

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.40 pm (approx) on Thursday 19th November 2009 at "The Kings Head", Bonsall.

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary)

Scott Humphries

Malcolm Scothorn

Brian Spencer

Kay Barrie

Richard Halford (Chairman)

Paul Chandler (Mine Manager)

Mark Calladine

Albert Watson

1. Opening remarks by Chairman.

RH welcomed everybody to the meeting. He said that there had been a visit from the Mines Inspector to Goodluck Mine, who had given the mine a 'clean bill of health' for the coming year. Richard also said that he thought that the work taking place at the mine was going well.

2. Apologies –

Apologies received from David Baines (working in Wales) and JK (Line Dancing!!).

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.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

A letter written to the bank has resulted in £150 being paid into our account in part restitution for the trouble caused. Fire Extinguisher obtained for the mine. It was noted that flowers had been sent to the previous Treasurer for the work that she had done for the Club.

5. Correspondence/Secretary's Annual Report

DB stated that he had attended the Pleasley annual open day with the stall and handed out a number of leaflets. Richard Platt (a long term friend of the club) also helped out.

A number of further visits had been arranged, one from the Arkwright society. Thanks were due to Paul for arranging a return trip to GLM for staff at Fauld Gypsum Mine following a PDMHS visit to Fauld earlier this year.

DB reported that he had continued to update the website with working days and other information. DB also stated that there was occasional email contacts received both via this and Ron's original site.

BCA Insurance. No increases for 2010, other than for non caving surface only – understood to be £8 (previously £5). Total subscription still £31 for membership with underground insurance. Membership now runs from 1st January. DB has had membership cards already printed, so early payment would be appreciated.

As a matter of interest DB shall shortly be CRB enhanced checked and this means (providing that he does some additional paperwork) that we could take small parties of children underground. DB was not actively suggesting that we do so, but that the option would be available. It was therefore soon to be the case that were we to run a school trip we could legitimately provide an

'approved' leader. This arrangement will last till July 2010 when it will be necessary to additionally register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

The job of updating the mines history booklet is well under way. A draft of this had been produced for this meeting – provided. DB had received a quote for this – which works out at £617.15 inc Vat for 250 copies. The intention was to market at £4.50.

Awards for All – DB stated that he had not yet been able to proceed with this owing to time constraints and the only recent ability of the bank to send statements. He stated that he had heard through the grapevine that there was little money available at present in any case.

It was also mentioned by PC that three possible trips to Goodluck Mine would be taking place at the time of the Walking Festival next year (being re-named 'The Great Outdoors'), which had gone from being a fairly short festival to a longer one lasting two weeks. PC also stated that there was considerable interest already shown regarding this and that there would be some leaflets being generated as well as a website. It had been agreed that the trips would cost £7.50 each.

6. Presentation of Mine Managers Report

A written report was submitted by PC which included details regarding the dangers of Radon. The report was passed round the meeting for all the members to look at. DB mentioned, following submission of report, that signs indicating the maximum number of people allowed in the mine past the emergency exit route, together with 'no entry' signs for passages off the main route had been obtained and were ready to install.

7. Accounts

PC also presented a written report regarding the Accounts. He said the Bank Account currently held £1364.99 and that there is petty cash of £10.50. He said there had been a few discrepancies but the Secretary explained that with all funds tending to be electronically transferred it was not possible to split between donations and sales of mugs/booklets.

8. Adoption of Accounts

The accounts were duly agreed by the members present.

9. Election of Committee

DB stated that PC had previously indicated that he was prepared to continue the role of treasurer until the end of the year. BS volunteered to take on the treasurer's role, on the basis that the secretary handled the outstanding renewal of subscriptions and BCA insurance. There was a discussion re the need to change signatures and the addresses for statements. It was agreed, notwithstanding potential difficulties with the bank, that these changes would be effected. BS was accordingly proposed as the new Treasurer and the members present unanimously agreed.

All the other officers were re-elected en bloc.

10. Any motions to be put. No formal motions, but discussion to take place on one point see below. Thanks were given to AW for the work he had put in for the Club regarding the escape shaft lid.

11. Any Other Business

Recommended donation for trips in 2010. PC proposed that we charge £7 rather than the £5 we had previously asked for. It was considered best to keep the charge at £5 for the moment. A long discussion took place regarding marketing the mine with suggestions of ensuring greater publicity around the local area, leaflets in the local pubs and Mining Museum, and approaching local societies and clubs. It was also suggested that the club had a stall at the

'Celebrating Cromford' event in 2010 (as in a previous year). MC also mentioned the possibility of obtaining some ladders for the mine, which he would try to do, dependent on the vagaries of railway companies.

DB agreed to set a date for the candle ceremony in the middle of December, with some members expressing an interest. DB stated that this did provide some welcome seasonal publicity.

Meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

12. 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.

KEB 20th November 2009.