

ENGE ANNUAL REPORT

1995



COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

The CNCC A.G.M. will be held

on 18.02.95 at 10.00 am.

at The Ingleton Community centre

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of 1994 A.G.M. (previously circulated).
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Officers reports:
 - 1) Chairman
 - 2) Secretary
 - 3) Treasurer
 - 4) Access and Conservation officer
 - 5) Legal representative
5. Meets secretaries/Access areas:
 - 1) Leck
 - 2) Casterton
 - 3) Birks Fell/Mongo Gill
 - 4) Penyghent/Gingling/Hammer
 - 5) Other Areas
6. Applications for Membership.
7. Constitutional amendments. See note 1.
8. Election of officers and committee. See note 2.
9. NCA report.
10. A.O.B.
11. Date and place of next meeting.

Item 8: Election of officers and committee.

Chairman: R. Myers, prepared to stand again.

Secretary: L. Sykes, prepared to stand again.

Treasurer: G. Jones, prepared to stand again.

Access and conservation: P. Parker, prepared to stand again.

Assistant secretary: A. Bolton, prepared to stand again.

Current committee:

Association of Nidderdale Trogs. (resigned, position vacant)

Bradford pothole club, .

Burnley caving club.

Dent house speleological soc.

Red Rose cave & pothole club.

Porky potters caving club.

Yorkshire Subterranean soc.

Notes:

1. The relaxation of clause 4.2 in certain circumstances.
2. The appointment of a training officer/co-ordinator.

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS
MINUTES OF THE 1995 A.G.M.
18.03.95 AT THE INGLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Meeting commenced at 10.20 am.

PRESENT: R. Halliwell(CPC), J. Sloane(LUG), A. May(NSS), S. Brown(PPC), D. Mc. Donald(PPC), M. Lancaster(PPC), S. Hindle(PPC), K. Conroy(PPC), P. Stickland(PPC), S. Chalker(RUCC), C. Bailey(RUCC), R. Holmes(DHSS/CRO), A. Speight(YSS), A. Bolton(YSS), A. Hodgson(RRCPC/GSG), J. Harland(ACC), G. Jones(WSG), P. Ramsden(FTA), D. Hardy(FADDS), G. Knott(FADDS), T. Nicklewaithe(FADDS), P. Heywood(BCC), M. Lowe(DUG), I. Woolley(DUG), D. Leonard(ANT), L. Sykes(LUG), P. Allwright(DHSS/CRO), G. Barber(PP/EN), R. Myers(CPC/CHAIR), P. Parker(WRCPC).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

B. Bond, C. Danilewicz, P. Muckalt, P. Halliwell.

MINUTES OF THE 1994 A.G.M.: Unanimously agreed upon, and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

SECRETARIES REPORT: See attached report.

TREASURERS REPORT: See attached report, circulated at meeting, proposed L. Sykes, seconded A. Speight, as a true and accurate account.

ACCESS & CONSERVATION OFFICERS REPORT:

Report read out at meeting by P.P. No problems in general, N.C.A. document on conservation, held up by regional bodies, due out in May 1995. Mendip cavers have set up a company called 'The Charterhouse Co.' to purchase G.B./Charterhouse sites from the Bristol water Co. Leck Fell, 598 metres of fencing for pots erected by the Estate has cost us £1 per metre. This was previously approved in principle. Lost pot/Box head pot, needs stabilising with scaffolding. Starter Handle hole, the complaints from English Nature and the Estate have almost been resolved. Casterton Fell, no further approach has been made on the access organisation. Regarding the conservation group, no further interest has been shown. L.S. suggested a conservation field day, would English Nature be interested in organising a course?. G.B. recommended Ingleborough as a possible site. G.B. was asked to sound out the possibilities of English Nature organising a course, or session. Northern Caves Vol. 3, L.S. Noted that the access information for Easegill is incorrect, outdated information has been used.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: Nothing to report, B. Henry was not in attendance.

LECK FELL

See attached report, Please note secretaries new address, C. Danilewicz, 8 Grasmere road, Gledholt, Huddersfield, HD1 4LH.

CASTERTON FELL

No report given, B. Bond questioned the whereabouts of the memorial plaque which was attached to the County pot stile, fallen down? It may be in the possession of A. Hall, A.H. to investigate.

BIRKS FELL/MONGO GILL

See attached report, work on North Shaft entrance agreed to be done by C.P.C. and Y.S.S. Still no access to Stump Cross Caverns, mud being the problem.

PENYGHENT/GINGLING/HAMMER

See attached report.

PLEASE NOTE: Clubs MUST sent a S.A.E. with permit requests, NO S.A.E. NO
REPLY.

