

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

Notice/Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

The 1991 A.G.M. of the C.N.C.C. will be held on Saturday 9th March 1991, in the Workshop of the Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton, commencing at 2.0pm.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 1990 AGM, previously circulated
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Officers reports : Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Access and Conservation Officer
Assistant Secretary
5. Meets secretaries reports : Birks Fell/Mongo Gill
Penyghent/Fountains Fell
Leck Fell
Pippikin/Link
Casterton Fell
6. Constitutional amendments : None proposed
7. Election of officers and committee
8. National Caving Association representative's report
9. Any other business
10. Next committee meeting

Item 7 - see over

Item 7. Election of officers and committee

Chairman - R.Myers prepared to stand again

Secretary - No nominations

Treasurer - D.Shepherd prepared to stand again

Conservation/Acess Officer - A.Hall prepared to stand again

Assistant Secretary - Position vacant and no nominations

Current committee - Association of Nidderdale Troggs

Bradford Pothole Club

Burnley Caving Club

Dent House Speleological Society

Lancashire Underground Group

Northern Pennine Club

South Ribble Caving Club

Yorkshire Subterranean Society

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Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 9th March, 1991 at the
Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton, chaired by R. Myers.

Present : P. Allright (DHSS), P. Beeston (SRCC), D. Bilsborough (SRCC), B. Bond (Burnley & CRO), C.J. Danilewicz (NPC), T. Flanagan (UKLF School), R. Holmes (DHSS), B.M. Hunt (EPC), D. Leonard (ANT), E. Leonard (ANT), S. Marshall (BPC), P. Morgan (EPC), R. Myers (CPC), P.H. Parker (WRPC), J. Potts (Orpheus), I. Scott (YSS), D. Shepherd (EPC), S. Simpson (SRCC), L. Sykes (LUG), S. Sykes (LUG), Robert ? (SRCC)

Apologies : P. Ramsden (NCA rep)

Minutes of 1989 A.G.M. : Previously circulated, approved.

Matters arising : None

Officers Reports :

Chairman - R. Myers gave a brief run-down of the year stating that, in general, it had been a quiet period.

Secretary - P.H. Parker presented a written report.

Treasurer - D. Shepherd presented the balance sheet and income & expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 1990 which showed a surplus of £1379 for the year and an overall balance of £3361. He advised the meeting that outstanding costs for the year might reduce the balance but that with 1991 subscriptions now coming in the current balance stood at about £4000. The year's income had included two years NCA grants. The item for 'Repairs' was for the material costs for the work carried out at Magnetometer and Gavel Pots. RRCPC had submitted an assessed claim for £80 for costs incurred in connection with administering the Casterton Fell access agreement. The 'claim' letter stated that if the money was reimbursed an equivalent value donation would be made to CRO. It was agreed that DS would check that allowance for these costs had not been made in P. Muckalt's expenses and if this was so would pay the claim. The report was approved unanimously.

C & A Officer - A. Hall was not present and no written report was available. A question from the floor queried the fact that the Handbook had still not been updated.

Assistant Secretary - Position vacant.

Meets secretaries reports :

Birks Fell/Mongo Gill - Written report presented.

Pen-Y-Ghent & Fountains Fell - Written report presented by SM.

Leck Fell - C.J.Danilewicz's year had, once again, been quite peaceful. Shooting dates had caused the cancellation of 6 permits.

Future bookings were running at the usual high level.

RM commented on reports that the estate gamekeeper is acting in a fairly high-handed manner with people he suspects of being cavers in the area without permits.

Pippikin/Link - P.Muckalt not present and no written report available.

Casterton Fell - As for Pippikin/Link.

Constitutional amendments : None proposed

Election of officers and committee :

The following persons and clubs were proposed and seconded and in the absence of any other nominations were duly elected.

Chairman - R.Myers (CPC)

Secretary - No nomination

Treasurer - D.Shepherd (EPC)

A & C Officer - A.S.Hall (RRCP)

Ass.Secretary - No nomination.

Ordinary committee - Association of Nidderdale Troggs, Bradford P.C., Burnley C.C., Dent House S.S., Lancashire Underground Group, Northern Pennine Club, South Ribble Caving Club, Yorkshire Subterranean Society.

N.C.A. - P.Ramsden sent a written report in which he noted the happenings of the past year, and offered his services as N.C.A. representative for a further year.

