

**Minutes of the Cambrian Caving Council Annual General Meeting**  
**On 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 2008 at Storey Arms, Nr Brecon**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Club/Organisation Representing</b>	<b>CCC Position</b>
Sue Mabbett (SM)		Chairman
Mike McCombe(MM)	Newbury & District	Treasurer
Elsie Little (EL)		Conservation Officer
Dave Ludlam(DL)	Gagendor CC	Equipment Officer
Barry Hill (BH)		Webmaster
Robin Weare (RW)	Hades, OFD Rep.	Newsletter Editor
Julia Williams(JW)	Hereford CC	
Bernie Woodley (BW)	SWCC	Ass. Conservation Officer
Paul Taylor (PT)	RoFCC, GCRG	
John Hine (JH)	Welsh Mines Society	
Maurice Febry (MF)	GSS, FoDCCAG	

**1 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:**

SM thanked Dave Ludlam for providing facilities at Storey Arms for our AGM. SM thanked those present for attending. SM asked MM to take the chair for the meeting as she would be taking the minutes on her laptop.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Ian Healey            CCC Secretary  
Rich Hill,            CCC Training Officer  
Gary Evans,        Cambrian Cave Registry  
Adrian Fawcett    Chelsea SS, MLCMAC Rep, GCRT

**3 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2007 GENERAL MEETING:**

The minutes of the GM were proposed as a true record by RW & seconded by MM with no dissention. SM signed the minutes as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPT 2007 GENERAL MEETING:**

SM suggested we reviewed the actions highlighted in bold in GM minutes to record progress. Sept 2007 *General Meeting Minutes Reference in italics.*

**4 Matters Arising- Dinas Rock P Bolts**

DL sent letter to AHOEC, copy to be sent to IH. Heads of Centre informed handed issue back to DL /AL to take action. The Heads of Centre wished to take no responsibility for these anchors. Suspect bolts will be removed. AL contacted BMC and do not wish to take responsibility for these bolts.

*5 Applications for Membership*

MM sent list of members to IH

*6b Treasurers Report*

SM raised issue of problems in obtaining list of Clubs who members of BCA and had checked the box to confirm membership of CCC as their regional council. Glenn Jones not at meeting therefore no comment or resolution of issue. MM gets membership spreadsheet intermittently. MM needs list on monthly basis or new additions. SM to raise the issue again at BCA AGM.

*6e Training Officer*

No meeting of Panel to find volunteer for training officer. DL spoke to R Hill yesterday, R Hill is willing to continue organising events, but he did not wish to attend meetings.

*6h Cambrian Cave Registry*

RW spoke to GE and found a volunteer, therefore there was no need for an advert in the Newsletter or the Website. Dave Cooke (DC) persuaded to progress with Registry therefore option to use volunteer had not progressed. SM to DC spoke to at Oct BCA meeting he promised to progress shortly at this time.

*6i Webmaster*

IH sent March 07 AGM minutes to BH now on Website. MM now listed as primary contact in event of e-mailed enquiry to CCC Website.

*10 AOB*

PT put request in writing to MM for GCRG training event. Promised grant sent to GCRG.

**5 POLICIES AND CONSTITUTION REVIEW**

The Sports Council of Wales for its grant application requires the organisation to have various policies. MM had raised the issue for this requirement as CCC Committee meeting in Nov 2007. MM had written a document covering CCC principles and function in the meantime to cover the lack of policies. After the committee meeting SM had searched her CCC records and found CCC had policies for Drug Abuse and Use, Children, Conflict of Interest, etc. SM found CCC policies, from 2002. These policies were presented and agreed in 2002 at the AGM to enable us to meet SCW requirements. MM had reviewed these policies and found some were ambiguous and could be interpreted differently. In summary there were issues with these policies. MM interpreted the Drug policy suggests we commit to complete drug testing on cavers. SM reported the intended spirit of the Drugs policy was we would support the principle of drug testing where applicable in competitive sport and not join a campaign to stop drug testing.

