



DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of DCA Council Meeting, 21 February 2008, Monyash Village Hall Immediately following the 2009 AGM

Present:	Bob Dearman [BD]	Chairman (Eldon P.C. & Ind. Memb.)
	Terry Jackson [TJ]	Vice-Chairman (Ind. Memb.)
	Jenny Potts [JP]	Secretary/Treasurer (Orpheus C.C. & Ind. Mem.)
	Dave Webb [DW]	Conservation Officer (PDMHS, Masson C.G.)
	Christine Wilson [CW]	Asst. Conservation Officer (Masson C.G.)
	Peter Mellors [PM]	Legal & Insurance Officer (Hon. Ind. Memb.)
	Frank Beasley [FB]	Chesterfield C.C.
	Boyd Potts [BP]	Orpheus C.C.
	Paul Chandler [PC]	Masson C.G.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / ESTABLISH QUORUM:

1.1 **Apologies received from:** Officers: Nigel Atkins (Training Officer), Iain Barker (Access Officer), Jules Barrett (Equipment Officer), Martyn Grayson (Projects Officer), Paul Lydon (Publications Officer). Associate Member: Burton V.T. (G.Marshment). Individual Members: Elaine Hill, Karen Slatcher, Darren Thomas, David Wall.

1.2 **Quorum:** Agreed the meeting was quorate with 5 Officers present plus the Chairman.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING: (1 November 2008: circulated previously and on DCA website.)

The Minutes were taken as read.

That the Minutes of 1 November 2008 be accepted as a correct record.

Prop. T.Jackson, sec. D.Webb. *Agreed unanimously.*

3. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:

3.1 5.2.a **DCA updated version of "Do You Dig Caves?" leaflet:** JP and DW would progress this.

3.2 5.2.d **Storage of DCA materials & equipment:** JP will continue to try to find something suitable.

3.3 5.3.b **Long Rake Carbon Monoxide problem:** It would be stated formally that there is now no access to Long Rake Mine, Bradwell for the foreseeable future.

3.4 5.3.c **Rowter Hole lid:** The matter is in Martyn Grayson's hands.

3.5 5.3.h **Peak Cavern streamway contamination:** Dealt with under item 6.4.d of the AGM business.

3.6 5.4.a **Giants Hole Access:** Dealt with under item 6.5.a of the AGM business.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Sheffield "Cliffhanger" for 2009:

JP explained what had been involved in DCA's stand and activities in 2008. We had been asked by the organisers to put on a stand again on 11/12 July 2009. Volunteers were needed to run the stand, etc. and someone to act as co-ordinator. P.Chandler offered to act as co-ordinator and liaise with the organisers; Masson C.G. would run the stand. JP would help with initial organisation and advice but would not be available on the weekend; she had already arranged with Lee Hawkswell to borrow the Speleo Olympics setup which had been very successful in 2008. JP would ask BCA to fund the transport of the Speleo Olympics setup from Mendip to Sheffield, as they had done last year.

4.2 Cumberland/Wapping:

PC queried the access situation. Noted that there was no official access agreement in force.

4.3 Resin Anchors:

BD noted that there was now a nationally agreed system for installing Eco-anchors. It was now required to agree on a national basis how often anchors should be officially "inspected" and this inspection recorded.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.25pm.

J.E.Potts, Recorder