

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.40pm on Thursday 24th November 2016 at "The Nelson Arms," Middleton by Wirksworth

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)	Richard Halford (Chairman)
John Wilmot	Andy Beardmore
Kay Barrie	Mark Taylor
Malcolm Scothon	Martin Long
David Wormsley	Arthur Wilson
Kelvin Eady	Dave Webb
Peter Clook	Paul Richards
John Kitchener	Brian Spencer
John Hicklin (late arrival)	Paul Chandler

1. Opening Remarks by Chairman.

Richard Halford welcomed all members present to the meeting, and gave a brief outline on what had been achieved during the year at the mine. He reminded members that the one sad point in the year had been the loss of Terry Wheatley.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Alison Pryce, Richard Dixon, and Chris Beardmore.

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.

5. Presentation of Annual Report by Secretary

The Secretary informed members that unfortunately visits to the mine had declined over the past year, thought partly due to better weather and people going to open air venues. Further publicity work was therefore necessary, although it was pleasing that the Branch Line Society had recently been and given £200 to the club coffers. Membership had increased slightly, but the club still had very high rates of participation. Work in the mine had been very successful and there were several very promising digs/pushes going on. One looked as if it would break into a neighbouring mine and the other seemed to be heading to other workings and potentially a route to surface. Jubilee Dig was on temporary hold, but still held much promise (John W gave a brief update).

We had obtained our historic tub back from the Derby Museum which was due to be treated and then put back into the mine. Membership records were now being held on new software in the cloud, so that other officers could access and members could update their own records. Finally the secretary stated that it was now ten years since the club was founded, and reminded members of what had been achieved in that time.

6. Mine Manager's Report.

Peter Clook submitted a written report studied by the members present. The majority of the work required by the mines inspector had now been completed, one element remaining. All new ladders in the exit shaft bar one has been sorted, but exit could be travelled safely. There was detailed discussion relating to general inspection requirements and the future of mines inspections. Three areas where additional supports were required were identified during the year and dealt with, one further area near the Black Rake now being planned. Members were urged to keep an eye on this area, and if there was fresh fallen rock noticed to report it without delay.

7. Accounts

Brian Spencer circulated a summary of the accounts which showed that there had been a small surplus for the year of £265.17 despite lower income from donations and expenses on maintenance and materials. The surplus carried forward was £1871.16. He reminded members that it would be appreciated if next years subs were paid as soon as possible so that insurance green cards could be applied for.

The Treasurer's report was agreed, and the Chairman expressed his thanks to him for his work during the year.

8. Appointment of auditors

As in previous years members agreed that no auditors or examination of the books was necessary. The secretary clarified that this item was retained on the agenda, in case funding applications were made, in which case 'audited' or 'examined' accounts would be required.

9. Election of Committee.

RH said that all who held office wished to continue. With no other contenders for the club offices, current holders were deemed re-elected.

10. Any motions to be put.

None

11. Any Other Business

There followed a general discussion on mines inspection, future requirements that were likely to be made and the benefits of securing a second exit shaft. A general update on this work was given by the secretary and chairman.

It was also suggested and agreed that a plaque would be placed in the mine at the bottom of Terry Wheatley's dig to remember him – 'Terry's Tower' and that one would be sourced by the club.

12. Time, date and place of next meeting

David Barrie said that the date for the next annual general meeting would be arranged nearer the time. RH closed the meeting at 8.11pm (approximately).

Distribution:

All members.

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