

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

BRITISH CAVING ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting

To be held at Hellifield Village hall on 16 October 2009

Starting at 20:00

AGENDA

1. Apologise for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matter arising from the minutes
4. Officers reports
 - Chairman's report
 - Secretary's report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Conservation officer's report
 - Training officer report
 - Technical group report
5. Meets secretaries reports
 - Leck Fell
 - Casterton Fell
 - Birks Fell
 - Penyghent & Fountains Fell
 - Other areas
6. BCA report
7. Any other business
8. Date and place of next meeting

To be held at Hellifield Village hall on 15 January 2010

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CNCC secretaries report CNCC Committee meeting 05 June 2009

All items that are to be reported are covered in other reports

CNCC Access Officers report

Leck Fell

Both Jim and I attended a meeting with the Estate managers Smiths' Gore on 30 March 2009. We had a very productive meeting with the Estate managers and seemed to reach a considerable amount of common ground and understanding. The issues that we raised were; increased parking to accommodate both walkers and cavers, no closed season based on the grounds of the countryside rights of way act. The new entrance to Nott's Pot, including fence work and entrance stabilisation. The Estate manager took the proposals to Lord Shuttleworth who sanctioned the new entrance to Nott's Pot. Dismissed the increase parking to accommodate cavers and walkers and said that the closed season could go, if we were prepared to pay for access. I explained that CNCC will never condone paying for access especially land designated as open moorland and which by virtue of the act allows us access. The Estate is keen for CNCC to administer the access for caves on their land in Barbondale. We had loosely agreed to this, however, in light of the refusal to consider the closed season, CNCC will not be administering the access to Barbondale. I would however suggest that all clubs write to the Estate office requesting permission to bog them down in paperwork and increase the operating costs of the Estate. That way it will not cost us money but it will cost them money.

I have spoken to the Estate managers since the meeting they had with Lord Shuttleworth, and I was promised a letter outlining what he (Lord Shuttleworth) had agreed to, however to date they have not sent that letter.

Duchy of Lancaster Estate

I have been contacted by a member of a CNCC club concerned at a couple of cavers proposed actions at this site. I did explain that CNCC could not interfere in the club politics and that it must be resolved in the club. Hopefully the club representative will give us an update. I would like to bring to the attention of an interested party the minutes from the last meeting section headed Access Other Areas.

CNCC Technical Group

At the last BCA Equipment Committee meeting the revised version of the Anchor Installation Procedures that Glenn Jones, Bob Dearman and I had been working on were accepted. There will now be an anchor installer's revalidation course on 06 June 2009 and soon after that date an initial anchor installer's course. Even though the meeting accepted the revised version,

CSCC are probably going to vote to reject them. This rejection will be on the grounds that all anchors records will be kept in the region in which they were placed these records will be maintained by the Regional co-ordinator and their assistant (Glenn and I for CNCC). The CSCC representative wants all anchor records and location of anchors on pitches to be published on the web so everyone can see where the anchors are. Both Glenn, I and DCA are apposed to this; our main concern is that sales of the CNCC rigging guide will be affected and that publishing all anchor locations on the web actually serves no meaningful purpose.

Training officer report

Well as you expected I haven't done anything. But, I have put together a document looking after your caving equipment which will be going onto the CNCC web page soon. I do intend to co-ordinate a training weekend next year. I would like to offer places to CNCC full member clubs free. But, I do need volunteers; there is money available from BCA so there can be some remuneration for cavers with specific skills/qualifications. Any comments on the training event are welcome.

Les Sykes

CNCC secretary, CNCC Access Officer, CNCC Training Officer