For Conflict of Interest Policy there is no SCW policy. CCC policies suggest we support the SCW policy for this matter however MM could find now SCW policy

for Conflict of Interest. SM noted it related to the Conflict of Interest Requirements on the grant application.

After a short discussion of current policies, it was agreed the CCC polices need to be reviewed and changes made to remove ambiguity and ensure our current practices are within the policies. Policies need review, EL, MM, SM, BW offered to help with this review. **ACTION** The objective would be to present new / amended policies to next General Meeting.

#### **6 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Welsh Mines Society are members of BCA and wish to be CCC members. JH informed the meeting. WMS have 250 members. The Society is 30 years old. It has 2 Newsletters a year a good Website. The WMS organise two meets a year and open day. Thanks for JH for providing information on the society; WMS were welcomed as CCC members.

#### **7 OFFICERS REPORTS:**

##### **7a Chairperson – Written Report Below:**

I continue to be CCC representative at BCA meetings. I attended the meeting last October where I raised the issue of CC Registry with Dave Cooke who promised to work on our registry soon. I believe since this time progress has been made but the Registry is still not available on the Website. The meeting also discussed distribution of BCA membership cards matters were improving but still delays for new members of caving clubs. Glenn Jones is continuing to work on installing systems to improve the situation. Unfortunately I was ill in January and sent apologies for the January meeting, I will be attending the BCA AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
No questions.

##### **7b Secretary – Written Report below:**

IH was not present at the meeting; his report was issued before the meeting.

I don't have much to report since the September Meeting.

Correspondence to the Sec has been infrequent and generally on two themes - how to become a CCC member (that long running issue) and access and keys. Generally such enquiries are easily dealt with directly or by passing on to BCA or Conservation Officer as appropriate.

Membership and applications for SCW Grants has been ably handled by Mike (Treasurer) and Robin Weare is doing a sterling job with the CCC Newsletter. With these traditional secretarial jobs 'contracted' out the remaining role is generally easily manageable with my present work and family commitments. However on the occasion of this particular AGM I am working up in Derbyshire and will unfortunately not be present. A good opportunity therefore to discuss the role of Secretary, if you feel it appropriate, and to elect a more proactive candidate if you can find one. Otherwise I

am happy to stand again for the limited role of present and make most meetings, take minutes, distribute agendas, field general enquiries etc.

IH had little to report since AGM. Received correspondence had been minimal. Meeting was informed of potential training courses that were available for Officers through SCW funding for administrative type skills. However it was decided that there were already appropriate skills within the committee and it is unlikely further training was necessary.

Meeting recorded thanks to Ian Healey for his work as secretary.

### 7c Treasurer's Report -Written Report below:

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2007

Whilst the figures below show a net deficit of £40.30, this excludes income from BCA which arrived too late to appear in the 2007 accounts. The cost of "Core" activities continues to be 100% reclaimable from BCA. Non-core project and development activity is supported by SCW for £600 per annum - for which we have now secured a four-year agreement. Funding for cave rescue, now provided via WSA, continues at the level of £2000 per annum.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Subscriptions <sup>1</sup>	£ 12.00	Travel	£ 234.40
NSB Interest	£ 170.85	Postage & Stationery	£ 50.56
BCA Core Funding <sup>2</sup>	£ 0.00	Conservation & Access	£ 125.44
SCW Grant	£ 600.00	Training Events	£ 204.60
SCW Safety Grant	£ 2000.00	Grants to CROs	£ 2000.00
Training event	£ 55.85	Insurance <sup>3</sup>	£ 100.00
		Projects	£ 164.00
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TOTALS	£ 2838.70		£ 2879.00
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£ (40.30)		
Balance brought forward 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2007		£5,286.66	
Balance carried forward 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2007		£5,246.36	
The balance is held as			
Reserve account (NSB)		£4,694.47	
Current account		£ 551.89	

#### Notes

1. One additional 2007 subscription was not credited until January 2008
2. BCA Core funding for 2007 (£260) was not received until January 2008.
3. BCA insurance charges refunded to FoDCCAG and DYOCAC.

