

PWLL DU CAVE MANAGEMENT GROUP

Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Lamb and Fox on Saturday 24th July 2004.

The meeting commenced at 2012 hours with the following in attendance.

Name	Representing
Mick Day (Chairman)	-
Boyd Potts (Secretary)	Orpheus C.C.
Spencer Drew (Treasurer)	-
Ben Lovett (Conservation Officer)	Morgannwyg C.C.
Ali Garman (Survey Officer)	Draenan Diggers.
Pete Bolt	Bristol Exploration C.
Chris Seal	Chelsea S.S.
Owen Clarke	Cwmbran C.C.
John Pybus	Oxford University C.C.
Elsie Little	Cambrian.
Rachael Honey	Observer.

1. The Chairman: He established that the meeting was quorate and declared it open.
2. Apologies:
Andy Farrant (Geological Recorder), Wessex C.C, Ursula Collie, Charles Bailey (Trustee), Rhian Hicks (Biological Recorder), Martin Laverty GOG, Chris Densham and Sue Mabbett (Access Officer).
3. Minutes of the meeting 22nd November 2003:
 - 3(a) It was agreed unanimously: *"That the minutes be accepted as a true record."*
 - 3(b) Matters arising; All matters arising are on the Agenda.
- 4 Officers Reports:
 - 4(a) Secretary: All matters of report from the Secretary are included later in the Agenda.
 - 4(b) Treasurer: The Treasurer's Financial Report was circulated.
 - i. Noted that the NCA sub. for 2003/04 has yet to be paid. Agreed that **BP action**.
 - ii. The Treasurer pointed out that as we have no annual subscription and rely on occasional donations the finances are running low and will require a major top up in the next two years if we are to stay in the black. There was a long discussion on this and how we might separate Admin, Insurance and other running costs.
 - iii. At this point it was agreed to bring forward Agenda item 6, on Insurance.
There was then a long discussion on the present and possible future insurance costs. BP outlined possible scenarios on future costings depending on negotiations progressing through DCA and BCA. It was eventually proposed by AG, seconded by PB and agreed unanimously;
"That the decision on the appropriate Insurance renewal for 2004/05 be left to the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary once they have all the relevant information."
 - vi. Money raising. Noted that though a few donations have come in we still need contributions from others of our member clubs. Plea to clubs to discuss this in their own meetings.
Also suggested that we look at ways of applying for grants via NCA or Cambrian.
 - v. **Treasurer agreed to circulate a letter** giving some indication of how our money is used at present and how it might be used in the future.
 - 4(c) Access Officer: Not present but will circulate information on the cave use in the near future.
 - 4(d) Conservation Officer: No problems to report.
 - i. Some retaping has been done by OUCC and BL.

Tape and pegs supplied by NCA, at present held by BP will be passed to BL as soon as possible.

ii. OC reported that he is still making slow but steady progress on a new Balcony Pitch ladder. He would welcome help with jig making.

4(e) Survey Secretary: i. No data has been received recently.

ii. OUCC representative reported that they now have a project to put data into the public domain. JP has taken the website data and got it working correctly and is integrating their 'G3' to a known centreline. Some of this is complete and other is being produced.

iii. Discussion held on linking this with other Group member's work. There is a link to the OUCC survey work on the PDCMG website.

Long discussion on future action including building up data to make a suitable web survey available.

4(f) Biological Recorder: Apologies sent. No report.

4(g) Geological Recorder: Apologies sent. Some work planned for the future but no activity at present.

i. OC reported that he is doing some work in Ogof Dwy Sir.

5. Surveyors - Progress Report:

5(a) BP circulated copies of letters from ML (only his original letter as the modified one has not been seen by the secretary), Stuart France (recently received E-Mail), PDCMG (letter to the Surveyors which was unanswered and has now been superceded) and his personal comments on the situation.

There was then a very long discussion on these letters and other comments published and otherwise.

5(b) Eventually it was proposed by EL, seconded by BL and unanimously agreed that;

"We put forward the names of Ali Garman or Pete Bolt to join Martin Laverty as the PDCMG representatives at a meeting with the G5 Surveyors."

It was also put on record that this is a fact finding meeting for collecting information for future discussion and decision making.

5(c) The subject of the G5 Surveyors advert in Descent was raised. After some discussion it was agreed we note it and make no further comment.

6. Insurance:

Already dealt with under item 4(b) iii.

7. Application for permanent key:

The TSG have sent in a written application and this was supported by SM and BP.

There were no objections so this was **unanimously agreed** ; subject to the appropriate fee being paid.

8. Discussion on the Group's future:

There was discussion on the way forward and on possible Officer changes next year.

BL suggested more use of E-Mail and less actual meetings.

Several ideas were aired for future discussion but no decisions were made.

9. Any Other Business: Ogof Draenan's 10th anniversary in October this year.

It was suggested by PB that we plan an event and invite local people and landowners etc.

Various members offered to help organise a local event for the weekend **9/10 October**.

Left for them to liaise with PB in the near future.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting was agreed for Saturday 4th December 2004 at the Lamb and Fox.

The meeting closed at 2230 hours.

B. Potts.

Hon. Secretary.

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