

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.40pm (approx) on Wednesday 18th September 2008 at 'The Lime Kiln' public house, Wirksworth.

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)	Ld Peter J Naylor (Chairman)
Kate Lloyd (First Aid Officer/Treasurer)	
John Kitchener	Brian Spencer
Paul Chandler (Mine Manager)	Mick Roberts (Health and Safety)
David Baines (Training)	Margaret Beresford.

1. Apologies

No apologies received as all members present.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings (AGM and regular meetings).

Agreed without amendment; though the former to be formally ratified at next AGM in 2009. There were, however, were some matters arising:

- **Lancaster Payment.** PJN advised that the annual payment to the Duchy of Lancaster was now due – it was agreed that a cheque would be sent to pay this in the near future.
- **Mine Tub.** PJN advised that he had been in correspondence with Derby Industrial Museum about the tub and other artefacts including stowes held by them. It transpired that their records showed these were loaned by Peak District Mines Historical Society rather than Ron Amner/Goodluck Mine. Attempts to correspond with Ron Amner had failed; the Museum is now to write to PDMHS accordingly.
- **Replacement Tubs.** PJN stated that he had attended a meeting at Magpie Mine with KL, and it appeared that a number of tubs that were formerly used down that mine were available (taking up room in a storage shed). Although it was not possible to obtain measurements, it is clear that the gauge would have to be altered from 24 inches to the mine 11 inches. PJN stated that he would carry out work on one tub at a time as a winter project, also allowing the mine tub in his garden (tipper from the mine) to return to it, replacing it with a Magpie one. Various methods of carrying out conversions to gauge and also transporting were discussed, with D.Baines stating that he had a contact with a transit van, who might, if fuel as paid, be willing to assist. Equipment to move tubs to the mine once at lay-by was available including tirror winch, steel cable and the like (DB).
- **Surface Works.** PJN stated that he could source some plastic pipe, which could be used to cast a concrete former for stowes on site.

3 Open/Working Days.

PC advised progress on works at the mine (numbers of track repairs carried out – further work pending on sleepers amongst other tasks) and surface following a number of working days. He agreed to advise a date for another open/working day in the near future, for posting onto the website.

There was discussion regarding repair of lock to internal mine gate, it being agreed that the upper lock would be replaced by DB (this already having been acquired). The escape hatch would be looked at again with a view to working out how to arrange opening from the outside as an emergency access, as well as an exit.

4. NAMHO 2009.

PJN stated that as a result of discussions regarding next year's event the mine would be open for visitors on both Saturday 20th June and 21st June, for a fee of £5 per visitor. This was anticipated to be a major earner for the mine. PJN stated that it would be necessary to arrange a number of volunteers to superintend on the day. There would be two visits per day; the first lasting from 10am to 12am and the second from 2pm to 4pm. Each trip anticipated to last for 2hrs maximum.

5. Fund Raising/Financial

- A further £20 was passed to the treasurer following a mine trip that day.
- KL advised that it was likely the 'ghost hunters' would be returning to the mine later in the year, and that we would earn more money as a result.
- DB advised progress on the 'Awards for All' application form, and obtained some signatures. It transpired that during the time the forms were being completed these had changed necessitating further work.
- KL mentioned that our accountant (Evelyn Dixon) had carried out our auditing free of charge. After some discussion, it was agreed that funds would be available to provide a small gift of two bottles of good quality wine as a token of our appreciation.
- BS mentioned the possibility of obtaining some grant from the Derbyshire Community Volunteers Fund. DB agreed to investigate this potential source and obtain necessary forms if applicable.

6. Secretarial Assistance. PJN expressed his view that the secretary had too great a workload and suggested that a volunteer should take on at least minuting the meetings. With no volunteer from the floor, PJN said he would take this part of the job on, with effect from the next meeting.

7. Publicity

- DB advised that the last article in the Peak Advertiser written by KL was responsible for bringing another three visitors to the mine, and as such had proved worthwhile.
- DB reported that the club stand had been taken to the recent Pleasley Colliery open weekend and that there had been some interest, with the possibility of a visit to the mine from their volunteers.
- It was agreed that a further supply of mine leaflets would be sent to PC. He had given out these for the Crich display and had handed them out at the Magpie open day recently, with some interest being generated.

- PJN stated that he would contact Wes Taylor and ensure that we had a 'rolling' insertion relating to the mine asking for member's involvement.
- KL enquired whether the members were willing to take part in another carol singing event at the end of the year. General agreement was forthcoming and the date of **10th December 2008** was set.

8. Age Limit for Visitors.

There was considerable discussion on this subject with PJN advising that one good friend of the mine who had made a donation, had requested that her grandchildren have a tour. He had refused in compliance with the club rules, but had unfortunately given some offence. The general feeling of the meeting was that regular visits by children would necessitate considerable work formulating safety policy, criminal records checks and the like. It was agreed, however, that it would be acceptable to allow a limited number of children entry solely on the condition that they were accompanied at all times by parents, guardians or responsible adults who had accepted responsibility for them.

9. Any Other Business

- a) NAMHO – DB advised members of the date of the next meeting (15th November 2008) of the organisation to be held at Caphouse Colliery, with tours of the mine and site in the afternoon.
- b) DB advised of correspondence received from Simon Alsop (descendent of John Allsop). This revealed some interesting family history – a copy was passed between the members present.
- c) PC advised that he wished to obtain some further mineral samples to display in the mine. PJN stated that there were samples in the Peak District Mining Museum that could be available, as they were not attributed to any location and thus were of limited value to them.
- d) KL advised that the auditor had suggested we draw up a list of assets.

10. Time, date and place of next meeting

This was arranged for 19th November at the same venue (The Lime Kiln).

Distribution:

All Present

DSB 23rd September 2008.

Secretary's note. Subsequent to the meeting there has been a communication from Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation – a date has been agreed – **28th October** – of leaders and controllers to carry out a preliminary inspection of the mine to prepare for a full practise (date to be arranged). There is also a street collection on **27th September** in Bakewell High Street (members are welcome to attend; just turn up on the day and the DCRO ambulance will be parked by the farmers market (make yourself known). Finally there is a meet the DCRO event at Whitehalls on **16th November** from 9.30am onwards. Find out about their work – there is no obligation to volunteer.