

# COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

## British Caving Association

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Agenda for Annual General Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Hellifield Village Institute, 10:00am

**Reminder: All voting representatives of full member clubs must bring a letter of authentication. This should identify the bearer as the accepted voting representative of the club and should be signed by a club officer. This letter may be provided electronically in advance.**

(1) Apologies for absence

(2) Applications for full membership

Two applications for full membership have been received this year:

- a. Durham Cave And Mine Club ([www.durham-cmc.co.uk](http://www.durham-cmc.co.uk))
  - i. Proposed by North York Moors Caving Club
  - ii. Seconded by York Caving Club
- b. Cave Diving Group Northern Section
  - i. Proposed by Bradford Pothole Club
  - ii. Seconded by Yorkshire Subterranean Society

Statements to support these applications will be circulated separately to full member clubs. Representatives of both clubs have been invited to the meeting to answer questions. A vote on whether to accept them as full members will be held. If successful, these two new members will gain immediate voting rights for agenda item 3 onwards.

(3) Acceptance of minutes from the 2015 AGM (draft available on website)

(4) Any matters arising from 2015 AGM

(5) Officer reports (to be online approx one week before the meeting)

- a. Chairman's report
- b. Secretary's report
- c. Treasurer's report
- d. Conservation Officer's report
- e. Training Officer's report
- f. Access Officer's report
- g. Any other reports received

(6) Discussion and vote on constitutional amendment section 3b

See separate document for draft constitution with amendment to section 3b.

This single amendment will be voted upon separately to all others. Currently the CNCC has an arrangement with the Council of Higher Education Caving Clubs, the Speleological Union of Ireland (SUI) and the BCA Training Committee that allows them to apply for CNCC permits, despite them not falling under the classification of CNCC associate or full member.

The CNCC Committee has previously agreed to this for these organisations following historic confirmation of suitable insurance arrangements in lieu of BCA member club status.

This amendment is to ensure no constitutional deviation is made through these agreements (and has come to light specifically after the recent CHECC agreement).

This constitutional amendment has been suggested by the CNCC Secretary, proposed by the Northumbrian Speleological Group and seconded by the Northern Boggarts. At the January Committee meeting it received the support of 11 of 12 voting representatives.

(7) Discussion and vote on all other constitutional amendments

See separate document for draft constitution with amendments.

With the exception of 3b, all constitutional amendments have been suggested following a motion by the CNCC Committee in 2015 to create an 'opening' for an individual caver to serve on the Committee to represent the needs of those caving outside of a traditional club structure. This Individual Caver (IC) representative would be elected by all Direct Individual Members of the BCA at the CNCC AGM, and would be entitled to one vote on the Committee in addition to the 10-14 votes of Committee clubs. The aim of this is to ensure that those caving outside of a club structure feel better represented and more engaged with CNCC activities.

These constitutional amendments have been suggested by the CNCC Committee, proposed by the Northern Boggarts and seconded by University of Leeds Speleological Association (ULSA). At the January Committee meeting they received the support of 10 of 12 voting representatives.

(8) Election of CNCC Committee for the year 2016-2017

The CNCC requires between 10-14 clubs to comprise the Committee.

All full member clubs were asked in Autumn to consider whether they would be interested in standing for CNCC committee, and encouraged if so to provide notification of their intention to do so by the deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> January (this is a requirement of the new constitution we accepted last year). Notifications received within this time are shown in **Appendix A** and any statements provided to support these notifications will be circulated separately to full member clubs.

(9) Election of CNCC Officers for the year 2016-2017

- a. Chairman
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer
- d. Conservation Officer
- e. Training Officer
- f. Access Officer

Notifications of intentions to stand (by the 9<sup>th</sup> January deadline), are shown in **Appendix B**. Statements supporting these notifications will be circulated separately to full member clubs.

(10) Countryside Rights of Way (CRoW) Act update

After another eventful year, a verbal update on relevant news regarding CRoW will be provided by the BCA CRoW Liaison Officer.

(11) Any other business?

## **Appendix A**

### **Committee Elections**

The 2015 Committee and their figures for Committee meeting attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meetings with voting reps present (out of 3)</u>
Bradford Pothole Club	3
Burnley Caving Club	3
Craven Pothole Club	3
Earby Pothole Club	3
Gritstone Club	3
Lancashire Underground Group	2
Northern Boggarts	3
Northumbrian Speleology Group	2
Over and Under Caving Club	0
Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club	3
University Of Leeds Speleological Society	3
White Rose Pothole Club	3
York University Cave and Pothole Club	3
Yorkshire Subterranean Society	3

Clubs which have provided notification of intention to stand for CNCC Committee 2016

Listed in chronological order of notification receipt, earliest to latest:

Re-standing:	Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club
Re-standing:	Yorkshire Subterranean Society
Re-standing:	Northern Boggarts
Re-standing:	Bradford Pothole Club
Re-standing:	Craven Pothole Club
Re-standing:	Gritstone Club
Re-standing:	York University Cave and Pothole Club
Re-standing:	Burnley Caving Club
Re-standing:	White Rose Pothole Club
Re-standing:	University of Leeds Speleological Association
Re-standing:	Over and Under Caving Club
New applicant:	Northern Pennine Club
Re-standing:	Earby Pothole Club

All statements provided to support these notifications will be separately circulated by email.

## **Appendix B**

### **Officer Elections**

No applications or expressions of interest were received with regard to the Officer roles from any individuals who are not currently serving Officers.

The following individuals provided notification of their intention to (re)stand:

**Chairman:** Roy Holmes (re-standing)

**Secretary:** Matt Ewles (re-standing)

**Treasurer:** Pete Bann (re-standing)

**Training Officer:** Dan Irving (re-standing)

**Conservation Officer:** Kay Easton (re-standing)

**Access Officer:** Johnny Latimer (re-standing)