

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

British Caving Association

Agenda for Committee Meeting 12th September 2015, Hellifield Village Institute, 9:30am

Items in red have been added to the agenda approximately three weeks before the meeting

- (1) Apologies for absence
- (2) Acceptance of minutes from the June Committee meeting (these have already been through the one month review process before making public on the website).
- (3) Any matters arising from the June Committee meeting?
- (4) Officer's reports (will be made available approx one week before meeting)
 - a. Chairman's report – Roy Holmes
 - b. Secretary's report – Matt Ewles
 - c. Treasurer's report – Glenn Jones/Pete Bann
 - d. Conservation Officer's report – Kay Easton
 - e. Training Officer's report – Dan Irving
 - f. Access Officer's report – Johnny Latimer
- (5) Meets Secretary's reports (will be made available approx one week before meeting)
- (6) IC Anchor Discussion and proposal

At the June meeting Andrew Hinde (Gritstone Club) put forward a proposal which was seconded by John Holloway (ULSA). The following is the quote from the minutes.

Lyndon Easterbrook asked why the CNCC is using two anchors when one might be better than the other. Andrew Hinde proposed that the IC anchor should be considered the anchor of choice for the CNCC on conservation grounds (smaller hole and easier to remove). John Holloway seconded this. Martell Baines said she believed that the two anchors had their own merits and that the IC anchor was best for use in small spaces. Pat Halliwell said that the decision for the CNCC to endorse the IC anchor in preference to the Bolt Products anchor was a major decision and would be best adjourned to a future meeting. It was agreed that this proposal will be moved to the next committee meeting.

As the exact wording of the proposal was not captured (the minutes paraphrase what was said), Andrew has confirmed the exact wording we should be considering:

“That the IC anchor, as already approved by CNCC Committee and BCA E&T committee, is adopted as CNCC’s anchor of choice on conservation grounds when available.”

Andrew has clarified that there is no intention in his proposal for the CNCC to ‘outlaw’ the Bolt Products anchors; as they are available in greater number they may be appropriate for some larger projects or for occasions where the IC anchor is not available to the installers. Nor would the CNCC fail to endorse a responsible installation project that complies with all other CNCC expectations, just because the BP anchor is being used. However, the CNCC might, if this proposal is accepted, ask or encourage (but not enforce) installers to use IC anchor for their future planned projects on the grounds of the conservation benefits of this anchor.

The meeting will need to reconfirm that this proposal is seconded (now that further clarification of the intended scope of the proposal is available) and vote whether to accept it.

Please consider this proposal within your clubs.

(7) Date of AGM 2016

The AGM date for 2016 has been advertised as 26th March 2016. Although no objections to this date were raised at, or in the week after the AGM this year, it has since been raised that this is actually Easter Saturday. This could potentially compromise attendance and prove an unpopular date.

We should discuss whether it is best to amend the date.

(8) Additional proposal for consideration

The following proposal has been submitted by Andrew Hinde (Gritstone Club):

“That CNCC officers approach the Instructed Caving organisations/practitioners and invite them to consider the formation of a joint CNCC/Instructed Caving Liaison Group”

This would mirror the Peak Instructed Caving Association which works to mediate on any conflicts between instructed caving and the membership of the Regional Caving Council. CNCC has had poor communications with instructed caving in the past and this is an opportunity to work together in the interests of all northern cavers.

(9) Date and time of future meetings

Next meeting: Committee meeting 16th January 2016 (draft agenda due 5th December)

(10) Any other business?