MM reported BCA funding roles over from one year another. There needs to be detailed reviewed of BCA regional council spending. BCA pay for a Core funding, this is only reviewed in June so difficult to keep funds matching. There were no funds receive from BCA in 2007, money received in January.

SCW funding used for project such as registry, training, lectures, and web site. Pwll Ddu have not submitted claim for project Fixed replacement or administration. DYO have submitted a claim to BCA for Tunnel Cave materials. We need applications for projects and funding.

#### **7d Conservation Officer's Report - Written Report below:**

The year has seen us work with other outdoor pursuit interests to put pressure on WAG to increase access to the coast beyond the initial proposal of a circular footpath. It is now envisaged there will be a coastal access strip governed by legislation such as we saw in CROW. I have considerable doubts that we will gain the right to access the coastal underground sites but at least being able to walk nearby will be a help and we will be able to continue to negotiate access with the owners.

Access to inland waters is also on the agenda and meetings have been held to enable stakeholders to explain their interests and problems. Caving rather mystified most present as they (even the Environment Agency) failed to understand we did actually make use of inland waterways! We must be alert we are not overlooked and consequently left with difficulties.

One spin off, I suspect from this is a move to look closely at the conservation of the gorges in North Wales where training of users and maybe restrictions are to be examined. I have a suitable volunteer to voice our interests in the field to ensure maximum access and to offer our assistance in the interests of conservation.

During the year a pilot system has been running to assist CCW in its duty to report to government on the condition of its SSSI's. The now completed audit of the condition of Ogof Ffynnon Ddu showed that our use of the system has had little detrimental effect. The CCW have expressed their thanks to all those who assisted in the audit. Already work has begun on other SSSI sites and I envisage a slowly rolling programme to evolve that will maintain caver involvement into the future of these inspections. We are, after all, the "experts" in the underground environment!

I am happy to report that at last Ogof Craig ar Ffynnon has been subsumed into the Mynnydd Llangattwg Cave Management remit. We do still hold responsibility for Ogof Capel and our agreements to control access to Little Neath River Cave and the area of forestry behind the White Horse at Pont Nedd Fechan remain in place.

The farmer at Little Neath River Cave is grateful to the cavers for providing pictures presented to the police showing clearly illegal off-roading on Sarn Helen. Considerable erosion is being caused by illegal motorised use of the west of the park in particular. Bridge Cave., in the Neath Valley, has been subject to severe flooding and there has been some change in the lie of the floor on the way in. Currently the choke seems not to have been undermined but all cavers should make their own careful assessment at each visit mindful that chokes are subject to instability and that we do seem to be having exceptional rainfall recently.

Visit Wales have furnished us with a disc of information that may help cavers advertise our services better. I will pass it on to those to whom it may be of use (possibly the web master or OPA Centres).

This year has seen an initiative on the part of BCA's Training Committee to produce an advice sheet on how to take parties through the Resurgence Pool at Porth Yr Ogof. The advice sheet is being re-drafted and CCC agreed to put it to the owners (BBNP) after it has been fully agreed by CCC and BCA. Currently the owners do not sanction leading groups through that pool. Signs on site draw that to the attention of all cavers.

I am very concerned that usage or publicity of this proposed advice sheet should not be allowed to interfere with the agreements already in place with BBNP (as it most certainly would if given publicity or advance usage) who hold influence or ownership over much land we use freely for our activities. They in turn must be lead by the advice of their legal team. I would also draw to your notice that our own Legal and Insurance Officer has put his concerns over the matter to the BCA Training Officer. While we all applaud the wish to prevent the next accident in Porth Yr Ogof we must not rush and must be mindful of the total ramifications for us and for the owners.

All other matters for my report appear in other parts of the Agenda.

E.Little (March 2008)

The meeting discussed with proposed advice sheet for Deep Water in Porth Yr Ogof: Brecon Beacons National Park (BBNP) forbid people to exit through resurgence. DL reported this conflicts with BBNP notice on outside of resurgence pool, which advises people to wear wetsuits in resurgence pool. DL if people are going to do this we need to educate. To ensure it is done safely. EL concerned that BBNP have in previous correspondence stated cavers must not cross Resurgence Pool.

