

# GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.40pm on Thursday 27th November 2014 at "The Nelson Arms," Middleton by Wirksworth

## Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)	Richard Halford (Chairman)
John Wilmot	Andy Beardmore
Kay Barrie	Mark Taylor
John Hicklin	Malcolm Scothorn (later)
Dave Webb	Peter Clook
Mark Newton	Jamie Wilkins
Brian Spencer	Paul Richards
Jack Hicklin	Terry Wheatley (later)

### 1. Opening Remarks by Chairman.

Richard Halford welcomed all members present to the meeting, stating that the club had had another successful year, with plenty of visitors, and that our financial position remained excellent.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies received from Martin Long, Kelvin Eady, John Kitchener, Dave Bowdley, Paul Chandler.

### 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 there were currently 29 members, the vast majority who were active regularly at the mine. Whilst there had been a decline in large parties visiting the mine, partly because we had not been invited to take part in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Festival, or taken part in Celebrating Cromford, there had been a constant stream of people coming. With these and the ongoing work in the escape shaft plus other projects it had been a full year. Unfortunately owing to pressure of work it had not been possible to arrange 'away days' to other mines, which he regretted. It was suggested that a member could take on this role in the circumstances and this matter was deferred until Item 9 – Election of Committee. The other matter raised was that of insurance costs. Whilst the BCA were indicating that the price per member would rise, the amount was not known at the time of the meeting. It was agreed that to simply accounting members would be billed for current cost, with donations requested when the full amount was known.

This meant that, as in previous years, green cards could be applied for with the minimum of delay.

## **6. Mine Manager's Report.**

Peter Clook submitted a written report studied by the members present. He detailed inspections carried out, the necessary remedial works identified both resolved and outstanding. The main work outstanding was to stabilise areas of loose rock in the right hand wall of the adit between the token board and the first corner. The proposal was to install a number of timber sets in this area, and a quote had been obtained, discussed and order placed, with the intention of putting into place early in the New Year. The cost was coming in at around £138.00. He also detailed the new HSE regulations on health and safety in mines which were due to come into law in April 2015. The main items that would affect the running of the mine were that overall responsibility for mine safety would rest with the mine operator, with the position of the manager no longer defined, and with greater emphasis on risk assessments covering both visitors and GLMPC members. There was general discussion following this on whether it was possible to restrict member's liabilities via the establishment of a limited company, with the consensus that this would not add materially to member's protection against costs, whilst still incurring professional fees. The matter was left in abeyance.

## **7. Accounts**

Brian Spencer presented a brief summary of the accounts, and answered questions. There had been income of £1734.30 and expenditure of £2405.53 resulting in a deficit for the year of £671.23. The amount carried forward was £1723.65. This represented, however, a year when the mine had bought an expensive battery powered drill and other components for the ladder work in the escape shaft. Future costs of equipment and parts were anticipated being nominal only. No only this but the income from subscriptions now due would put the club back in a healthy condition. The chairman reiterated that there was a healthy reserve to cover emergencies, which should be retained.

Members highlighted that there had been no 'stock take' as part of the accounts consideration. Secretary advised that there was still a considerable stock of mugs for which the mine had long since covered its costs, and which could be sold at nominal ticket price if necessary. DVDs continued to sell strongly, providing income. Stocks had run low though, and David Webb supplied more copies on the night, for which a cheque was written.

Other questions raised related to the income from specific categories, i.e. DVD sales. The treasurer advised that for simplicity all figures were totalled – it being difficult on a working day to separate out donations and amounts paid for DVDs for example.

## **8. Appointment of auditors**

As in previous years members agreed that no auditors or examination of the books was necessary.

## **9. Election of Committee.**

RH said that all who held office wished to continue, and offered the opportunity for anyone interested to take on a role – in the absence of other contenders all office

holders were deemed re-elected uncontested. In addition, following discussion, it was agreed (see Item 5) that the club appoint a 'meets officer' to arrange 'away days' for club members. Andy Beardmore agreed to take on this role and was duly elected, there being no other applicant. He advised that there would be an SRT training day on the Millers Dale Bridge on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

#### **10. Any motions to be put.**

None

#### **11. Any Other Business**

Mark Taylor raised the question of members being provided with mine keys on the basis that they were paid for by members. There was a detailed discussion on this with it being agreed that for the security of the mine keys did need to be controlled, which would not be the case if issued to larger numbers of members than at present, that it would be difficult to have keys returned if any member did not renew their membership, that sufficient sets of keys were available for any member to borrow (8), and that the costs/administration of dealing with additional sets of keys would be onerous. It was agreed to maintain the 'status quo.'

Paul Chandler raised (via email) the question of the 'Inscriptions Dig' and there was limited support for recommencing digging here, subject to concerns regarding safety being addressed (difficulties with winching spoil out). There were also concerns that other pressing work, including Jubilee Dig and ladder completion should be completed first.

There was also general discussion over Radon levels in the mine, following recent investigation of levels by Martin Long. It appeared from the new figures obtained that any member would have to spend 200hrs in the highest concentration area in order to exceed the recommended annual radiation dose. This was regarded as unlikely.

#### **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 8.47pm.

#### **Distribution:**

All members.

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