

# COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

## British Caving Association

### Agenda for Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 9:30am

- 1) Apologies for absence.
- 2) Acceptance of minutes from the June Committee meeting (these have already been through the one-month review process before being made public on the website).
- 3) Any matters arising or updates on action items from the June Committee meeting?

#### **Reminder of action items from June meeting (with update in red where status known):**

Individual(s)	Action item
Josh Y	Finalise January Committee Minutes <b>Done</b>
Andrew H	Speak to landowner regarding potential improvements to the walls and fencing around Alum Pot.
Tim A	Put an updated Covid-19 message on the CNCC website. <b>Done</b>
Andrew H	Get in touch with landowners at Fairy Holes negotiate reopening access.
Josh Y	Ask Mark Sims if he would be willing to produce E&T reports for future CNCC meetings. <b>A volunteer has stepped forward to fill this role. Action closed.</b>

- 4) Reports (will be made available approx. one week before meeting)
  - i. Chairman's report - Andrew Hinde
  - ii. Secretary's report- Josh Young
  - iii. Treasurer's report - Ben Wright
  - iv. Conservation Officer's report- Kay Easton
  - v. Access Officer's report - Tim Allen
  - vi. Training Officer's report - Ian Patrick
  - vii. Other reports (optional): Webmaster/BCA rep/E&T rep/Y&D rep/Anchor Coordinator
  - viii. Meets Secretaries reports (optional)

#### 5) Covid-19

This agenda item is an opportunity to discuss any issues relating to the ongoing pandemic and its impact on caving in our region.

We would specifically like to hear from all club representatives. How much has the pandemic affected your club so far and can you give a prediction for how much it is likely to affect activities over the next year. How have your club huts been impacted, not just for the clubs who run them but also for those that use them and rely on them for accommodation.

#### 6) IC Anchors

ULSA submitted three formal proposals to be considered.

1. The CNCC consider the formal quotes and decide whether or not to purchase a further batch or two of IC anchors. This is to provide a viable stock reserve.
2. The CNCC acknowledges the effort and increase in knowledge that Simon Wilson has contributed to the design of the IC anchor and resin bonded anchors in general. CNCC thus request a copy of the text and images from his website to be incorporated into the CNCC's own website to ensure a permanent record of this effort.
3. The CNCC considers renaming the IC anchor to become the Wilson anchor.

ULSA states that Simon and other installers are aware of these proposals.

#### 7) University Caving Advice

Rob Watson, training officer for CHECC, has produced a resource document for university caving clubs to refer to, when planning and undertaking student trips in the Dales (document available alongside this agenda). This was produced in response to specific requests for such a resource from various, mainly Southern based, university clubs.

The proposal is that CNCC provide a link to this resource on their website. Some laminated copies will be available at the CHECC tackle store at Bull Pot Farm but university reps have suggested to CHECC that having the information online on the CNCC website would also be a good thing.

Item submitted by ULSA

#### 8) Trespass

The laws on trespass are currently subject to a Home Office consultation, with proposals that could see trespass transformed from a civil offence to a criminal offence.

This agenda item provides the opportunity to discuss this potential change, the impact it may have on caving in our region, and whether the CNCC should take any action.

Further discussion of this issue and links to other organisations' stances on the matter were publicised through the CNCC's social media, including the news feed on the website.

Item submitted by ULSA

9) Confirmation of Coopted E&T Rep

Mark Richards has offered to fill the role of co-opted representative to the BCA equipment and techniques committee. This is an opportunity for Mark to answer any questions and for him to be confirmed by the committee.

10) Grassington mines conservation project

The Grassington Mines Appreciation Group would like financial support for a conservation project in the Dales. It is planned for a representative to attend the meeting, so the committee will be able to ask for more details on the project and what support is being requested, to inform decisions on any actions the CNCC takes going forward.

11) Date and time of next meeting

Committee Meeting Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Hellifield Village Institute, 09:30 am.

12) Any other business?