

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.35pm on Thursday 3rd November 2011 at "The Rising Sun," Middleton by Wirksworth

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)	Richard Halford (Chairman)
John Kitchener	Paul Chandler
David Baines	Andy Beardmore
Mark Calladine	Robert Calladine
Martin Long	Kay Barrie
Mark Taylor	John Hicklin
Malcolm Scothon	

1. Opening Remarks by Chairman.

Richard Halford welcomed all members present to the meeting, He reported that the club had had a very successful year, both attracting new members and gaining increasing income from visitors.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from David Webb, Brian Spencer, John Alsop, Peter Clook, Dave Walker and Terry Wheatley.

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 from the previous minutes.

5. Presentation of Annual Report by Secretary

David Barrie said that the main event during the year had been the exploration of JK (named after a member!) mine and subsequent connection with GL, the sourcing of a lid from a local blacksmith and fitting. Away from the mine the club had a programme of trips with successful visits to Eldon Hole, West Mine and Engine Vein. A trip for junior members had also been arranged by the chairman – to Mouldridge Mine. The club now had twenty three members, although it was anticipated that a few would not be renewing; principally to ill health. There had been a constant stream of visitors – many finding the mine from its web presence). The signs on site had also continued to prove their worth. One trip had comprised fourteen people. The club continued to participate in Celebrating Cromford. Next year the club may well be asked to help out with the organisation of NAMHO annual conference at Alderley Edge. Members were asked to renew their subs as soon as possible, so that the insurance cards could be applied for without delay, thus ensuring that these were issued early in the New Year.

Paul Chandler reported that the website had suffered some problems during the year – to which the Secretary responded that there had been several hacking attacks on the host. This

had necessitated several restores of the site and many hours work. There had been no recurrences for several months and it looked as if the problem had been solved.

6. Mine Manager's Report.

Report submitted was read out, detailing inspections carried out and work completed during the year (full report available on the mine website). Paul Chandler was thanked for his service to Goodluck Mine, as he was stepping down from the position of Mine Manager. He was presented with a mine deputy's stick as a token of appreciation.

7. Accounts

Highlights of the balance sheet (available on full on website) detailed by Secretary in absence of Treasurer owing to ill health. It was stated that the bank account showed a healthy balance of over £2,000; with enough funds for planned works on escape shaft ladders plus replacement of lid, as well as catering for any emergencies that might arise. The secretary advised that it might be necessary to pay further expenses to Dave Webb in view of the amount of work he was putting in producing his DVD. Features had been continuing income from groups of visitors throughout the year, plus some sales of booklets and mugs. Accounts also showed the donation received from Toyota, instrumental in our being able to fund modern cap lamps.

8. Appointment of auditors

RH said that there would not be an appointment of auditors at this time.

9. Election of Committee.

RH said that all who held office wished to continue, the only vacant position being that of the Mine Manager. Peter Clook had agreed to become the Mine Manager and Martin Long was proposed for Deputy Mine Manager. In the absence of any other nominations, both were elected, and other existing office holders re-elected uncontested.

10. Any motions to be put.

None

11. Any Other Business

- a) David Baines suggested a potential trip to Gillfield Level at Pateley Bridge; this looking interesting from the pictures displayed on their website. The best time to visit would be the winter months. Other potential club trips were also discussed.
- b) David Barrie stated that Mr Alsop is still a member and gives a donation. It was also noted that Mr Alsop is getting married and that the club would send a card to him. This was signed by the members and would be posted shortly.

12. Time, date and place of next meeting

David Barrie said that the details for the next meeting would be sent out by email. Mentioned the meet on the first Sunday of the month. Richard Halford thanked David Barrie for providing food, and then closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Distribution:

All members.

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