

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 7.40 pm (approx) on Thursday 4th March 2010 at "The Kings Head", Bonsall.

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)

Brian Spencer

Kay Barrie

Richard Halford (Chairman)

Paul Chandler (Mine Manager)

Albert Watson

1. Opening remarks by Chairman.

RH welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies –

Apologies received from John Kitchener (Dancing), Malcolm Scothon (due to ill health of relative) and Mark Calladine.

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting had been sent out and were duly taken as read by those present at the meeting (some amendments notified by Paul Chandler having duly made to copy held on file).

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Officers

DB stated that there had been a preparatory submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund and that there was a possibility of receiving a grant of £3,000. Matters had been delayed with the Fund directing the submission to the wrong office. As he had been dealing with this, and as it would be necessary to provide copy bank statements he felt that it would be in the best interests of the club if he retained the position of Treasurer temporarily – handing the job over when this was sorted out. There were also discussions regarding the position of a Deputy Mine Manager, with the possibility of PC being absent at the Godfrey Hole project. It was agreed in principle to retain this position; DB stating that although he had held this in the past he could not take on the additional responsibilities at the present time.

6. Accounts/Fund Raising (dealt with together)

DB mentioned accounts. He stated there was £1,485.00 cash in bank, with debts totalling £604.00 (repayment to him for amounts paid for supply of souvenir mugs). Assets at date of meeting - £989.50 consisting mainly of unsold stock of mugs with some leaflets and booklets. Funds were sufficient to enable RH to purchase some eyebolts for chains. Funds would be augmented by a trip to the mine from 'Williamsons Tunnels' who had stated that they would make donations. It was expected that there would be ten people present on 3rd May. It was intended to have a stand on the Saturday of the Celebrating Cromford weekend. He also added that there had been a new member joining - Simon Alsop (relative of 'THE' Alsop) . He would be given a trip (if necessary designed for him) on 28th May 2010. PC updated members on the Peak Walking Festival and stated that he hoped to receive details of those who had contacted that organisation, but had not been able to take a place on a trip, so that we could contact separately. Trips had been arranged for 1st and 5th May. He also stated that there would be a trip run for the Manchester Geological Society on 14th August.

DB stated that other potential funds could be raised by the new booklet produced; funding this was agreed subject to obtaining a satisfactory printing cost (at or less than

already indicated). Retail price would be £4.50. The cost of Peter Naylor's booklet would also be increased to £3.50. It was felt that each had its particular market. DB suggested that once the weather had improved the club should hold a Barbeque up at the mine as thanks to all those that had assisted for their assistance.

7. Open/Working Days

PC advised that there had been working days in December, January and February, and more recently one on 7th March. Outstanding work includes repairs and replacement of timber on the escape shaft wooden platform. It was advised that problems with the SRT rope had made hauling spoil out of the shaft difficult.

8. Publicity

DB stated that the website has been updated again with the addition of 'Google Map' and other items. Fresh posters were being produced – this being more cost effective than the production of further leaflets.

Much useful publicity had been gained by RH's participation in a programme on Radio Derby. The mine had been added of the online Derbyshire Directory.

The possibility of hosting school trips round the mine was also discussed. DB is CRB enhanced, and has also prepared a risk assessment for this activity.

PC mentioned that the mine would be listed in the new 'Caves of the Peak District' book when eventually published.

9. Any Other Business

Brian Spencer detailed the considerable problems he had been experiencing with Nat West Bank. He had written a letter of complaint but had had a very terse letter back. He felt they were not taking their responsibilities seriously and should be more helpful.

Meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

10. Time, date and location of the next meeting.

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

Distribution:
All members.

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