

MINUTES OF THE 315th. COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WESSEX CAVE CLUB HELD AT U
PITTS ON 5/ 11/ 78 at 10; 15 a.m.;

(i) Election of Chairman.;

Aubrey Newport was proposed by Rob H. sec by Rich W.
Passed unanimously.

(ii) Apologies for absence:

Received from.....D. Morrison
B. Hansford
R. Stevenson

(iii) Chairmans opening remarks:

The main point made was that all the members of the committee should be conversant with the procedures e. g. Lamb Leer access etc. and sales etc. so that the club could be run more efficiently than in the past.

(iv) Minutes of the 314th. comm. meeting;

These were taken as read and had been circulated previously There were no alterations and the Hon Sec signed them rather than the Chairman as he was not present at the last meeting.

(v). Matters arising from the minutes:

(a). Handbooks.....still pending.

(b). Tackle:

(1) Loss: Following the discussion at the A.G.M. it was decided to adopt the scheme of having a small amount of ladders easily available, which would be numbered and should be booked out in the normal way Any tackle requirements over and above this would have to be acquired via a comm member.

5 ladders was deemed to be the amount left out, and if these go missing during the year they will not be replaced.

(ii) Sub comm: Aubrey asked if the tackle sub comm. was still in existence and told it was!

(iii) Total How much tackle the club needed was discussed. Aubrey is to look into how much money is available and Jeff is to assess present stock.

(iv) Yorks; The comm. approved the idea of a tackle depot in Yorks for trips in the North but to wait until we have enough ladder. Carry forward

(c) Journal & Public's: - Material now being collected for Dec., Oct. journal now ready to be done. Ron's staff ^{problems} have now been resolved so the journal may be out more regularly in future.

(d) Donation to Spanish Rescuers: - Carol said that Jim Harwell had indicated that the MRO were not too keen on accepting the money, also some of the people who donated the money did not want it to go to the MRO. Jim suggested sending it to the Pres. of the Nat. Spel. Soc. in Madrid and asking him to use it as he saw best. Carol to see to this.
It was pointed out that the fund stands at £11, (£10 from Adrian VDP. and £1 from Phil. Hendy), the comm. agreed to make the total up to £25.

CN

(e) Sales: -

(i) Shirts: - Nearly all gone. Rob. to write to Brian about ordering some more.

RH

(ii) Ammo-cans: - Stocks a little low espec. the large sizes, Aubrey to try and get some more & Quackers to phone about a source of supply.

AN
MD

(iii) Nifes: - Still some of the handsets left are not going at all well.

As regard the new cells Rob is to contact Ian Jepson about his source of supply.

RH

Aubrey suggested and the comm. agreed that in future the club should only buy complete sets which can then be converted to the Nicad system.

(iv) Boots: - Last order has arrived. Rich to put up new list on board & Carol to pay the last bill.

RW
CN

(f) Sludge pump: - still waiting to hear what Mike T's cost Rob to contact Ian J. Carry forward.

RH

(g) Ian's Residence: - A letter has been received from Alan Mills complaining about long-term residents at the hut, several members have also expressed concern about this to members of the comm. As planning permission was given and the rates are assessed on the basis of non-permanent occupation of the hut, the comm. felt that it had no objection to people staying at U.P. for a month or so in the event of an emergency or while searching for new accomodation but that permanent or long-term occupation was not to be permitted. Rob is to send a letter to Ian J. about this and to A. Mills.
To be included as regular item on agenda.

RH

(h) Photo album: - John Ham to sort out.

JH

(i) Caving politics: -

(i) C.S.C.C.: - OCL has asked John Ham to see about the Lamb Leer door.

JH

Carol & Rob to check about sub with Phil. H.

CN/RH

(ii) C.C.C.: - See later

(iii) Cambrian: - d.o.

(iv) C.N.C.C.: - Still a query about our subs Jeff to sort out when and if they are due.

JP

Letter of thanks received from Durham Delete

(v) N.C.A.: - Nothing to report.