OTHER AREAS

Nothing to report, However L.S. mentioned Wemyss cave, a sandstone cave in Scotland (see Descent 91) which has been suffering from dumping, vandalism, and sea erosion. Smeaton Pot was also mentioned, where quarrying is destroying existing cave, but, opening up a new cave as well. Negotiation and monitoring is taking place on both these issues at present.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Padiham Potholing Club. Prop: Pegasus C.M.C. Sec: A.N.T.	Accepted.
Chesterfield Caving Club. D.C.A. member	Accepted.
Down & Out Speleo Soc. Prop: P.P. Sec: N.S.G.	Accepted.
Fylde & District Speleo Soc. Prop: L.U.G. Sec: D.H.S.S.	Accepted.
Glouster Speleo Soc. C.C.C. member	Accepted.
Hewlett & Packard Caving Club. C.S.C.C. member	Accepted.
Matrix Training. Prop: F.T.A. Sec: P.P.	Accepted.
London Uni Caving Club. Prop: C.U.C.C. Sec: Y.S.S.	Accepted.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A lively discussion ensued regarding the overseeing of new member clubs by existing member clubs, where the new club have previously had no caving connections. They need an approachable C.N.C.C. club(s) to refer to for prop/sec. ect. R.M. suggested the retention of the status quo on this matter. plus the recommendation of a member club to refer to. A. Speight, thought it would be useful to get them to join C.N.C.C. as associate members, and then see how they progressed. G.B. noted the importance of responsible caving should be stated. P.P. added that the proposing by member clubs of new clubs, should be conscientiously observed. R.M. called for a declaration of competence, and observation of agreements as being advantageous. L.S. was for 'care taking' by a near (location) club, as opposed to declaration. R.H. suggested that we draw up a pool of member clubs willing to shepherd new clubs. The consensus was for a pool of supervisory clubs.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

All were re-elected on block agreement.
Airedale Caving Club were elected to the ordinary committee, there is still a vacant position, no response.
The appointment of a Training Officer/coordinator was put forward by L.S. No firm decision was made at this stage of the meeting.

N.C.A. REPORT

See attached report. After a discussion it was decided to co-opt P. Ramsden to the position of Training coordinator for the duration of the coming year. If this is to continue as a fixed position then a constitutional amendment will be required. All were in favour of this move, with a remit to ascertain the duties and look out for a replacement in the future if required.

A. O. B.

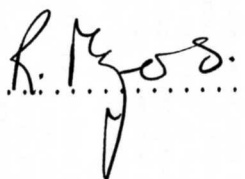
R.H. suggested the setting up of a cave registry (nationally) L.S. told him that D.Irwin was already engaged on this. R.H. mentioned the setting up of rescue dumps beyond sumps. this will be considered with the appropriate paper work being produced. P.P. told of the B.C.R.A. idea for a National Speleological Centre, to be funded from the National lottery millenium fund money.

DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

19.05.1995 at 20.00 (8pm.) The chairman to coordinate a venue.

The meeting closed at 13.30. (1.30pm.)

Minutes taken, compiled and written by: A.BOLTON Assistant secretary.

Sign as a true record..........Chairman

Clause 4.1. Application for membership must be proposed and seconded by member clubs before being considered by the committee, except in the case of clubs that are already members of another regional council.

There are occasions when the members of new clubs have not known personally officers/officials of other clubs, therefore the procedure of proposing and seconding clubs has been a problem. I am unwilling to print out lists of local clubs for new clubs to contact for obvious reasons. In the past I have either attended their club meets or vice versa, this sometimes became impractical. I therefore wish this meeting to consider an alternative for these occasions.

NEWSLETTERS

The C.N.C.C. newsletter is produced as sent out to all member clubs, plus any person or organisation requesting it. It is produced in order to keep cavers informed of any changes to access and any other information that may be useful in the pursuance of caving. The information is not being passed on the cavers of some clubs, this is evident by some of the phone calls I receive. The C.N.C.C. has been criticised in the past for lack of information, PLEASE PASS ON THE INFO BEFORE YOU BIN IT.

N.C.A. EQUIPMENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

I have attended two equipment committee meetings during 1994, the primary reason being the re-bolting of caves with ECO/RESIN hangers. I have presented the reports of two sets of test results regarding the hangers, these results have also been documented in the C.N.C.C. newsletters. Various discussions have taken place about the need of proof testing individual hangers, to which I object, but, prefer a more practical solution of test pulling a test hanger in an adjacent bed of limestone close to the installed of the descent and egress of caves.

The N.C.A. rope testing program is well under way with recent results published in Speleoscene, however, more samples are required. These samples should be sent to Owen Clarke details in C.N.C.C. newsletter 5/94.

The agenda for the A.G.M. is enclosed with this report, the C.N.C.C. is the regional body for caving in the north of Britain, it is there to represent you and your club, I urge all clubs to send a representative to the meeting, at least have your say on matters that may effect your club and members.

Les Sykes

Hon. secretary.

