

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.45pm on Thursday 28th November 2013 at "The Boat," Cromford

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)	Richard Halford (Chairman)
Jamie Wilkins	Paul Chandler
John Wilmot	Andy Beardmore
Martin Long	Kay Barrie
Mark Taylor	John Hicklin
Malcolm Scothon	Dave Webb
Peter Clook	Mark Newton

1. Opening Remarks by Chairman.

Richard Halford welcomed all members present to the meeting, he expressed his delight that no sooner had work been proposed that members had taken this on and completed it. He specifically mentioned Andy Beardmore's work on creating a refuge with all the necessary supplies. Likewise care and maintenance works had been carried out with dispatch. He concluded by saying that the club had had another highly successful year.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Paz Vale, John Kitchener, Dave Walker, Brian Spencer, and Terry Wheatley. Members present expressed their sympathy to Brian Spencer on the sad loss of his wife.

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous regular meeting had been circulated and were agreed by those present; noting one minor amendment.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Presentation of Annual Report by Secretary

David Barrie told members of the club currently had 28 members although it was anticipated this would reduce to 26 with 2 not renewing owing to other commitments. The feature of the year had been the considerable amount of teamwork both carrying out repairs and looking after an increasing number of visitors. One highlight had been the club's participation in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Festival which provided three separate sets of visitors resulting in a considerable amount of income (thanks also to sales of DVDs and mugs). The organiser on behalf of Derbyshire County Council had expressed his thanks for all the work we carried out – he anticipated that we would be involved in this again in 2014. The secretary proposed that then we would start trips at 10am, 11.30am and 1pm, with 12 people

on each, thus allowing for some 'drop outs.' He said that he had given a talk to an industrial history Society in Chesterfield (NEDIAS) that was well received, and that as a result it was anticipated that there would be a party of approximately 20 people visiting early in the following year.

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. There was a general discussion regarding method to repair, with the secretary indicating that acrow props had already been obtained. There were works necessary now that the visitor's route had been extended with the need to put chains on those passages leading off the route, with hanging no entry signs. RH indicated that a stock of these signs had already been obtained and was currently stored in the mine. Otherwise an update was provided on additional survey work carried out during the year, resulting in 3D plan, tied into the national grid.

7. Accounts

With Brian Spencer unable to attend a brief summary of the accounts was presented by the secretary showing a surplus carried forward of £2394.88. This was despite the purchase of a substantial amount of equipment costing £277.69. He said that bearing in mind that further subscriptions and donations had not yet been included, and the fact the majority of the equipment we needed had already been bought, this was a very pleasing result that put the club in a very secure position for the future. The chairman commented that we had well exceeded our previous target of retaining a cash balance of £1,000 against future liabilities. The secretary also highlighted the fact that there were considerable stocks of mugs which had long since been paid for and that we were continuing to sell DVDs in which small profits would be made. Malcolm Scothorn raised the question of cost relating to replacement of some of the club lamps which had suffered intermittent failures of their switches. Secretary commented that one lamp that had failed completely had been replaced free of charge, despite being out of warranty. Providing that there were only occasional failures in the future it should be possible to replace these at purely nominal cost.

8. Appointment of auditors

The opinion of the meeting was that none were required; there being no legal requirement. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of taking up charitable status. The general consensus was that whilst there would be some financial benefit there would be increased administration. It was agreed that this be left for the time being.

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.

10. Any motions to be put.

None

11. Any Other Business

John Wilmot updated members present on the progress in his dig, and indicated that there was a possibility of digging upwards from Mark Calladine's dig with voids being evident. He also told members that Prof John Gunn wished to visit the mine to have a look at the main dig – this was welcomed. Members also agreed to provide ladders to access the dig when requested by JW. Some discussion then took place about the need for further radon testing. It was agreed that since an investigation had been carried out approximately 4 years previously and with the risks being regarded as low this was not regarded as necessary. The situation would be looked at again in approximately 6 years time. It was agreed that ventilation levels had improved over the years, particularly since digs had been carried out.

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 thanked DB for providing food, and then closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Distribution:

All members.

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