

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.40pm (approx) on Thursday 22nd January 2009 at 'The Kings Head,' Bonsall.

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)	Richard Halford
John Kitchener	Brian Spencer
Paul Chandler (Mine Manager)	Scott Humphries
Albert Watson	Mark Calladine

In the absence of an elected chairman the meeting was opened and chaired by the Secretary. In his opening remarks he stated that following the last meeting and the resignation of the chairman, treasurer and health and safety officer he and the mine manager had spent a considerable amount of time putting the club on a better footing, and that there were a number of positive matters to report.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from David Baines (as working in Wales).

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous regular meeting had been circulated and were agreed by those present without amendment. By explanation, the secretary stated that no minutes were available for the last meeting as this was not properly constituted, and no formal business could be transacted.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Matters arising were as follows:

- **Lancaster Payment.** DB advised that the annual payment to the Duchy of Lancaster had been paid.
- **Mine Tub.** DB advised that following offer made by Peter Naylor, PC and a number of other members had collected and transported to the mine, two tubs; one of which was thought to be original. Attempts to recover a historic tub from Derby Industrial Museum had failed owing to this being a joint loan by PJN and Ron Amner, and it had not been possible to contact the latter.

4. Position of Chairman.

There was some discussion regarding the role of the Chairman it being stated that it was essential to fill this position prior to the AGM owing to the need to complete the 'Awards for All' application and also alter banking signature details. The Secretary stressed that this would not involve an excessive amount of work with the other main roles already filled and with the club on a sound footing financially.

Richard Halford agreed to take on this role, and was duly elected unanimously.

Also under this heading the members agreed (again unanimously) that the position of Treasurer should continue to be filled by Paul Chandler pending the AGM.

5. Mine Keyholding.

The secretary stated that it was now highly desirable since Peter Naylor had left the club that we had a member local to the mine who could hold keys in the event of an emergency. Brian Spencer agreed to hold a set, and the secretary undertook to send these through, once the inner gate locks had been fitted. John Kitchener requested a key to the outer gate so that he could store gardening and other equipment used to maintain the site. Mark was also to hold keys, again once inner gate fitted. Secretary promised to take the necessary action.

6. Open/Working Days.

PC advised that there had been considerable further progress on works at the mine including working on track, using leather to repair joints. It was also reported that, thanks to the assistance of Albert Watson, that a new stove could be sourced – the old one being on its ‘last legs.’ There had also been general clearing up of the site, including the coe.

The secretary advised that he had been unable to attend the mine to complete works on the inner gate locks, but that he hoped to do this the following Sunday. The locks and fittings to work on the upper escape hatch had been obtained, and another date for fitting would have to be arranged.

7. NAMHO 2009.

It had been previously agreed that each visitor to the mine during the course of the NAMHO weekend would be charged £5 entrance fee. DB and PC both argued that this was, however, contrary to the spirit of the organisation, of which we were members. It was agreed that no charge would now be made, but that donations would be invited. The general view of the meeting was that by soliciting donations the club would probably maintain close to the income gained by entrance fees, but without losing any goodwill. DB also stated that it was possible to earn funds from sale of merchandise (see financial). PC stated that during the weekend there would be four trips, two on Saturday and two on Sunday and that it would be necessary to provide a number of guides. The members were encouraged to involve themselves on guiding, and PC said that he would assist any that chose to do so. DB offered copies of the booklet about the mine free to those that were interested.

Kay Barrie had volunteered to ‘man’ the club stand at the conference registration point, handing out literature, retailing any merchandise.

DB also stated that NAMHO were going to have their AGM at Middleton Stone Centre on 14th March 2009 and that they wanted to visit the mine afterwards. He offered to lay on some snacks and drinks accordingly. Assistance would be solicited nearer the time, but this would be an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of the mine.

8. Fund Raising/Financial

- DB stated that PC (acting as Treasurer) had started the process of changing bank signatories, and that KL had handed over all books and documents; records being maintained to a high standard. Two signatories were to be required; treasurer and secretary.
- DB proposed that the club sell a porcelain mug to raise funds – with the intention primarily of selling during the NAMHO conference. A design was circulated, in three colours with picture of the mine and logo on reverse, the price being £2.10 per mug plus VAT. There was a minimum order of 250. It was agreed that these be purchased, the design being amended slightly. DB agreed to place the order and pick up when next in Stoke on Trent. The re-sale price was discussed with £4.50 being agreed, Brian Spencer offered some storage room to hold these once obtained and Mark proposed that we keep some in the mine as well. This was agreed. DB also advised that he was hoping to sell some cap lamps during the conference, with a proportion of profits going to the club.
- DB also advised that he hoped to get David Webb (producer of ‘Titan’ video), to visit the mine and produce a short DVD, which could also then be sold to raise funds. DW would need his expenses paid, and there would also be a need for someone to be interviewed ‘on camera.’ It was likely, however, that this work would have to be delayed until the weather got better.
- DB advised progress on the ‘Awards for All’ application form had stalled owing to the resignation of the chairman, and that this would have to be resubmitted. Despite this being a bureaucratic process, it was felt that this was still worth pursuing.
- Mine booklets had sold well (DB) with a number going to Derby Library. PJN had given all rights to the club, for which thanks were due.
- Membership. It was agreed that the membership year would now run from January to December to match the insurance year and make collection of subscriptions/payment of insurance premiums easier. It was also agreed that for existing members (having renewed prior to December 2008) their membership would be extended to expire in December 2010. Any mid term new members would have their membership fee pro rata’d as indeed their insurance fee would be. Note – existing members all joined in July originally the month club founded, so up to an additional five months would be added.

9. Publicity

- John Kitchener and others present suggested that we erect a permanent sign at the site advising how to visit the mine. It was agreed that DB would investigate design and costing.
- Further mine leaflets had been printed, at reasonable cost, ready for NAMHO conference, to be sent out with delegate literature.

10. Any Other Business

- a) PC advised that there had been some query about the ownership of the mineral title for the mine, and understood to investigate further with Jim Rieuwerts in due course.

- b) It was agreed that helmet racks and a new tally board would be among the jobs to be undertaken, making catering for visitors easier.

11. Time, date and place of next meeting

No date set at time of meeting; this to be left in the hands of the new Chairman and Secretary.

Distribution:

All members.

DSB 24th January 2009.