(j) A.O.B.:-

- (i) A.O.N.B.:- Nothing to report - carry forward.
- (ii) Shatter Cave:- No reply to query on high entry fee now closed owing to unsafe nature of cliff face above. Carry for ward.
- (iii) Thrupe:- No sign in books of repayment of loan. Rob to write to Rich Whitcombe for further details.
- (iv) B.C.R.A. :- This has still not been clarified Rob to check with Phil H.
- (v) Caving International
- (vi) Yorks caving survey
- (vii) Franking machine

RH

RH

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(vi) A.G.M. and Dinner:-

(a) Dinner:-

- (i) Bill:- This has still to be re-assessed as Rich feels that we should be getting a 10% reduction. But we have probably covered ourselves.
 - (ii) Pepper:- Frank Frost asked what we were going to do about .Rob. to put disapproval in Club News
 - (iii) 1979 Dinner:- Aubrey asked about plans for next year's Dinner. Rich willing to do if noone else Rich to ask Barry Davies to help.
- Quackers suggested change caterers rest of comm. felt were O.K. and anyway few of the others would have us.
Suggestions for G of H. next time.

RW

RH

RW

(vii) Matters arising from AGM and Dinner:-

(a) AGM:-

- (i) Reports:- Frank Frost felt and the comm. agreed that it would be a good idea if each member of the comm. who held a post, (or even a length of fence!) should write a small report to be put in the AGM Handbook the feeling being that this might remove a lot of the need for an AOB at the AGM which would make it last about 4 days!
- (ii) Assoc. members:- There are a growing number of people who for various reasons can no longer carry on being W.C.C. members but who would like to continue to receive the Journal. It was decided that we would send them complementary journals this year and put forward the idea of associate membership as a comm. motion at the next AGM.
Rob to write to the people concerned.
- (iii) Salient points:- Agm write up in Club news

RH

RH

(viii) Upper Pitts progress:-

The AGM requestee that we re-form the hut sub-comm. but it was decided at least for the moment to let the entire comm. decide about U.P.

The comm. re-affirmed use of extens'n as exped. workshop & tackle store.

- (a) Light:- Quackers to put temp. light into extens'n
- (b) Roof trusses etc:- John Ham and Aubrey to inspect

MD

JH/AN

- (c) Main door:- John to fix JH
- (d) Bench:- to go under main window JH
- (e) Floor:- Dave to get proofing DW
- (f) Electricity:-Line down each side -double sockets between each window, strip lights & separate meter JH/AN
John & Aubrey to sort out and see MWDY
- (g) Water:-Carry forward
- (h) Lockable store area:- d.o.
- (i) Ladies dorm:-John to sort out damp problem JH
- (j) Radiator leaks:-Quackers to see to when he gets a blowlamp from Aubrey or Jeff MD
- (k) Bogs(Gents for the use of):-Aubrey to fix spring on door AN
John to tile behind sink JH
- (l) Boiler:-Tincknell's coming in a week or so to service
 - (i) Note to Tinck's to check various faults - no work, no pay
 - (ii) Quackers to organize vacuuming of boiler to stop shit getting into works and fucking things up MD
 - (iii) Guard rail to go on top to stop people drying kit MD?
- (m) Cess-pit:-
 - (i) Lid:-Cracked, Rob & Rich W. to sort out RH/RAW
 - (ii) Emptying:-John Ham to see to JH
 - (iii) Overflow:-going into Gibbon's field, he's lost a cow and a horse from that field (suicide death)
Rob & John to go and see him RH/JH
 - (iv) Soakaway:-it was decided to have a soakaway in the lawn to absorb the water from part of the hut and to stop the pit filling up so fast
John Ham to check out and make plan and report to provisional W.C.C. comm. in pub JH
 - (v) Overflow II:- leave until see effect of soakaway
- (n) Closers:-on doors to save heat Al to do AK
- (o) Tidinesscaving gear clearout once per month-Rob to put in club news - items of value redeemable from warden RH
MD
- (p) Insurance:-comm. agreed to pay extra-check small print when get policy RH
- (q) Rates:-carry forward
- (r) Signs:- "No smoking" signs to be put where can be seen MD

(ix) Treasurers Report:-

- (a) Cheques:-some now out of date owners to be asked for money check at next comm. meeting, if loss to club
?Barry Wilkinson to be held responsible?
- (b) B.C.R.A.:-want subs on bankers' order-club to pay each individual year
- (c) Sidcot S.S.S:-previous treasurers of school has left no records, present trea. wants to know what to do- Rich W. to sort out RAW
- (d) Public's fund:- £140:77p into main a/c as per AGM
- (e) Survey fund:-wants £68:20p diff to check on stocks etc.
Sales Officer to sort out RAW
- (f) Receipts:-Carol wants receipts for all payments re W.C.C. either to or from the comm. so that she can say where money is going
- (g) Hut fees:-must check that people sign and preferably pay when they arrive at the hut COMM
Hut warden to chase people for fees as per EPC MD
- (h) Sales:-Has to be separate -will have own cupboard- where Wal's is now, Wal's to go into extens'n when it is lockable -Rob to write to Wal when Extens'n is lockable NO TICK and NO I.O.U.'S RH
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- (j) Query:-Mike Holland thinks that he overpaid -Carol to check and sort out, no money back because in last year's a/c's but poss. give credit? CN
- (k) Library:-Pete & Alison want £50 for books -given £25 at moment possibly rest when books are clear & bills paid-carey forward
- (l) Unpaid members:-List to go in next journal showing members and whether are Hon/Unpaid etc.

