Minutes of CCC Committee Meeting at Hobby Horse Inn, 20.07.05

Present:

Chair Sue Mabbett (SM)
Treasurer Clive Owen (CO)
Secretary Ian Healey (IH)
Website/As. Sec Barry Hill (BH)
Conservation Officer Elsie Little (EL)
Cave Registrar Gary Evans (GE)
Equipment Officer Dave Ludlam (DL)

CO had called for meeting to discuss how to spend CCC funds.

CO outlined current financial picture:

This year £550 funding from BCA & £600 from SCW.

Approx £800 clear for spending.

Partly due to reduced costs – e.g. in 2001 £572 on admin. 2002 £349 on admin. Last year only £156 on admin. (no published newsletter, less postage as Mins emailed instead of post, no need to mail requests for subs, mileage allowances not claimed by some committee members)

Need to spend money appropriately

SM outlined how money spent in past:

Admin – post
Talks on caving
Cambrian Cave Registry
Symposium
Eco anchors and resin
Travel to Access and Conservation Meetings

Committee discussed ideas for this years spending and agreed on following 'projects':

- Putting The Cambrian Cave Registry on to a website. Develop site to high standard (a 'flagship' for the CCC) £500 available for set up and first year hosting. Approx. £150 per year to maintain site. GE to organise for launch this year.
- Commission an audit of SSSI sites (15 in region) re. caves/caving £100. EL to organise.
- Eco anchor training course or DL, AL + chap in Forest of Dean
- Talk on 'Caving on Gower' by Glen Jones? SM to contact
- Offer funding to member clubs to spend on projects that reflect aims of CCC and benefit all cavers. Committee to agree on spending. Possible ideas include:

New caver training – open to all cavers,

Specialist training course – e.g. SRT, Photography, Surveying

Talks on caving – room hire and speakers fee

IH to contact clubs affiliated to CCC (once notified by BCA of these clubs!) by e-mail to make aware. Also to try to get a mention re. this in Descent.

Safety Grant – WBCRT to provide report on last years spending of SCW Safety Grant and give to CO to forward to SCW. SCW will then issue money and application forms for this years safety grant.

GE said Gwent Cave Rescue Chairman, Charles Bailey, has asked WBCRT to help with any major incidents.

EL expressed gratitude to Rescue Team for careful management of information on May Bank Holiday rescue in OFD. No reporting by media giving bad publicity.

Date of Next CCC General Meeting:

11th September at Rising Sun Pub, Forest of Dean.

IH to contact Robin Weare and confirm which Rising Sun pub and what time and to notify members accordingly

Mins prepared by IH 4.8.05