

(1) Apologies for absence:-

Received from .....Rob. Harper  
Jeff Price  
Brian Mansford

(2) Chairman's opening remarks:-

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Rich West, he emphasized the need to attend meetings and to help around generally.

(3) Minutes of the last meeting:-

Taken as read except that the committee meeting dates were altered to the appropriate Sundays and Frank Frost's comments regarding meetings were added. They were then signed by the chairman.

(4) Matters arising:-

(a) Handbooks:- Still pending

RCH

(b) Tackle:-

(i) Stock assessment NOT YET DONE

JP

(ii) Yorks store still waiting for money c/f

(iii) New tackle in stock-more to be made-Vic Wright has offered to help (~~once he has finished the first aeroplane~~) one ladder needs to be tested.

(c) Journal:- Ron has had Oct. for 2 months with nothing yet Dec. is in hand and Oct. should be out by the New Year (Ha-Ha!)-5 journals went out in 1978.-Dave suggests that we type no. 176 and send it DW to Ron for printing

(d) Donation to Spanish:- Will have gone by the next meeting-Delete

(e) Sales:-

(i) Shirts:- 20 more ordered-Delete

(ii) Ammo cans:- OK for large ones-no small ones to the suppliers but he will keep us some.

(iii) Nifes:- we have some duds among the stock but these can be changed and the replacement will be covered by the sale of the others.-new supplies c/f

(iv) Sludge pump:- c/f

(v) Residence:- Ian has received his notice along with the others and they are all making efforts to find alternative accomod'n- Rich West asked if there was any set policy and was told that any stay over 2 weeks must receive comm. approval.

(vi) Photo album:- c/f

(vii) Caving politics:- see later

(viii) AOB:-

(A) AOB.. .c/f

(B) Shatter:- CsCC hope to open this early next year-Fairy cave still open.

(C) Thrupe:- c/f

(D) BCPA:- get a copy of journal free for National Record. - Delete

(E) Keys:- John Ham is still to recover key from Sue Horton

JH

(F) MRO:- Bob Drake and Trevor Pullin have accepted Delete

(G) Typewriter:- Received from Bob Lawder-appears inadequate-DW to test- c/f

(H) Peter Gass's boys - delete

(I) Quorum delete

(k) AGM and Dinner:-

(i) Bill:- This has been amended by the caterers and paid-hall still to be paid but we appear to have broken even.

(ii) 1979:- G of H. suggested Hywell Murrell, Ken Dawe and John Wedgewood-J.W. to be contacted.

(iii) AGM Election of Off's:- **Aubrey** proposed as **Sales Officer** <sup>PUBLIC'NS.</sup> Richard Kenney sec. by Carol - passed unanimously.

(5) DEPER PITTS PROGRESS:-

(a) Temp. extension light fixed-delete

(b) Roof trusses:- not good need ties like lounge c/f AN/JH

(c) Ext. Main Door:- carry forward (about 2 feet!)

(d) Bench dismantled but not re-assembled in ext. JH

(e) Floor c/f DW

(f) Electricity in extension waiting for go ahead JH/AN

(g) WATER:- c/f

(h) Store agreed c/f

(i) Ladies Dorm:- wall needs proofing with shingle (thick felt) cost £5-£10 - comm agreed JH

(j) Radiator leaks fixed-delete

(k) Fogs c/f JH/AN

(l) Boiler:- (i) Tinknells have still to come and check faults

(ii) Vacuuming c/f MD

(iii) Guard rail c/f MD

(m) Drainage:- (i) Gess pit lid to be replaced as too costly to repair J H

(ii) Emptying only half done -enough for moment

(iii) Seakaway has been dug-estimated cost £12

(n) Closers on front door done -delete

(o) Tidiness- delete

(p) Insurance- no news- c/f

(q) Rates:- c/f

(r) No smoking signs done-delete

(s) Car park light Quackers to fix MD

(t) Roof tile missing- John Ham to fix JH

(u) Drive:- John to organize a load of stone JH

(v) Path to extension to be laid RAW

(6) Caving politics:-

(a) CSCC: (i) We HAVE paid our sub receipt given to Websell to give to Carol

(ii) Have received share certificate from Southern Caving Clubs Ltd.