Any other business :

(a) The matter of Speleological Union of Ireland membership of C.N.C.C was discussed. It was felt that the constitution did not allow for membership by a national body of another country but that there was nothing to stop Irish clubs applying for C.N.C.C. membership in the normal way.

(b) Durham application for membership rejected as the proposing club is not a member of C.N.C.C.
Dafor Pothole Club application for membership accepted.

(c) R.M. raised the matter of Grampian Speleological Group and their problem of obtaining grant aid for the renovation of a building for a new club hut. It was agreed that C.N.C.C. should support them in any way possible.

Next committee meeting - Friday 26th April 1991 at The Golden Lion in Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

R. Myers Chairman.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 1991 A.G.M.

The last twelve months has seen a continuation of the apathy that dogs any caving related matter other than the actual action of going caving. The burden of dealing with all these 'other matters' has, as usual, been dealt with by those who can appreciate that a certain amount of interaction is needed with those who are either outside the local region or who are not, themselves, cavers. The meetings have been attended by the same old 'faithfull few', and this will no doubt continue until some major problem arises at which point the woodwork will disgorge several score of 'know-it-alls' - such is life!

Despite the fact that by some miracle none of the potential problems have got anywhere near boiling point the secretarial workload has increased with piles of paper coming from all directions. This situation has been kept more-or-less under control but does not show any signs of abating. The membership lists continue to fluctuate and Dave Shepherd will, no doubt give you details of the paid-up membership. My current club distribution list, which includes those who were paid-up members for 1990 but have not yet stumped up for 1991, totals 126 names.

I believe that clubs/associations etc. benefit from a regular change of personel in key positions as this leads to the introduction of new ideas, thoughts and perspectives. Therefore having occupied the secretarial chair for three years, and being under some considerable pressure in my daytime occupation, I have decided not to stand for re-election to the post of secretary.

P.H.Parker.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE N.C.A. TRAINING &
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES TO C.N.C.C. AGM - 9/3/1991

TRAINING / EQUIPMENT - Much discussion on 8mm bolt anchors at BCRA and Ingleton, has not yet produced a consensus. The best system for the future would appear to be a glued in resin anchor. The 8mm self drill anchor, though less strong, has not been failing from lack of strength - rather the problem is stripped threads, which can usually be detected when tightening. The answer for safety is good rigging - i.e. shared loading of bolts to minimise shock loading.

The Bolt Seminar pre-empted a CNCC Training Event, though others have taken place elsewhere. For the future, money is available for CNCC or individual clubs to run Caver Training events. Don't let this opportunity pass - contact me or the NCA Training Co-ordinator, John Cliffe at 45, Gwernyfed Avenue, Three Cocks, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0RT. Equipment has been purchased to be used for Caver Training events.

A well-attended seminar on the C.I.C. Scheme was held in November. The Training Officer's post is vacant and the Training Committee has proposed Robin Sermon.

EXECUTIVE - All meetings are now held centrally at Stafford. Treasurer Alan Rogers' untimely death left the NCA in a difficult situation. A suitably qualified person is urgently required as NCA Treasurer.

A new and improved insurance scheme is available through BCRA.

Any questions on Radon should be addressed to the Radon Working Party rather than Local Authorities.

The NCA Structure Working Party will report to the NCA AGM on 16/3/1991 on the result of the questionnaire and other comments. Undoubtedly poor communications have been responsible for many criticisms of the current structure, with the need to go from caver to club to regional council to NCA and back again. I have suggested that some individual representation on NCA could alleviate problems. Representation from constituent bodies is no guarantee of regional views without in-depth consultation, which in fact almost never takes place. It seems that Cambrian CC is prepared to drop out of NCA if there are changes to the present system. The report of the Working Party was written by the NCA chairman, Mick Day, since the final meeting had to be cancelled because of snow. This seems to be a compromise which incorporates representation from individuals and clubs.

I am willing to continue as your representative on future NCA committees.

Paul Ramsden.

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PENYGHENT AND FOUNTAINS FELL REPORT

1990/1991.

The year has been a fairly quiet one, looking back at previous years.

The breakdown of applications is as follows.....

PENYGHENT POT..... 33

LITTLE HULL..... 26

HUNT POT.....9

MAGNETOMETER POT...18

DALEHEAD POT.....13

WASHFOLD POT.....3

GINGLING HOLE34

HAMMER POT.....16

ECHO RIFT..... 1.

