

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.40pm (approx) on Wednesday 15th July 2009 at 'The Kings Head,' Bonsall.

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)
John Kitchener
Scott Humphries
Albert Watson

Richard Halford (Chairman)
Paul Chandler (Mine Manager)
Malcolm Scothon.

1. Opening Remarks by Chairman.

Richard Halford welcomed all members present to the meeting, and thanked all those who helped on the NAMHO weekend. He had received a great deal of positive feedback from visitors saying how much they had enjoyed their trips round the mine.

2. Apologies

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence/Secretary's Annual Report.

DB (Secretary) commented on the excellent progress made during the year, and in particular thanked RH (Chairman) for stepping in. The BCA insurance scheme appeared to be working well. The website continued to attract hits from all over the place, but more importantly resulted in contacts and trips being arranged. He stated that he attempted to update regularly to attract visitors. Following discussion it was agreed that the website would be used to try and sell some mine mugs. (*The website has been updated with a paypal option, mugs retailing for £5 – for limited time the secretary paying any balance of postage/packing in excess of .50p to stimulate demand*). Another query was raised – whether it was possible to incorporate Ron Amners website into the current one. DB advised that the software requirements were different and that a great deal of work would be required – he intended to leave Ron's site as an archive one (it still brought hits to our site via the link). (*There is a link back to Ron's from our own site – as point of information DB*).

He stated that an objective at the moment was to update Ron Amner's booklet, using modern technology with the intention of providing further income.

Awards for All application was again stalled, owing to the incompetence of the bank in not being able to provide bank statements. These were essential for the application to be accepted.

Correspondence – a letter had been received from PDMHS thanking us for our contribution to the weekend.

6. Mine Manager's Report.

PC circulated a written report at the meeting (copies available on request). He did, in particular, thank both John Kitchener and Brian Webb of PDMHS for their efforts. He also thanked Albert Watson and his friends for the new stove and excellent surface information signs and Richard Halford for his work on a wooden tub. Len Kirkham was also thanked for work on metal supports, as well as his work with Nigel Cooper on radio locating the far end of the upper workings. The conclusion was a look forward to the major project of restarting the shaft excavation on Goodluck Vein.

Monthly mine inspections were being carried out, and a new inspection form had been drafted. The mine now had a mine information pack in a self seal bag, containing surveys and other information. This was intended to be referred to when showing visitors around the mine.

7. Accounts

PC advised that there had been considerable difficulty experienced with the bank in obtaining any statements, despite personal visit to the bank and assurances from the manager there. It had been made clear that this was holding up our application for funds from 'Awards for All.' Current balance in the bank was (according to last statement received) £875.49 – affording the club adequate funds to cope with contingencies.

8. Adoption of Accounts.

The accounts were duly adopted by the members present

9. Election of Committee.

DB (Secretary) stated that PC had agreed to retain the job of treasurer till the end of the year, having taking it on when our previous treasurer had resigned. He asked for volunteers for the role, stating that he would retain the job of renewing subscriptions and banking these cheques to assist. It was also agreed that in view of the problems experienced with the bank statements would continue to go to PC, who would forward them as necessary.

There were no contested posts and it was unanimously agreed that all those proposed and seconded were duly re-elected.

10. Adoption of Constitution.

- PC had raised the question of grants provided for in the constitution. This DB stated was simply to allow the club more flexibility in the future; it was agreed most unlikely that the club would be granting funds to anyone or group in the near future. It was agreed to leave this provision unaltered.
- PC also raised the question of voting rights for ordinary members who attended committee meetings. It was agreed that these be granted.
- RH (Chairman) pointed out that the constitution did not provide for the chairman to have a casting vote. It was agreed that this change should be made.

Subject to the changes above being made the constitution was agreed. *(A copy has been posted on the Goodluck website, and hardcopies are available on request).*

11. Any motions to be put.

There were no motions to be put.

12. Any Other Business

- a) PC had suggested that a fire extinguisher be obtained for the mine, as we did have a generator containing some fuel. This was supplied by DB to the Chairman at the meeting for installation at the mine.
- b) PC had also suggested the purchase of a second hand length of rope as used on the PDMHS/NAMHO weekend (available at discounted rate), for use on our intended dig. This was agreed, PC to negotiate for approx 45m length.
- c) A further 'working evening' was to be held on August 5th at 7pm.

Meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

13. Time, date and place of next meeting

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

Distribution:

All members.

DSB 16th July 2009