

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.40pm on Thursday 23rd November 2017 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	Dave Bowdley
Shirley Burtonshaw	(new member)
Paul Richards	John Kitchener
Brian Spencer (and Sheila Spencer – observer)	
John Hicklin	Jack Hicklin
Paul Chandler	

1. Opening Remarks by Chairman.

Richard Halford welcomed all members present to the meeting, noting that again we had an excellent turnout to what hoped would again prove to be a very informal AGM. He then gave a brief outline of activities at the mine during the year.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Alison Pryce, Richard Dixon, Dave Walker, Chris Beardmore, Arthur Wilson, Peter Clook, Mike Higgins, Dave Webb, Simon Alsop, Kelvin Eady.

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 advised members that visits to the mine had increased over the past year, but that the emphasis had continued to be on exploration with a number of active digs, the most notable being the break through to an adjoining mine (as yet un named via the letterbox on the exit shaft). Others had been pushed by Andy Beardmore, and by the mid week working team in the large stope off Gulph Gate (Earl Gray Scrin). Jubilee Dig continued to show promise, although water conditions were making working very difficult.

As a result of these digs, he stated that members continued to gain expertise in mining skills. Our Chairman most notably had invested in welding and metalworking equipment enabling us to fabricate props and other items 'in house.' In many ways the club was now 'self-sufficient.'

The negative aspect of the year, however, was the continued attacks on the mine gate and surface features, which had necessitated much work – and expense- to put right. This expense had involved the need for new fixings, bolts, padlock and steel (although RH had donated much of this).

On a happier note there had been a club trip to Alderley Edge, which was enjoyed by the members who attended, and there would be an effort to run other mine trips during the forthcoming year – he mentioned a potential to visit Apedale (where numbers of members already did some work).

The electronic membership system appeared to be working well, and the secretary thanked all members who renewed on the night.

The Secretary also asked for members support in doing some limited advertising for 2018 using the club's Facebook page (agreed).

6. Mine Manager's Report.

Peter Clook submitted a written report which was circulated amongst the members present. He stated that inspections had been carried out on a regular basis throughout the year, covering the 'tourist route' in its entirety. A number of areas were identified for remedial work which was carried out satisfactorily. No additional issues had been identified on the last visit on 20th October.

7. Accounts

Brian Spencer circulated a summary of the accounts which showed that there had been a small loss over the year of £17.16. Income was £853.00 and expenditure was £870.16. Notable was expenditure on security at £122.87. The club surplus carried forward was £1854.00 which meant that the club continued to have excellent reserves.

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

8. 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.

9. Any motions to be put.

Andy Beardmore proposed that the club became members of DCRO. This was understood to involve a modest annual subscription fee (thought £20). Members pointed out that in the past the club had given a voluntary donation to DCRO. It was felt by those present that membership should be pursued and the secretary/treasurer were given authority to process this over the coming months.

10. Any Other Business

There was a general discussion on the winze dig (by the inscriptions on the main level). In the past there had been suggestions that this could be abandoned and used for dumping spoil so that work could proceed on the adjacent walled up passage. It was agreed that unpleasant that working on this dig was that there was still a prospect of exploiting it further, and that using for spoil would terminate these permanently. RH stated that there was also ample space to hold spoil without taking this step. It was agreed by the meeting that this dig would be kept open for the foreseeable future.

11. 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 7.45pm.

Distribution:

All members.

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