DL reported HSE recognising sensible risk management. EL said we need to consider response in event claim when advice from NP do not enter or pool. EL concerned the proposed advice sheet becomes public before agreed by all bodies. It must not be used in training until agreed by BBNP. The meeting agreed to leave the issue with EL to take to BCA Council Meetings to resolve. EL states it should not be used for training material until negotiations and agreement is achieved with BCA and NP, landowners. EL to put in writing to BCA Training Officer this must not be used (including as Training Officer) until agreement with landowner is obtained.

### **7e Training Officer - Written report below**

RH was not at the meeting, his report was issued before meeting.

Nobody has made any requests of me outside the one to run a workshop. This was organised for the weekend of 26-27<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and will be based at Llangorse climbing centre and Pwll Dwfn and OFD. The workshops were run by CIC's or aspirant CIC's.

The weekend was run very successfully with only a small amount of expenditure from CCC as we made a small charge per head. The Saturday was spent at Llangorse wall where the course participants were split into groups depending on their ability from beginner to pitch riggers to SRT rescuers. The Sunday was split into only two groups as

a couple of people could not make both days. The larger group went to OFD with Al Braybrooke and Martin Jackson to practice their new SRT skills on a pitch into the streamway and the smaller group went to Pwll Dwfn. Three people had a go at rigging pitches and then a couple of incidents were dealt with on the way back to the surface. A good weekend overall and one which should be repeated.

As I have previously said I am more than happy to help with such events again but no longer wish to be on the committee.

MM records our thanks for running SRT event, this is kind of event be organised more.

#### **7f Equipment Officer – Written Report below:**

As is usual at this time there seems to be little to report, does this mean that everything is hunky-dory on the equipment front?

There have been no reported suspect anchors, other than those at Dinas Rock ( Andy and I have promised to remove the problem anchors soon). Also no requests to install new anchors. The inspection regime is up to date and the records are presently being added to the national database (more later).

I have circulated several copies of the minutes from the last meeting of the E&T committee. I received these 2 days ago, the meeting was held last May! and I thought I was slow with report writing. It is worth noting some of the points/ decisions made at this meeting.

(a) Agreed that central records of P- anchor placements was a good idea... now underway and allows for "external " audit.

(b) Agreed the need to emphasize, again ( via BCA website ), the main points that a caver should be looking for ,prior to loading a P-hanger. Actioned ??

(c) Agreed that deemed no longer necessary to use mechanical PULLER as part of the underground testing /inspection scheme. Actioned

(d) Agreed to improve instructions/ manual for inspection to coincide with improved national training and assessment scheme for installer/inspectors. Actioned ??

Unanimous agreement that the P-hanger/resin anchor system is still the best option with a proven track record of strength and reliability. Hence (e) Agreed to go ahead with sourcing 100 more anchors at the same specifications. Some for initial batch testing. Actioned??

Those present agree with DL concerns with lack of action taken on items agreed at meeting last May 2007. DL was thanked for his report.

#### **7g Legal & Insurance Officer:**

No report from OC. EL reported there are no national UK issues. .

**7h Cambrian Cave Registry – Written Report below:**

GE issued report before meeting as he was in Belize at time of meeting

The Cave Registry is almost there. Dave Cooke has done the initial work on the web based search tool and we have now sorted out the initial problems with it. Dave is now waiting on me to provide the final Data Set. Unfortunately, despite my best intentions, work has overtaken everything so far this year and I haven't been able to do the last few hours of work required to get to over to him.

I will be making this a priority once I return from Belize and hope that we will be fully functional with the Web based Registry by the end of March. I really hadn't envisaged work being quite so demanding over the last 12 months, but normal service will be resumed on completion of one of my main projects at the end of March. Please give my apologies for the delay with this, however, be assured that we really are that close.

I am willing (and keen) to stand again to complete this work, which has turned out to be a very significant undertaking.

