



Council of Northern Caving Clubs

Secretaries report 16 October 2009

Secretary's report

From a secretarial perspective there is very little to report. This is however a generally quiet time of year.

Access Officers' report

Voldemort Pot. The entrance is still closed and I am waiting for a final decision from the diggers as to an opening schedule. There is some concern over the formations and there are some conservations issues to be resolved. However, the biggest problem is the Estate office who when approached initially seemed very helpful, but have not spoken to us for over six months. They read the emails but don't reply. The only course of action open to us at the moment might be to knock on the office door.

Excalibur Pot. All the work is now complete and the explorers York University have been talking to the farmer about access. We are currently in what would be the closed season and we are using this period to finalise the arrangements and write an access agreement. Hopefully, when the season opens we will have all the facets in place and club visits can start. A representative from York University will be acting as meets secretary for the cave.

Whitewell Pot. The proposed work is now complete and I would like to thank on behalf of the CNCC Tony Brown and everyone who has worked on the project.

CNCC Technical Group

Anchors have been placed around the shaft at Jingling Pot. The route from the small gully gives a pleasant access to both the bottom of the shaft and the Lateral Cleft.

All the topos for the new volume two has been drawn. We are currently in the process of checking them for accuracy and putting the descriptions and general information together. I had originally hoped that it would be finished by this time and on sale, but as with everything it always takes longer than you expect.

BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee

Since the last meeting there has been a change of convenor. Bob Mehew stood down on the grounds of health and Glenn is currently the caretaker convenor. Depending upon BCA council ratification and no other nominations, the convenor for the next period will be Les Sykes.

In November 2008 both myself, Glenn and Bob Dearman (DCA) were tasked with a review of the anchor installation guidelines. This was completed in March 2009 and agreed by the BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee. However, all but one regional council accepted the document (CSCC). Although not in general circulation because it is the trained installer guidelines, and only trained installers get a copy. I would like the CNCC committee to adopt the procedures; a copy is available for viewing should any one have any concerns.

Training Officers report

Currently I have done nothing on this and I can only apologise. But, I do intend to have a training weekend during the summer of 2010. As I mentioned at the last meeting, I cannot do this by myself, so if there are any club training persons out there who want to get involved, or have any ideas please get in touch.

Les Sykes

CNCC secretary

CNCC Training Officer

CNCC Access Officer

CNCC co-representative BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee

CNCC Council Meeting: October 16th 2009

Treasurers Report

Financial Status as of 16th October 2009:

Current Account: £264.36

High Interest Account: £12,665.74

CNCC Rigging Guide: The initial batch of 200 has now been sold, and we are now selling from the second batch of 200 (version 2/2009 - with typo's removed and an additional route in Rowten)

Cave Rescue Manual: There are 17 remaining from the original 50 purchased. I have been approached by a well known seller of caving books, who may be prepared to buy them off CNCC for the cost price that CNCC bought them for.

Natural England Cave Conservation Works: Two further NE payments are in the pipeline: Ireby Fell footpath (£360.00) and Gunnerfleet clean up (£480.00)

BCA Issues:

- I am still waiting for an update on the CNCC claim for 2008 – *update:* 2008 payment now confirmed (£707.24)
- BCA are creating a further category of club membership, the CIM Plus. Club members electing to be a CIM Plus member will receive the same benefits as a DIM (Publications and an option to join BCRA), but they will still have their membership managed via their club.
- Hidden Earth 2010 will be in Leek, September 25th 26th.

Glenn Jones – CNCC Treasurer