for 2007/8:

4.1 **BCA AGM for 2008:** Noted that the date had been agreed as Saturday, 5th. April 2008.

4.2 **Council Meeting dates agreed as:** Saturday, 9th. June 2007,
Saturday, 13th. October 2007,
Saturday, 5th. January 2008.

All BCA AGM and Council meetings to be held at Alvechurch Baptist Church Hall, starting at 10.30am.

5. Appoint / Co-opt Additional Officers for 2007/8:

The following appointments/co-options were agreed:

Youth Development Officer: Chris Jewell,
Insurance Manager: Nick Williams,
Radon Working Party Chairman: Clark Friend,
Rope Test Officer: Bob Mehw,
Handbook Editor for 2007-08 Issue: Damian Weare,
Newsletter Editor: Jim Cochrane,
International / U.I.S. Rep.: Andy Eavis,
Publication Sales Officer: Jenny Potts,
Cave Registry Co-ordinator: Dave Cooke.

6 Any Other Immediate Business arising from the AGM:

6.1 Treasurer's Business:

6.1.a **Appointment of Auditor:** DC asked if he could investigate the appointment of an Auditor nearer to where he lives. *Agreed.*

6.1.b **High Interest Accounts:** DC had investigated deposit accounts which could be used to hold subscriptions funds and which would give a high rate of interest. He recommended the Standard Life Account as being suitable, bearing in mind our requirements. Funds could only be moved from this account into a nominated BCA current account, which would require two signatures to withdraw funds.

Agreed unanimously that DC should set up a new account with Standard Life; Treasurer, Chairman and Insurance Manager to be the signatories.

6.1.c Existing HSBC Accounts:

- i. **Confirmed that there was a need to appoint new signatories to the existing HSCB accounts in line with election of post holders at the AGM immediately past.**
- ii. **Further confirmed that the signatories to the existing HSBC Accounts should be:**
Membership/Insurance Account: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Insurance Manager.
No 1 Account: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.
Training Account: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Officer.

6.1.d BCA Computer: IW stated that Pat Ramsden has the BCA Computer formerly used for Training Administration, which is no longer required for that purpose and, being now surplus to requirements, has to be disposed of.

Agreed unanimously that Pat Ramsden should be offered the computer free of charge if she wanted it.

6.2 Try Caving:

6.2.a BCA Stand: CJ stated that he will contact various organisations which had expressed interest in having a BCA stand at their events, having seen the artificial “cave” and BCA stand in action at the Outdoor Show. These will be dealt with on a case by case basis as appropriate, bearing in mind that we would not be able to use the “cave” as seen at the Outdoor Show, but alternative BCA stands could be set up.

6.2.b Scout Caving: Following approaches from Scout groups at the Outdoor Show, IW agreed that he would deal with compiling lists of Scout Caving Groups, who may be able to offer help, and co-ordinating approaches from other Scout groups who wanted to try caving as an activity.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Jenny Potts, Recorder. 30th. March 2007