

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

British Caving Association

Agenda for Committee Meeting 8th July 2017, Hellifield Village Institute, 9:30am

- (1) Apologies for absence
- (2) Acceptance of minutes from the January Committee meeting (these have already been through the one month review process before making public on the website).
- (3) Any matters arising or updates on action items from the January Committee meeting?

Reminder of action items from January meeting:

Individual(s)	Action item
Matt E.	Issue October meeting minutes as final with the two noted changes.
Tim A.	Keep CNCC Officer/Committee informed of progress regarding combined access agreement for Leck/Casterton/Ingleborough and if completed, make efforts to get Langcliffe Hall Estate to join the agreement (ongoing action carried over from previous meeting).
Andrew H.	Keep CNCC informed on any progress with Fairy Holes access agreement (ongoing action carried over from previous meeting).
Bob M, Ric H.	Work together to test the draft guidance for access controlling bodies about risk assessments using Birks Fell Cave as a test case. Report back to future Committee meeting when ready.
Bob M, Matt E.	Bob to email full details of BCA constitutional amendments to Matt. Matt to circulate to all full members to canvass opinions and place this on the agenda for the AGM on 11 th March.
Matt E.	Issue warning on website about abandoned ropes in Simpson Pot.
Matt E, Simon W, et al.	Work together to create a CNCC-organised scheme for the systematic inspection of resin anchors.

Additionally, a few action items from the AGM, on which the Committee should be updated:

Matt E.	Contact BCA Insurance Manager to seek liability assurance statement regarding the CNCC having a dedicated anchor scheme and coordinator. Contact BCA E&T to request Damian Weare is recognised as a trainer
Simon W.	Subject to go-ahead from Matt E regarding statement from BCA E&T about liability, make necessary arrangements to proceed with sourcing anchors.

(4) Reports (will be made available approx one week before meeting)

- a. Chairman's report – Andrew Hinde
- b. Secretary's report – Matt Ewles
- c. Treasurer's report – Pete Bann
- d. Conservation Officer's report – Kay Easton
- e. Training Officer's report – Maz Holloway
- f. Access Officer's report – Tim Allen
- g. Other representative reports (optional) - Various
- h. Meets secretary reports (optional) - Various

(5) Confirmation of co-opted positions and representatives

This agenda item is a discussion and vote on whether to endorse the continuation of each of these co-opted positions within the CNCC. Nobody has indicated any desire to step away from their role.

Ingleborough/Ayghill permits – Geoff Whittaker

Leck Permits – Andrew Farrow

Penyghent Permits – Sam Allshorn

Casterton Permits – Hannah Walker

Stump Cross/ Robinson's/Birks Fell/Fairy Holes Permits – Ric Halliwell

Excalibur Permits – Matt Ewles

Bowland Permits – Tony Brown

Webmaster – Gary Douthwaite

Representative to the BCA – Nobody currently serving this role

Representative to the BCA E&T and Anchor Coordinator – Simon Wilson

(6) Discussion about the CNCC name

Tim Allen has suggested this as an agenda item for discussion:

"The question of whether to change the name of the Council of Northern Caving Clubs has come up a few times in recent years but has never been fully discussed. I suggest that with new faces and perhaps a look towards the future of caving in our region now is a good time to have that discussion. The name should reflect what we are which is 'the representative body for caving in the north of England' and I don't think the Council for Northern Caving Clubs does that very well. I realise that from within caving, and within the CNCC in particular, people may not see much need for change but I don't feel that the name reflects well on us especially with outside bodies. Rather than being the narrow group who administers access to caves for its member clubs we need to be seen as a wider group who does much more - and we are heading in that direction. We should develop wider relations, not just with landowners but with other organisations and authorities. To the outside I feel we come over as unrepresentative of all caving, are we a group of clubs only? In my dealings with outside individuals and bodies I sense that the title Council of Northern Caving Clubs is not as well received as it should be. Clearly the main problem with

the title is that it suggests we are a 'Council of Clubs' which represent, and control if you like, aspects of northern caving. Personally I also see the word 'Council' as being a little old fashioned. Whatever any new name should be would be part of discussions and voting, so far I have heard Council of Northern Caving, Northern Caving, Northern Caving Association, or even Pride in Northern Caving suggested - I'm sure there are others."

(7) Date and time of next meeting

Committee meeting Saturday 14th October 2017, Hellifield Village Institute, 9:30am

(8) Any other business?

Tim Allen to provide verbal update on 'New to Caving' website.