

## PWLL DU CAVE MANAGEMENT GROUP

Minutes of the Biennial Meeting held at the Working Men's Hall in Blaenavon on Saturday 19th November 2005 commencing at 1917 hours.

### Attendance:

Name	Representing
Mick Day (Chairman)	-
Boyd Potts (Secretary)	Orpheus C.C.
Ben Lovett (Conservation Officer)	Morgannwg C.C.
Ali Garman (Survey Officer)	Draenan Diggers.
Sue Mabbett (Permit Secretary)	South Wales C.C.
Rhian Hicks (Biological Recorder)	-
Andy Farrant (Geological Recorder)	-
Ian Wilton-Jones	Brynmawr C.C.
Martin Laverty	G.O.Garimpieros.
Chris Seal	Chelsea S.S.
Tim Long (Trustee)	-
Elsie Little	Cambrian.
Bernie Woodley	SWCC Observer.
Peter Talling	UBSS Observer.
Peter Kirk	MCC Observer.

1. The Chairman: Established that the meeting was quorate and declared it open.
2. Apologies: Charles Bailey (Trustee), Pete Bolt (BEC), Spencer Drew (Treasurer).
3. Minutes of the meeting 24th July 2004: (The last meeting held).
  - 3(a) It was agreed unanimously: ***"That the minutes be accepted as a true record."***
  - 3(b) Matters arising: There were no matters arising.
4. Officers Reports:
  - 4(a) Secretary: i. Stated that requests for meetings on previous dates had been circulated but problems over dates, venues and business had occurred, so postponement had been agreed until the present date.
    - ii. Stated he would not be available for re-election; as notified at the last biennial meeting. Thanks recorded for his work over the last few years.
  - 4(b) Treasurer: Not present due to car breakdown, but brief report received by phone.
    - i. £211 held in the Bank account.
    - ii. Insurance costs are presently running at £125 per year. Discussion was held on these and other regular costs and it was ***agreed we approach Cambrian for possible future financial support.***
    - iii. A full printed report will be circulated in the near future.
    - iv. Question raised. Have all the cheques passed to the Treasurer been paid in and cleared?
  - 4(c) Access Officer/Permit Secretary:
    - i. The last two years recorded Access information was circulated at the meeting and will be appended to the minutes.
    - ii. Noted that most people record their trips in the book but we still have difficulty getting 100% compliance; mainly due to ignorance or forgetfulness. Club names are often missing.
    - iii. The book Box is in need of replacement or repair. ***I.W-J agreed to deal with this problem.***
    - iv. Waterproof book in place. Request from SM to be informed when it is full so it can be replaced.
    - v. A new notice to be installed in the cave. Reminder to "Fill in the Book".  
***RH will prepare and laminate and pass to I.W-J for installation.***

- vi. The padlock needs replacing, using the present number. *SM and AG will deal with this.*
- vii. Noted that members from Gwent CRO, West Brecon CRO and Mendip CRO held a rescue practice on 22nd October 2005. 46 persons underground but not recorded in the Cave Log.
- 4(d) Conservation Officer: No major items outstanding.
- i. Tapes are being maintained but agreed that some do require replacing. Spare tape is available. Discussion on the general state of taping. Agreed that regular checking and reinstatement is necessary. Red and White tape is being replaced with Orange tape when renewed.
- ii. Noted that John Stevens had some suggestions on Conservation and Taping. The meeting stated that it would welcome suggestions forwarded to the next meeting for discussion.
- 4(e) Survey Secretary:
- i. AG reported on the Surveyors meeting arranged with the help of Stuart France. AG, PB, MF, John Stevens and Arthur Millett attended. It was a friendly and constructive meeting lasting around three hours. Two specific points were noted:
- (a) AS and JM would like their survey to be the definitive survey of the system.
- (b) Their G5 data is stored but will not be on general release in the near future.
- ii. After much discussion the following proposal was made and accepted:
- "That this meeting start a review process of the current policy on surveying and that the PDCMG representatives liaise with AM and JS during this process."***
- iii. It was noted that AM and JS agreed to produce a proposal over access to the G5 survey.
- 4(f) Biological Recorder:
- i. A few records have been received during the past year. Any contributions from JS and AM would be very welcome.
- ii. Noted that there has been a report on Bats in Ogof Draenen. ***It was agreed that RH contact Peter Smith to try and obtain a copy of the report.***
- 4(g) Geological Recorder: Any information would be welcome. Nothing to report at present.
5. Election of Officers (for a two year term):  
Independent Chairman - Mick Day agreed to continue in this position.  
Secretary; Alastair Garman, prop. BP and sec. TL.  
Treasurer; Spencer Drew, prop. SM and sec. AG.  
Access Officer; Sue Mabbett; prop. BP and sec. AF.  
Conservation Officer; Ben Lovett; prop. ML and sec. TL.  
Survey Secretary; John Pybus, prop. AG and sec. BP.  
Biological Recorder; Rhian Hicks; prop. AF and sec. BL.  
Geological Recorder; Andy Farrant; prop. RH and sec. IW-J.  
**All the above were elected unopposed.**
6. Report on 10th Anniversary Celebrations:  
This was held at the Lamb and Fox. A buffet was organised and there were displays of Photos and a Video. The event was very successful.
7. Constitutional amendments:  
***Agreed that at the next meeting we propose a change to one meeting a year instead of the present two.***
8. Any Other Business: None.
9. Date of the next meeting:  
Proposed dates for the 2006 meetings are 17th June and 25th November; provisionally at Blaenavon.

The meeting closed at 2130 hours.

B. Potts.  
Hon. Secretary.

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