

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.32pm (approx.) on Thursday 21st November 2019 at "The Nelson Arms," Middleton by Wirksworth

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)	Richard Halford (Chairman)
John Wilmot	Andy Beardmore
Mark Taylor	Malcolm Scothon
Martin Long	Dave Bowdley
Shirley Burtonshaw	Margaret Fogarty
Peter Clook	Margaret Beresford
John Kyle	Kelvin Eady
John Hicklin	
Brian Spencer (and Sheila Spencer – observer)	
Tony Wood (observer)	Alan Keen
Ian Godlington	Kay Barrie

1. Opening Remarks by Chairman.

Richard Halford welcomed all members present to the meeting, noting that it was the 12th. He thanked the members for all the work they had done during the year, and said that how pleased he was that so many attended our AGMs, and how it truly showed that we were a group of likeminded people. He also thanked the Secretary and his wife for arranging the AGM. He then proposed that John Kitchener was made an honorary member in recognition of his services to the club and mine – his membership fees and surface insurance premium being paid by the club. This was agreed unanimously by the members, and the secretary undertook to send the necessary letter to him (Sec - subsequently done).

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Alison Pryce, Paul Chandler, Chris Beardmore, Steve Evans, Dave Webb, Paul Richards, Arthur Wilson, John Kitchener, and Roger Hall

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous regular meeting had been circulated and were agreed by those present.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Presentation of Annual Report by Secretary

To summarize - the secretary advised that visitor's donations, sales of DVDs and now merchandise (thanks to Ian G) had all contributed to a good years income. Car stickers and now T shirts were now available in the 'club shop.' Also that £500 had been provided from Derbyshire County Council for our shaft project, as well as £395.80 from Adit Now. Weekday working had helped push forward a number of digs and other projects. A full written report was provided on the night, and a copy will be put on the website.

6. Mine Manager's Report.

Peter Clook submitted a written report which was circulated amongst the members present (also to be on website); confirming that inspections had been carried out on a regular basis during the year, covering the tourist route, and that these had revealed no potential risks to safety. There had been a request by the HSE to carry out a radon survey. Following this a report prepared by Professor John Gunn had indicated relatively high levels of the gas, necessitating some further action. The feeling was that these high levels were atypical – and that generally levels were much lower. It was decided that some monitoring was necessary with mapping produced, to plan decided by the mine manager. Thus individual members could work out their own likely exposure and taken any action necessary, as well as discharging our legal responsibilities. To do this some further equipment may, however, be necessary and an initial budget of £200 was agreed, one device provided by the chairman to be tested first and used for “spot” readings. Devices would be held by Peter C and David B with the object of monitoring different locations in the mine for a few days each.

7. Accounts

Brian Spencer circulated a summary of the accounts which showed that there had been a profit for the year of £314.65 with retained balance of £3005.07. There was a query relating to the cost of equipment bought throughout the year – it was explained that the figure of £1296.22 included a supply of new cap lamps bought in bulk to obtain a discount, and which would be sufficient for several years operation; and ladders for JK shaft (as agreed at the last AGM), in addition to a smoke machine (to determine air flow in digs), as well as general expenditure on drill bits, fastenings and steel. (Secretary's note – six new lamps held as stock, two sold to members with small profit, and two put into operational use for 2019).

Brian S asked that in future all payments were made by cheque or paypal to the secretary, as direct payments into the bank were difficult to monitor.

The Treasurer's report was agreed, and the Chairman expressed his thanks to him for his work during the year.

8. Election of Committee.

After discussion it was clear that members present were happy that all those in office continued, and with none standing down, all were deemed re-elected.

9. Any motions to be put.

None.

10. Any Other Business

The question of sending AGM notifications by post was discussed. Whilst the majority of members were on email, not all were or checked their accounts regularly. It was decided after some discussion to give members the option to only have email notifications. The secretary indicated that there was no saving to the club, however, as all costs were subsidized.

BCA vote. Martin L raised the issue of the forthcoming BCA vote in which the club had a vote. It was proposed by Martin L that the club vote in favour of a motion

making various constitutional changes. This was voted on by members and passed. (Secretary confirms, post meeting that this was cast accordingly).

John W raised the issue of works on Elses Scrin, which would result in some costs providing steelwork. It was agreed that such costs were justified, and that such reasonable costs would be paid.

Christmas Eve lighting of candles on vein. This was discussed, and agreed that this would take place as in previous years. Members would be emailed with details of time.

Discussion also took place in respect of potential mergers/members joining from other clubs. It was agreed that new members would be welcome on an individual basis, the intention being to keep the current club format as mine preservation organization, rather than encompassing caving/other exploration.

11. Time, date and place of next meeting

David B said that the date for the next annual general meeting would be arranged nearer the time. RH closed the meeting at 8.46pm (there being a refreshment break during proceedings).

DSB Hon Secretary Goodluck Mine Preservation Club; KEB (acting as assistant!)

Distribution:

All members.