

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45pm (approx) on Thursday 30th April 2009 at 'The Kings Head,' Bonsall.

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)
Brian Spencer
Albert Watson

Richard Halford (Chairman)
Paul Chandler (Mine Manager)

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Malcolm Scothton (by email). He has advised that he is moving house to Cromford by the end of May and has indicated that he would then be able to do any work at the mine, particularly surface work and the odd day mid week. Also apologies from John Kitchener and Mark Calladine (work commitments).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were agreed by those present without amendment.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Matters arising were as follows:

- Brian Spencer now has keys for the mine.
- RH now has a set.
- Other keys as detailed in the last minutes have now been issued.

4. Correspondence/Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported some correspondence from Ron Amner. Copies were made available after the meeting. He had also received an email from the BCA Equipment Committee (Bob Mehew) regarding the use of fixed aids in the mine, to which he had responded, to the effect that these are not used on normal visitors visits, and are subjected to visual inspection only.

There will be a need to arrange an Annual General Meeting (July) and a need to amend the constitution at that time to bring all dates into line.

5/6. Open/Working Days. Work to carry out. (To be taken as one item).

PC gave a summary of work carried out at the mine, but urged all members to visit to see what had been achieved to date. Work on rails had been completed, one tub end had been welded, extensive gardening on the site (thanks to JK) and other works too numerous to mention.

The secretary advised that he had now been able to replace both locks on the inner gate, which now worked fine. An inspection of the upper escape hatch had been carried out together with the Chairman, but further work was required grinding away two internal plates, before work could be completed.

Secretary also mentioned that there had been a recent PDMHS Society meet at Fauld Mine (PC organised and Brian Spencer was also present). The manager there expressed an interest in visiting the mine together with a small party – the donation question had been discussed. The Arkwright Society had also planned a visit.

It transpired that there were some road works under way in the Via Gellia. John Kitchener had investigated, however, and access to the mine lay-by was still possible. There was no need to cancel the next working day in May. The subsequent ‘working day’ at the mine was fixed at 3rd June. DB to put up on website.

Discussions took place regarding the provision of signs for the mine, it being agreed that three would eventually be produced; two to be installed at locations to be decided, and the other as a spare. A design had been produced by DB and was discussed further. AW undertook to investigate further, potentially with the use of a rail on site for the purpose. A prototype would then be produced.

7. NAMHO Regional Meeting

DB advised that there had not been much of relevance to the club discussed. Travelling costs have been increased to .20p a mile for those who go. The next meeting will be on November 14th at Nenthead. There are discussions taking place re the NAMHO handbook, but no agreement on republishing as yet. Obviously should they do so we would have a page.

Following the meeting ten members were guided around the mine (led by DB and assisted by Richard Platt). Owing to time and practical restrictions only sold one mug and a booklet. Nevertheless a useful day and good publicity for the club and mine.

8. NAMHO 2009.

Planning to discuss for the event

- Manning on site was discussed with some volunteers putting their names forward. Some plastic traffic cones would be desirable on the day. If any members have these they would be appreciated.
- It was agreed that all manpower would be concentrated at the mine with no attendance at the registration points.
- It was agreed that we would have a gazebo (Secretary to provide) which would be placed on the open land across from the lay-by, to act as a reference point for visitors and also sell any merchandise (mugs and mine leaflets).
- The question of refreshments was discussed, but the meeting agreed not to provide these in view of cost and practical difficulties. Delegates to the conference will be advised in their pack that these are available in Cromford.
- DB stated that he would create an insert to go into the mine leaflet to be sent to delegates inviting delegates to join the club; also to promote his cap lamps (donations to be made to funds on sale).

9. Fund Raising/Financial

- PC made a brief statement. There had been some problems with the bank; in that statements have not been forthcoming or have been sent to the wrong address. As there was the need to complete a fresh form for the 'Awards for All' application PC stated that he would visit the branch concerned in an effort to sort out.
- In respect of the 'Awards for All' application DB stated that the forms were nearly ready to forward again. There was some discussion regarding the referee chosen; it was agreed that the one chosen was not ideal, but there was a need to select an individual who was still working (in order to comply with their rules).
- DB stated that the mugs decided on at the last meeting had been purchased. This has been done via a cash loan to the club, repayable when funds permit. A number of mugs had already been sold, both the Chairman and Treasurer having been active (Crich Museum are also to take six). Further supplies were available. The Chairman has a plastic box suitable for holding some in the mine.
- DB advised that he would again contact Dave Webb re video. There were various suggestions regarding suitable people to do the voice over – to be investigated.
- DB reported that a few booklets had been sold. Ron Amner had stated in an email that provided it was for club funds he was happy to allow his own past booklet to be updated and used for the future. This is a project that the secretary will take on as time permits.

10. Publicity

- Poster now gone up in Middleton Stone Mine. RH also advised that Derby industrial Museum also had a poster, as did the Tourist Information Centre in Derby centre and Peak District Mining Museum.
- Website statistics. For reference the main site gets around 69 hits a week, the subsidiary one (which points to it) gets 56.

11 Any Other Business

- a) There was some discussion regarding the position on current mine ownership. It was agreed that the secretary would write to the bar mote court to check the position.
- b) PC asked for a length of metal ladder for use at Peakshole Sough. There is, apparently, ladder to spare in the mine. Agreed unanimously.

12. Time, date and place of next meeting

Date to be set for the AGM (July). This to be decided nearer the time. Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Distribution:

All members.

NAMHO 2009 PLANNING

Please volunteer!

Current requirements and places filled.

| Saturday | | Leader | Back up | Mine Sfce | Layby |
|----------|----|--------|---------|-----------|-------|
| | am | RH | DB | | BS |
| | pm | DB | | | BS |
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| Sunday | | | | | |
| | am | DB | | | |
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Notes

- Above positions are not fixed, some rotation would take place on the day.
- Morning trips start at 10.00am; afternoon at 2pm.
- All members are encouraged to have a go at leading; DB would be happy to relinquish his role and revert to back up or other roles!
- Wherever possible members to attend half an hour before each trip scheduled and if possible leave the lay-by clear.