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Minutes of a Committee Meeting Held on 26-7-49.

There were present. The Chairman, Hon Treasurer, Hon Sec, G. Applegate, L. Devenish, N. Gardner, P. Harvey, H. Kenney, J. Thomson and M. Withey. J. Wilken sent his regrets at his inability to attend.

1/ The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and on the suggestion of the Chairman the name of the actual club was inserted in the place of a "certain" caving club in paragraph 4.

2/ There was no application for membership of the club

3/ The Hon Treasurer reported that there was a balance in hand of £09-12-11, but it was mentioned that £15-10-0 was due for the rent of Hillgrove and Pastwater Hut. The Hon Sec pointed out to the meeting that the rent of the latter £3-10-0 compared very unfavourably with that of the B.E.C. H.Q.'s which was only £1. per year. L. Devenish was asked if he would pay the rent of Pastwater and at the same time ask Mr Weekes if he would be willing to accept a lower rental. The figure of £2 being suggested.

4/ The Hon Secretary reported that H. Stanbury had contacted and informed him that a story was being spread on Mendips that Swildons was to be closed owing to the risk of water pollution. Norman Gardner suggested that the Society for the Preservation of Rural England be approached as it was quite likely that they would know if there was any intention to prevent access to caves by the bodies controlling the water catchment areas. The meeting decided to follow up the matter and instructed the Hon Sec to keep in touch with Stanbury.

5/ N. Gardner gave the meeting a resume of the suggested contents of the next circular, and it was decided to include particulars of the following events.

Sackle fishing, Cheddar district caves, Barrington caves, Mine shafts, Water diving field day, and the A.M.P.M.

P. Harvey suggested some members may be interested in his trip to South Wales.

6/ The Hon Secretary reported that a firm had been contacted who would undertake the task of printing the badges at a cost of between 2/- « 3/-. The meeting decided to make a charge of 3/6 to members for each badge.

7/ The meeting decided that no ~~spare~~ H.O.'s gear should be removed from either Beechbanow or Easterday Hut, and permission was given to the Hon Secretary to replace any damaged or worn out cooking utensils.

The Hon Secretary suggested that the club ~~should~~ could purchase a first aid kit for use of members on their forthcoming trip to France, but in view of the above decision this was turned down and G. Applegate offered to provide kit for the party.

8. The Hon Secretary read the club's existing rules and the amendments suggested by John Wilkins and himself. The former was instructed to prepare a list of these existing rules plus any suggested amendments, and this to be circulated to members before the A.G.M.

9 Howard Kenney told the meeting that the owner of the land at Hillgrove suggested that it would be better if there was an agreement between them and the W.C.C. in addition to that between them & the M.N.R.C.

G. Judge