02.01.95

CLIMBING PROGRAM & MAINTENANCE

During 1994 the re-bolting work has continued, not as many systems as originally planned were completed, this was mainly due to weather and equipment problems. Caves re-bolting or nearing completion are: Sunset Harddrawn pot, Pillar holes, Juniper Gulf, Lost Johns, Notts pot hand route & twilight zone, Calf holes, Fall & Stake pots, Marble pot, Rumbling hole.

The secretaries report to the last committee meeting the maintenance of the caves is well under way and it is anticipated that all the hangers in re-bolting caves will be by the end of 1995 of had their bi-annual test.

It is unfortunate that I have to mention the fact that their are still unknown placing Petzl long life and other types of belay points in caves. This/these person(s), I presume must cave independently of the C.N.C.C. member club and be totally oblivious to what is happening with hangers in caves. These hangers are being removed as and when the is re-bolting.

CLIMBING GUIDE No. 2

It is intended to publish the second rigging guide in late 1995, some caves will be repeated, but, with an additional route(s) Eg. (Notts pot inc. re route, left hand route, twilight zone)

The next two items seem to be getting away from the basic principal of the C.N.C.C. as solely an access organisation, this comment I accept, but, I think others feel that it is an area that the regional body for caving should be involved in.

TRAINING OFFICER/CO-ORDINATOR (also ITEM 8 NOTE 2)

It would like this A.G.M. to consider the above post, this would not be a training post, but could be with a constitutional change. Training events have taken place, because on the whole, they require time to arrange and set. The present officers time is already consumed with the day to day running of the C.N.C.C. Creating this new post will hopefully generate the rest and provide some much needed training events. The training officer/co-ordinator would only be responsible for the organising, co-ordinating and running of training events and the loan of the S.R.T. equipment & items from the equipment pool.

T. & EQUIPMENT POOL

It is my intention to apply for grant aid to purchase a number of S.R.T. items and other items of essential equipment. These items would be available to loan to C.N.C.C. member clubs, for the training of novices and cavers wishing to practise S.R.T. before venturing onto ropes underground. The equipment would be the responsibility of the Training officer/co-ordinator, obviously no liability would be attached to him/her for mis use or care of the equipment. The responsibility for the equipment's safe use suitability for use would ultimately lie with the leader who loans the equipment.

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LECK FELL SECRETARY'S REPORT 1994-1995

1. A total of 225 permits have been issued for access to Leck Fell during the nine months during which the Fell is open. This contrasts with 198 permits issued during the 1993-1994 open season. A breakdown by day and month is attached.
2. No days have been lost to grouse shooting.
3. I have been informed of only one case of the land owner showing concern due to exploration activities. This has been dealt with by the Access and Conservation Officer.

1994/1995

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
July	1	0	1	1	2	10	10	25
August	2	0	0	0	0	8	8	18
September	0	1	1	1	3	8	8	22
October	1	0	2	1	1	10	10	25
November	1	4	2	3	0	8	8	26
December	3	7	2	6	4	8	6	36
January	0	3	3	7	3	5	8	29
February	2	1	3	3	0	8	8	25
March	0	0	1	2	0	8	8	19
	10	16	15	24	13	73	74	225

1993/1994

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
July	0	0	0	2	1	10	8	21
August	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	17
September	0	0	0	3	1	6	7	17
October	2	0	0	1	3	9	10	25
November	0	0	1	5	2	8	8	24
December	2	3	4	5	4	6	6	30
January	0	0	0	1	2	10	9	22
February	0	0	1	2	0	8	8	19
March	0	0	5	2	0	8	8	23
	4	3	11	21	13	72	74	198

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PENYGHENT AND FOUNTAINS FELL...

MEETS SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1994/1995.

Due to family commitments I am unable to attend the A.G.M.
so please accept my apologies.

This year has been relatively quiet with no particular
problems as far as access and the relevant landowners are
concerned.

A complaint was received regarding shooting on Fountains
Fell while a meet was in progress. Mrs. Coates had no
knowledge of the incident*but did comment that they couldn't
hit the grouse so were not likely to hit cavers either!!

Dalehead Pot was the subject of a number of trips during
1994 to transport scaffolding and do some preparatory work.
Interest decreased as other caving trips suffered and I last
visited the pot just before Christmas. The situation has not
changed and I believe that a major digging exercise is
still required to stabilise the entrance shaft.
Due to a bad back injury I shall not be caving for the next
couple of months or so and am therefore unable to do any
further work in the near future.

With regard to training and purchasing of SRT gear for use
by member clubs I am not sure whether personal training is
within the pervue and/or constitution. One view would be
that member clubs are responsible for the adequate training
of their own individual members, and as such are elected to
membership of CNCC. Whilst appreciating the long term ideas
behind the proposal, the liability and constitutional
requirements and implications to CNCC would indicate that
this proposal should be avoided...(just a personal point of
view!!)