Database in Access 97, EL, BW & MM would like copies, SM request copies in writing from GE. Copy for G Meyer of CCW for CCW sites, agreed a link to their site.

**6i Webmaster – Written report below:**

Visitors to our website have been steady at between 169 and 319 a month reading between them about 600 page loads a month. I suspect that traffic will increase a lot more once we have the cave registry on-line.

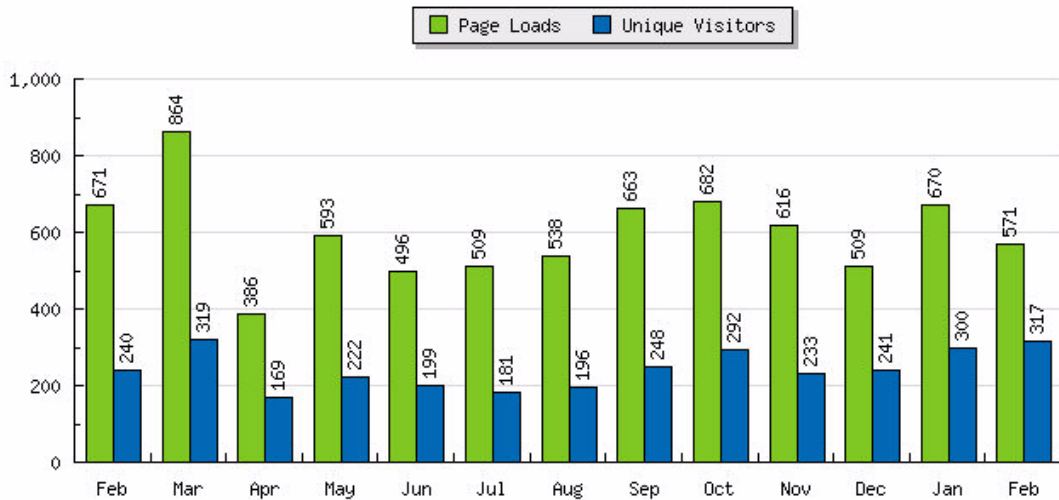
Earlier this year Andy Lewington's Cave Life website went live with a link from our own website.

The Newsletters have been available on-line to view / download as soon as they are available.

The September 2007 Committee Meeting minutes will be available on-line as soon as there are approved.



Below is a graph showing website statistics from Feb 2007 to Feb 2008.



I am willing to continue as Webmaster for another year unless anyone else wants to take the job on.

MM to send a list of current members to BH.

BH to put advice on becoming CCC member, recommend BCA membership  
Our thanks to B Hill work on web site.

#### **7j Newsletter Editor - written report below:**

Newsletters were produced and distributed quarterly as planned during 2007/08 and copies have been placed on the CCC website. The distribution list has settled down and now appears to be working well.

MM to e-mail list of current Club contacts to RW.

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SM proposed a vote of thanks to all Officers for their contributions and work.

#### **8. OTHER CAMBRIAN REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

##### **8a OFD Management Committee - written report below:**

The summary findings of the cave inventory project were presented to the December meeting of the Management Committee. The report was positive with, generally, little or no pollution or deterioration observed.

The report on fixed aids was now expected by the next OFD Management meeting.  
Robin Weare                      March 2008

**8b Sports Council for Wales & WSA/OPG: Written Report below**

The grants from Sports Council for Wales for CCC Activities and the Safety Grant for our Rescue Teams are managed by the CCC treasurer see his earlier report.

The Outdoor Pursuits Group has not met in the last year, the main reason for this there are no matters to meet / discuss. The funding for OPGs is managed directly with governing bodies and there are no immediate matters such as new laws / restrictions on activities which have deemed a meeting necessary.

Some members of OPG do meet annually for the Overseas Expedition Panel; I attend this meeting on behalf of CCC. I continue to remain the main contact for SCW / WSA for the Overseas Expedition Funding Panel. The meeting this year is later than usual on 4<sup>th</sup> April. This is due to delays and difficulties in expeditions teams obtaining application forms. The Overseas grants management has transferred to WSA from SCW. WSA has single secretary for all matters and people have been referred to the WSA Outdoor Panel chairman who is a volunteer and suffering from long illness together these factors have caused delays and difficulties.

