

PWLL DU CAVE MANAGEMENT GROUP

Minutes of the AGM held at the Lamb & Fox on Sunday 18th November 2007 commencing at 11:20am

Attendees:

Elsie Little		
Chris Seal	Chelsea S.S.	Acting Chairman
Martin Laverty	G.O. Garimpieros	
Alastair Garman	Draenen Diggers	Secretary
Sue Mabbett	S.W.C.C.	Permit Secretary
Ben Lovett	Morgannwg C.C.	Conservation Officer
John Pybus	O.U.C.C.	Survey Officer
Spencer Drew		Treasurer
Rhian Hicks		Biological Recorder
Charles Bailey		Trustee

1. **Chairman** - Chris Seal to be acting Chairman for the meeting. Meeting declared quorate
2. **Apologies** – Ian Wilton-Jones, Ursula Collie, Mick Day, Chris Densham
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** - Agreed.
4. **Officer's reports**
 - a. **Secretary**
 - i. No correspondence received
 - b. **Treasurer**
 - i. SD has covered insurance out of his own money.
 - ii. **EL is putting in a claim to cover insurance payments via CCC**
 - iii. This effectively means that the group has no substantive annual outgoings, assuming the insurance can be claimed from the CCC and therefore financially the organisation is viable.
 - iv. Ben has inspected the Indiana Highway rope and believes that, although it is not damaged, it should be replaced.
 - v. Thanks to Barry Hill for completing the new stainless steel ladder for Balcony pitch.
 - vi. **AG to manage ladder replacement project.** Ladder is to commence going in, in bundles, on 24th Nov. We have no option other than to replace the rope currently on the pitch as it is an in-situ fixed aid which is now reached the end of its life. Note the ladder is not PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) equipment.
 - vii. **EL to put in for a CCC Grant for :-**
 1. Ladder fixings – approx £25
 2. 50m of 11mm Superstatic for end of Indiana Highway and Balcony Pitch

c. Permit Secretary

- i. **SM to email round access logs shortly.**
- ii. SM received an email in early Nov stating there was no door it had been removed. This is clearly wrong, there was some maintenance work undertaken recently but nothing else (wrong cave maybe ;-)
- iii. She had received a report of muddy fingers on the fish bones above Big Bang pitch.
- iv. After some discussion it was decided that the log book should be moved to Cairn Junction – **Action SM**, as it not being used effectively at present.

d. Conservation Officer

- i. There are some surface digs east of the Blorenge that are causing concern but the most likely to enter the system is a dig south of the Blaenavon
- ii. **EL to raise the conservations concerns with Tony Donovan Via Bernie Woodley.** The dig is most likely to enter the cave via Luck of the Draw which is an exceptionally well decorated passage that would be devastated if turned into a thorough fair.

e. Survey Officer

- i. No new data received since last meeting
- ii. No proposal received since 2005 from or to the Grade 5 surveyors regarding how they would like to proceed with the G5 survey.
- iii. Grade 2-3 survey pool is a functioning entity available on the internet
- iv. Review process is on going

f. Biological

- i. Some bat and Spring Tail sightings logged.
- ii. **RH to update the Biological page on the website.**

g. No Geological report submitted.

5. AOB

- a. Constitution to be amended at the next meeting to state annual meetings.
- b. Officers to remain in post until next meeting, which will be elect a new executive.
- c. There will be 4 weeks notice of the next meeting.

6. Date of next meeting - 16th Nov 2008, Venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 1:20pm