(x) Election of Officers:-

- (a) Asst. Caving Sec:- Keith Sandersonprop: Rob.
sec: Quackers
Passed unanimously
- (b) Sales Officer:-Richard Anthea Websell ..prop: Rob.
Sec: Carol
passed unanimously
- (c) Librarians:-Pete Moody & Alison Hooper..prop: Rich W.
sec: John Ham
passed unanimously
- (d) Resignation:- comm. accepted resignation of Rich Stevenson as he is going to Zambia.
Rich. West was prop by Rob and sec. by Dave Walker to fill the post- passed unanimously
-he has already said that he will do it.

(xi) Caving Politics:-

- (a) C.S.C.C:-Nothing
- (b) Charterhouse:-We have received a letter from OCL complaining about several things with regard to G.B.- we agreed to tighten up on the issuing of permits and indemnity chits
We agreed that it is ridiculous to have to replace the locks at the rate that he is doing but feel that it is probably being done by someone who feels that all caves should be open.
He complains that someone has put a new set of bolts into the Ladder Dig after the UBSS removed theirs-comm view= what else can he expect, why were they removed in the first place-Rob to write and ask why and point out that there is someone digging in there presumably with UBSS permission who is doing quite a lot of damage to the passage RH
- (c) Gambrian C.C:-Nothing much-Rob to write to Brian Pitman to ask if he will go to the next meeting as Wessex rep. RH
- (d) C.N.C.C:-Nothing new

(xii) New Members:-

- (a) Check:- Comm asked to check on Steve and Pauline Gough and Rooss Stewart both have heard nothing since applying
- (b) Marcus Greening:- 141, NALDERS ROAD, CHESHAM, BUCKS.
prop.....Beth Yates
sec.....Barry Davies
Both gave a short refernce.
Passed unanimously
- (c) Brian Schafield:- 42, DONNYBROOK ROAD, LONDON S.W.16.
prop.....M. Duck(Quackers)
sec.....Al. Keen
elected
- (d) Clifford Dockrell:- 54, Grenville Avenue, Looking
prop. ...C.Milne
sec.....A.Hooper
not elected because of recent publicity surrounding a 24 hour "cave-in" some of which reflected adversely on the WCC- and because of inadequate refs from his sponsors -Rob to write and explain- Carry forward
- (e) Affil. Clubs:- Portchester want last year's subs to last for 78/9 as well, as they joined late in year and paid extra in hut fees while we sorted out their situation, comm agreed
N.B.:-the same applies to people elected at July meeting

(xiii) A.O.B.:-

- (a) Keys:-
 - (i) Woman who has understairs key to be asked to return it and re-apply if necc.
 - (ii) People entitled to keys:- Comm+Tackle Sub-comm. + Pete & Alison
 - (iii) Beth's key has gone to Dave Morrison
 - (iv) As so many people with keys then write diractions for issuing cave keys and permits etc out and put in cupboard -
- (b) MRO:- Hugh Pearson has resigned as Wessex warden and has nominated Bob Drake and Trevor Pullin to take over- Rob to write and ask if are willing
- (c) Typewriter:- Bob Lawder has an electric one that he is willing to sell to the WCC for sec's purposes- Rob to write and ask for tes-run bfore buying
- (d) Thefts:- Gerry Bryce informed and raedy to go
- (e) Locked boys:- Peter Gass is to be asked not to lock his schoolboys up on Sat nights because of the fire risk
- (f) Christmas Dinner:- see quackers or Al Keen
- (g) Quorum:- to consist of 5 comm. members at least one of whom should be the Hon. Sec or Asst. Sec.

Dates for next year:- Frank Frost wanted ~~once a month meetings~~ but comm decided to put in one extra before Christmas.

DATES:- Dec. 17th 1978, Jan. 14th. 1979, Mar. 10th 1979, May 6th 1979, July 1st 1979, Sept. 8th 1979 & Nov. 4rd 1979.

AGM:- Saturday 20th October 1979

Closed:- 14:20

just be sufficient had said that meetings held once a month (the past)

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