

# GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.40pm (approx.) on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at "The Nelson Arms," Middleton by Wirksworth

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)	Richard Halford (Chairman)
John Wilmot	Andy Beardmore
Mark Taylor	Malcolm Scothon
Martin Long	Dave Bowdley
Shirley Burtonshaw	Margaret Fogarty
John Kitchener	Peter Clook
John Kyle	Arthur Wilson
Brian Spencer (and Sheila Spencer – observer)	

## 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 outlined the excellent progress that had been made at the mine over the year, and increased number of visitors. His only concern was that we were not attracting younger members. There followed a brief discussion on the measures that could be taken.

## 2. Apologies

Apologies received from Alison Pryce, Paul Chandler, Chris Beardmore, Steve Evans, Dave Webb, Kay Barrie, 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 that there has been greatly increased numbers of visitors, driven mainly by the website and word of mouth. No advertising had been necessary.

Membership had grown to 34 during the year, with new member Margaret present. Exploration had continued apace, with several digs in progress, with Earl Gray extensions, Beardmores Burrowings and extension of JK connection all going well. It was noted that AB had now gone off site exploring a shaft on the same vein as the Nelson pub (!).

The club had maintained its excellent relationship with the Mellors at Mountain Cottage, and had received a donation of £100 from them. The club also continued to enjoy free access over their land as necessary. Thanks go to Steve Evans who provided a free drone survey for them, as well as taking aerial pictures of the mine site. There had been no further attacks on the main gate, and it was agreed that the

inner gate locks would be maintained in case of emergency use but not locked. The option of using a padlock, with advice from JW was also discussed.

Two proposals were made and agreed by the meeting as a result of the report – firstly the purchase of two lamps a year to replace older ones in the fleet, and secondly the purchase of several 5m ladders to extend ladder ways and complete other projects (replacing ladder on the 60ft level etc).

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

Peter Clook submitted a written report which was circulated amongst the members present. He confirmed that again inspections had been carried out on a regular basis throughout the year, covering the 'tourist route' in its entirety. He confirmed that there had been no further falls of rock from the base of the Black Rake shaft, and that other remedial work had been completed, with the exception of one area (under continued observation) and one steel ladder, with replacement of the latter now scheduled.

## **7. Accounts**

Brian Spencer circulated a summary of the accounts which showed that there had been a profit for the year of £836.42 reflecting strong visitor numbers and contributing to a very healthy carried forward surplus. RH commented that this meant there was no need to increase subscriptions – and that in the unlikely event there was a major call on funds that members could be asked to make one off contributions instead. Reserves allowed for the costs of insurance should the BCA scheme ever have difficulties.

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

## **8. Election of Committee.**

After discussion it was clear that members present were happy that all those in office continued, and without any new contenders, these were deemed re-elected.

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

There was discussion about the level of contribution that the club would make to the DCRO. It was proposed and agreed that this would be increased to £50, and Andy Beardmore agreed to forward renewal of membership on this basis. There was also agreement that the club would offer DCRO facilities for rescue using JK and escape shafts, in order to practice recovering a casualty from the lower levels.

The meeting agreed to thank Dave Bowdley for arranging the members visit to Apedale Colliery. The secretary also thanked Dave and Apedale members for their donation to funds when they visited Goodluck.

## **10. Any Other Business**

The question of a negative trip report by the TSG was raised by Martin Long. Apparently a complaint was made that the club had to pay for access. The secretary stated that normally clubs would be offered free access in return for reciprocal arrangements, and it was clear that this had not happened this time – possibly because the booking was made by individuals rather than the club. The chairman offered a free return trip to the TSG if desired, and ML agreed to communicate this offer.

There was also a question relating to the insurance contribution for 2019, which ML confirmed would be remaining at £17.

ML also proposed retaining copies of Goodluck surveys be retained in the BCA servers for the future (with some data redacted for public use – i.e location of surface shafts). This was agreed by the members.

### **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 8.40pm (there being a refreshment break during proceedings).

DSB Hon Secretary Goodluck Mine Preservation Club

#### **Distribution:**

All members. DSB 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018.