The above applications are shared between 42 different member clubs.

Incidents in the area have been thankfully few and far between.

An incident took place in Little Hull Pot; the unfortunate cavers had their ropes removed by an unknown couple....not a pleasant prospect considering the cavers were still down the pot!!!

Tentative negotiations are under way with the Nature Conservancy Council regarding Washfold Pot. A new permit is being issued for the moment and it is hoped that the permit system can be relinquished altogether given the small number of clubs (3 this year!) who in their wisdom wish to go down. No complaints have been received from the landowners or representatives so far, and regular personal contact seems to pay dividends.

Inquiries have been made by a member club regarding permits for Sell Gill Hole and the matter is being taken up with the farmer in question.

All in all what would appear to have been a quiet year, so far, the only gripes being clubs not sending s.a.e.'s and those who persist in asking for fifty permits and sending the smallest envelope that they can find!!

STUART MARSHALL. *Stuart Marshall*

7/3/91.

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Meets Secretary's Report for Birks Fell & Mongo Gill

General

This is my second years as access controller and I know of no problems regarding access to Mongo or Birks Fell.

Birks Fell

The National Trust have made no comment on the working of the Access agreement to date. For the record I have continued my predecessor's tradition of giving statistics of past years permits. The downturn in numbers which he recorded in 1988 continued into 1989 and 1990 but the trend may be changing with 33 bookings already made for 1991.

1977 - 32	1981 - 50	1985 - 46	1989 - 32
1978 - 35	1982 - 47	1986 - 55	1990 - 25
1979 - 40	1983 - 52	1987 - 44	
1980 - 41	1984 - 63	1988 - 28	

Average number per year for the last 10 years - 44

Mongo Gill

No access problems to report. Again the trends identified previously have continued with an increase in midweek bookings from just under 50% in 1988 to just over 60% in 1989 and over 65% in 1990. However although the number of bookings is increasing the number of different organisations making the bookings is decreasing. Some 53% of the bookings, all mid week are made by the UK Landforces School of Adventurous Training. For 1991 there are currently 12 bookings with 5 of these being midweek.

1981 - 28	1984 - 44	1987 - 29	1990 - 38
1982 - 39	1985 - 24	1988 - 36	
1983 - 30	1986 - 28	1989 - 38	

Average number per year for the last 10 years - 33

Ric Halliwell

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The Council of the Northern Caving Clubs

Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st December, 1990.

Income

Subscriptions	2447
Building Society Interest	155
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	2602

Expenditure

Room Hire	4	
Insurance	150	
NCA Subscriptions	211	
Printing/Stationery	53	
Officers Expenses	188	
Travelling Expenses	40	
Audit	46	
Emergency Telephone	172	
Repairs	279	
Sundries	80	
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		1223

Surplus

1379

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1990

Assets

Cash at Bank	1015	
Nat. & Prov. Building Society	-	
Britannia Building Society	2876	3891
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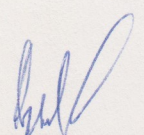
Liabilities

Subscriptions paid in advance	485	
Creditor	45	530
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		£ 3361
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Accumulated Funds

Balance Brought Forward		1982
Surplus		1379
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		£ 3361
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Dated:

5th March, 1991.

Present:

- ③ Russell Myers Chairman (Craven Pothole Club)
 20 S. Sykes Lancashire underground group
 19 L. Sykes "
 11 Stuart Marshall - B.P.C.
 5 TONY FLANAGAN Rep. U.K.L.F. School. (Ripon)
 7 R. Holmes, D.H.S.S.
 1 Pete Allough D.H.S.S.
 18 S. Sumpster SRCC
 2 PETER BEESTON SRCC
 3 DAVID BICKSBOROUGH SRCC.
 Robert Imell SRCC
 10 Elaine Leonard A.N.T.
 9 David Leonard ANT
 12 PETER MORGAN E.P.C.
 5 CJ DANILEWICZ NPC (Lock Fell Secretary)
 15 Terry Potts Orpheus C.C.
 14 Phil H. Parks W.R.P.C.
 8 B.M. Hunt EPC
 17 D Shepherd EPC
 16 Ian Seditt Y.S.S.
 4 B. Bond Burnley C. Club / C.R.O.