(iii) Flower Pot and Hollowfield re-opening costs are prohibitive at present

(b) CCC:- (i) We have had a letter from OCL avoiding the GB issue Dave Morrison feels strongly about this and will bring up at the CSCC DM

(ii) PERMITS:- Lock broken-AL mXX Mills to be contacted to get in touch with B. Danvers of CSCC about the locking system-CSCC matter

(iii) Permits:- temporary ones needed. RAW

(c) Cambrian:- Brian Pitman to attend as WCC rep.

(d) CNCC:- Sub to be renewed on Jan 1st CN

(e) NCA:- Meetings on Mendip Jan. 1st.

(7) TREASURER'S REPORT:-

(a) Outstanding cheques:- are being paid some complaints-in Bar Barrie Wilkinson's hands

(b) BCRA:- c/f

(c) Sidcot SSS:- c/f

RAW

(d) Public's fund:- dissolved & returned to Carol-Delete

(e) Survey fund:- (i) Stock taken - Delete

(ii) Survey Fund Officer for 1979 M. Hewins prop. Dave Walker and sec JH. -

(???) voted upon ??? *unanimously passed.*

(f) Receipts:- Delete

(g) Hut fees:- "

(h) Sales etc has been done-new cupboard installed and working

(i) A/O's :- Delete

(j) Mike Holland:- c/f

CN

(k) Library:- no more money available at moment.

(l) Unpaid members:- list being dealt with

CN/AN

(m) Club a/c's:- rough figures, hut lost approx. £150 last year

if conditions stay same will lose again this year so hut fees must go up or more people must stay at U.P.

(i) Hut Bookings:- Al Keen has had 7 for 1979 so far-not enough-we may have lost customers.

(ii) We need more guests, so parties allowed increased from 8 to 12-

Hut fees 70p per night for guests a la les BEC

Casual visitors still £1:00-at hut warden's discretion.

(iii) Facilities to be advertised in 'Descent' and 'Cvaes and

Caving'

AK

(iv) Club to be more friendly to guests as they may be our future members

COMM

(8) New members:-

(a) Steve and Pauline Gough and Ross Stewart not in Journal Dave W. to sort out

DW

(b) Clifford Dockerell:- withdrawn applic'n-Delete

(c) (i) Colin Gillard, 1, Court Farm House, Hillfarrance, Taunton, Som. -elected-joint applic'n with wife but she was not elected so his sub is overpaid by £1 which will be taken as a donation

(ii) Judith Valerie Withers, Caswell Farm, Clapton-in-Gordano, Portishead, Bristol-prop. Beth Yates, Sec. A. Van der plank elected

\* (prop. R. Kenney, sec B. Prewer)

(iii) Ross Jason Stewart, 34, Wallingford Rd., Cholsey, Wallingford, Oxon. -prop F. Felstead, sec. Barry Davies-elected

(iv) Joanna Roseff applied for joint membership with Bob. Harper-prop. Phil Hendy, sec Rich Websell-not elected- we are breaking club rules to have unmarried joint members-also applies to at least 2 other couples at present-need to check up on numbers- motion for AGM if necessary... c/f

(9) AOB:-

(a) Ian Jepson wrote a letter of complaint about private mail being opened-incident discussed and condemned-Delete

(b) Plumleys Hole:- Dave Morrison wants club backing for dig to re-open-no backing by WCC unless we have control-letter sent to CSCC stating our position which was in the following agreed motion

MEETING CLOSED AT 13:40

*The WCC are in favour of re-opening Plumley's Hole. The WCC are prepared to undertake this venture either alone or in conjunction with other clubs provided that suitable arrangements regarding safety*

*H. A. Newby  
14.1.79*