CLUB TRIPS BOOKED FOR 1994/1995. (so far!).

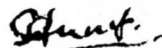
PENYGHENT POT.....	33
GINGLING HOLE.....	27
HAMMER POT.....	14
LITTLE HULL POT.....	26
HULL POT.....	1
WASHFOLD POT.....	4
HUNT POT.....	6
ECHO POT.....	1
PSILOMELANE POT.....	1
TOTAL TRIPS.....	151.

Member Club Secretaries still seem to be avoiding the CNCC
Handbook and as a result numerous requests are made for
Fountains Fell outside the open/closed season and results in
a lot of abortive paper work - this also includes Member
Clubs who have not paid subscriptions for the appropriate
year of permit requests!

I am willing to continue being Meets Secretary for the
coming year unless anyone has a burning desire for the post!

My apologies again for not being able to attend the AGM,

Regards and best wishes,



Stuart Marshall.

CNCC AGM - TREASURERS REPORT, 18th February 1995.

The attached Accountants' Report* summarises the accounts and financial transactions of the CNCC upto 31st December 1994. Whilst not intending to duplicate the accountants report, I feel it necessary to explain some items contained in the report.

ASSETS

Debtor; £474.00.

This sum was claimed from the NCA for training expenses for the year ending 31st Dec '94. The amount has now been received and paid into the account.

Payments in Advance; £330.00.

This sum, being the CNCCs' subscription to the NCA for '95, was paid to the NCA during the year ending 31st Dec '94.

LIABILITIES

Subscriptions Paid in Advance; £730.00.

This sum represents subscriptions to the CNCC, from member clubs, paid in 1994, for the 1995 membership year.

editors; £138.25.

This represents the cost of the Accountants Report (£58.75), which will be paid from the '95 accounts and an invoice from Alti (£79.50), received in December, which was paid in January 95.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME to the year end 31st December was; £3,681.55

and was made up of;

Subscriptions; £2,648.00
Handbook Sales; £104.61
Rigging Guide Sales; 742.30
Resin sales; £81.40
Interest; £105.24

EXPENDITURE to the year end 31st December was; £2,834.04
and was made up of amongst other things;

NCA Subscriptions ('93 & '94); £670.00
Rigging Guide printing costs; £120.70
Other Printing/Stationary costs; £513.94
Resin and ECO hanger purchase; £505.27

NET SURPLUS £847.51

From the above it can be seen that the cost of purchasing resin and ECO hangers (£505.27), plus the expenses incurred in producing the ECO Hanger Rigging Guide (£120.70*), a total of; £625.97

are offset by income generated from the Rigging Guide (£742.30) and the sale of resin (£81.40), a total of; £823.70.

The balance of the two accounts as at 31st December 1994;

Community account; £624.38

High interest account; £6,379.74

Given that the CNCC's overall operating costs are more than adequately covered by the current level of income, I can therefore see no reason to request a raise in the level of CNCC subscriptions, for member clubs, for 1996.

I am prepared to stand as Treasurer for the next 12 months.

Glenn Jones

Treasurer of CNCC

*Due to recent government guidelines to accountants, an 'audit' is now a far more thorough and wide ranging document which costs several hundred pounds. On the recommendation of the Accountant, an Accountants' Report, verifying the financial transactions of the CNCC and it's treasurer, is deemed to be adequate for the CNCC's purpose.

*The sum of £120.70 for rigging guide expenditure is believed to be true, although prior to June '94, expenditure entries for printing did not always specify if the printing was for handbook or rigging guide production. An accurate assessment of income versus expenditure for the ECO resin hanger program will be available for the '95 AGM.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1994.

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	6966.62
Debtor	474.00
Payments in Advance	330.00
	<u>7770.62</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Subscriptions Paid In Advance	730.00
Creditors	138.25
	<u>(868.25)</u>
	<u>6902.37</u>

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance Brought Forward	6054.86
Add Surplus for the year	847.51
	<u>6902.37</u>

Accountants' Report

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the annexed accounts from the accounting records of The Council of Northern Caving Clubs and from information and explanations supplied to us.

John Spence

Sandbach.

Chartered Accountants.

17th January, 1995.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994.

INCOME

Subscriptions/Grants	2648.00
Handbooks and Rigging Guides	846.91
Resin	81.40
Interest Receivable	105.24
	<u>3681.55</u>

EXPENDITURE

Subscriptions	670.00
Printing/Stationery	518.94
Officers Expenses	162.40
Accountancy Fees	58.75
Repairs	375.84
Room Hire	7.50
Resin	505.27
Telephone and Postages	432.42
Sundry Expenses	73.50
Petrol	28.50
Bank Charges and Interest	.92
	<u>2834.04</u>
	<u>847.51</u>

Net Surplus