Sue Mabbett March 2008

**8c BBNP Access Advisory Forum:**

EL reported the Forum is split into 3, covering east, central and west BBNP areas. Stuart France, BW and EL attended the meetings. EL has concerns the forum is made up of group councillors and BBNP staff with no OP interest represented. Discussion often useful, tells them what has been done. Last major issue 4x4 access upsetting land owners, particularly in west. Sarn Helen becoming damaged, this is national monument. EL reported to police the presence of 4x4 on BBNP.

Thanks to S France and B Woodley for attending the other area meetings

**8d Forest of Dean Cave Conservation and Access Group (FODCCAG)**

**Written Report below:**

We have renewed our Access Agreement / Management License for another year. Valkeries Caving Club have fallen by the wayside and are no longer part of FODCCAG & AG Management Team.

Meetings with the Forestry Commission still held on a yearly basis.

As requested by FC, FODCCAG has carried out various works at cave and mine sites. Conservation has once again centred on the bat counts at the five Special Areas of Conservation Mine sites. In addition the FC has requested the monitoring at the disused railway tunnels that they own.. Two have been checked, three still to be done. To ease the insurance issue the local Gloucestershire Bat Group (GBG) has formed an underground section in order to become a member of BCA and hence join the insurance scheme. BCA has now accepted GBG as a constituent member.

FODCCAG are in contact with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust with regard to access to one of their reserves in the FOD (leased from FC) where there is cave potential.

PT reported than generally things had been quiet. There is to be a meeting in Oct and the FC has a new employee dealing with access.

**8e Mynydd Llangattock CMC - Written Report below:**

The last meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

Agreement was received from the Duke of Beaufort's Estate for control of access to Ogof Craig a Ffynnon to be transferred to MLCMAC. Since November Lynne Bailey has been issuing keys and permits for C-a-F in the same way as for Agen Allwedd. At the present time, 4 clubs have annual permits to the cave, and a number of applications from other clubs are awaiting review. Fixed aids in the cave have been upgraded, funded by Cambrian CC.

Radon detectors were installed in Agen Allwedd at 25 locations. Results have now been analysed but not yet published.

CCW have installed eyebolts on the path down to Ogof Clogwyn. It is hoped that groups' use of a rope here will reduce erosion of the path.

The sump between Ogof Cnwc and Daren Cilau now has a bypass. However, at the time of writing, it needs further work to make it accessible to cavers of all sizes. A key to enter via the Ogof Cnwc entrance (£10 deposit) is available from Whitewalls when a Chelsea member is in residence.

Adrian Fawcett                      01/02/08

Hereford CC had issues in obtaining key a for Craig-a-Ffynnon despite sending request 3 months in advance. RW suggests contacts LB directly or AF. EL offered to make enquiries on improving current issues.

**8f Dan yr Ogof C.A.C - written report below:**

- There are now 75 conservation wardens for the system and visitor numbers are on the increase. Thanks to financial support from CCC to cover administration costs, no charge is made for renewals of Warden permits.
- Judging by feedback from Wardens in trip reports, improvements to fixed aids in the cave have generally been well-received. Work is in hand to replace the chain ladder at The Rising - which is now the only major item of work outstanding.
- Work on the airlock between Tunnel Cave and Cathedral Cave and a new "caver flap" installed in the outer gate to Cathedral Cave have been completed. Access arrangements for through-trips will be published by early-March.
- The annual Wardens' Meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Gwyn Arms and was well attended. In addition to talks about local history, water-tracing and work on Waen Fignen Felen, Lifetime Achievement Awards were made to Eileen Davies, Eric Inson and David Judson for their contributions the exploration of the cave over many years.

Mike McCombe                      22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

**8g Pwll Ddu C.M.G. - written report below:**

The last meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

This was the first meeting in two years. Members of the committee as required have managed access and conservation of Ogof Draenen and there has been no real need for a meeting.

Matters discussed at this meeting were log book records, as the Lamb & Fox may close it was suggested we moved the log book and may be attach it to the fence that you cross on the way to the entrance. Conservation matters were discussed some minor damage had been reported but generally cavers respected the formations and taping. Fixed Aid Inspection was also discussed and agreed to set up a documented record of inspection. A new ladder will be installed on the Balcony pitch, but on inspection the current ladder is in a good state. Numbers entering the cave remain steady but low. Sue Mabbett March 2008.

**8h Waterfalls & Safety Advisory Group (WASAG):**

No additional report EL suggests this group start meeting again regularly. BBNP & FC considering permit system. EL report no final decision made yet on new meetings.

**8i Castlemartin Range:**

No additional report, see Conservation Officers' report above. Gary Jones attending meetings

**8j National Access Forum for Wales:**

No additional report, see Conservation Officers report

**8l Cave Rescue Organisations:**

GCRG very quiet, no major rescues.

Programme on Britain's bravest GE, PT & Laura on Otter Hole Rescue.

Rescue in Agen Allwed recently similar to one a year ago with group having route finding difficulties.

The Gwent Team is to continue to operate has new chairman. Two rescue practices last year.

**8m Librarian's Report:**

SM sent letter to Clubs / organisations to stop further additions of Journals and Newsletters. SM has no contacted Welsh National Library to see if they would take the contents of our library. No additional report from OC.

**9 CCC Spending on Projects 2007-8:**

See Treasures report request for project required. MM to do an article for next Newsletter to encourage spending on projects which promote caving, promote safe caving, caver training etc.

### **10 BCA Matters:**

SM to attend the AGM at beginning of April. No constitutional changes occurring due to cost of sending vote to all BCA members (Direct and Indirect).

### **11 Election of Officers**

OFFICER	PROPOSED	PROPOSERS
Chairman	BW	MM Propose, RW Second
Secretary	MM	BW Propose, RW second
	IH	JH propose, DL second
On a vote MM elected		
Treasurer	RW	JH propose, MM second
Conservation Officer	EL	MF propose, JH second
EL noted FoDCCAG cover Conservation and Access in FoD on CCC behalf.		
Training Officer	SM	PT propose, DL second
Equipment Officer	DL	RW propose, MF second
Legal & Insurance	OC	RW propose, MM second
Cambrian Registrar	GE	RW propose, DL second

BH and RW willing continue in roles as Webmaster and Newsletter Editor respectively. Meeting thanks for work completed by these two members.

### **12 AOB:**

12.1 On election of new people to various CCC Officers SM considered who should attend the meetings noted in the meeting record above. SM will attend OPG meeting to review Overseas expedition funding as SM has already accepted invite to meeting. BCA AGM and Council meetings to be attended by new secretary or chairman, BW or MM will raise issues discussed earlier in the meeting.

12.2 JH reported Cwmystwyth Mines no access continues met Crown Agents almost year ago. Crown Agents requested another meeting but all questions to be defined and stated before meeting. This offer of a meeting with the restrictions on questions was rejected. Things are happening all but slowly. Gates are being removed if this continues to happen the owners will bull doze and cap entrances permanently preventing access in the future.

12.3 There are many problems with Access to Mines crossing land quarries access law. JH continues to campaign for access as part of this he would more information on the Bootle Agreement; JH has no idea what this agreement is but it is often mentioned in access discussions with landowners. EL believes it is an agreement for access for school groups. EL will investigate further for JH.

12.4 JH reported access into Pandora Mine request sent to National Farmers Union, NFU reviewed BCA insurance for cavers and mine explorers and access has been refused.

12.5 JH has two disks one on Investigation of Statutory Nuisance Mines Shafts funded by DEFRA and the second Treatment of disuse Lead Mines Shaft Derbyshire County Council, the second can be downloaded from website on broadband.

**13 Date and Location of CCC GM:**

10:30am Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008 at GCRG Depot, Cinderford.

Sue Mabbett  
20<sup>th</sup> Mar 2008

Draft - Not Approved