

Scarborough

Minutes of SCC Club Meeting Called by the Vice Chairman 5th September 1998

Caving Club



Those present

Pete Shaw
Carol
Jamie Dixon
Richard Wilsdon
Andy Brennan
Mike Appleby
Sue Fraser
Chalky Thomas

1. Opening statement by vice chairman. Pete explained that Gerry had suggested that he would be happy to reverse roles with Pete if the members felt that it would benefit the club.
2. Sue responded by giving Jerry's apologies for absence due to working away and confirmed that Jerry was prepared to swap roles with Pete if the members decided it was in the best interests of the club.
3. Pete responded by saying the some members of the club had intimated to him that they were not satisfied with the way the club was currently run. He went on to say the club seemed to be splitting into two factions the 'Thursday evening crew' and the 'Weekend trips crew'. This was refuted by some and discussion ensued. Pete went on to say that the problems within the club were down to a lack of communication between members over the organising of club trips and events.
4. This discussion was brought to a close by the Vice Chairman. who tabled the question 'Are the club members satisfied with the current roles of Chairman and Vice Chairman or did they think the club could benefit from a change. The members voted for change by four to two.
5. Richard Wilsdon asked Pete Shaw what would be different if he was Club Chairman. Pete replied that a Chairman he would make his time available to take the club and would also organise some social events. Richard commented the Pete Shaw did not necessarily need to be chairman to do this.
6. Pete now stated that the members had voted for a change, and asked if anyone had a proposal other than a the reversal of Chairman/Vice Chairman roles. No other proposals were tabled and the reversal of roles was carried.
7. Pete now raised the point that the club constitution required updating to include the role of Vice Chairman and state that the posts of Treasurer & Secretary may be jointly held, this was agreed and secretary to make the required changes.
8. Equipment. It was mentioned that Jerry had asked Jamie to look after the club tackle. Pete proposed that Jamie should take over the role of Tacklemaster. Richard voiced the a concern that Whitby was a little out of the way for collection of equipment. A compromise was suggested, Richard will now hold some of the club tackle that may be required on Thursday evenings, the drill, a ladder, some old ropes, etc. This was agreed. Chalky made a point of warning Jamie to expect the members returning the kit in an unwashed state. It was agreed that if the club tackle master if taking part on the trip he will be responsible it's return to storage in appropriate condition. If there are losses of gear on a club organised trip the club will bear the loss. However if any other members independently borrow gear they are responsible for returning it in a clean state and must make good any losses. The distinction being whether or not the trip is in the official Trips List.
9. The subject of Bank Account was raised. The treasurer stated that he had recently received a club building society book which had been forwarded by Mark Rowe. The treasurer stated that he intended to open a bank account locally and would need the chairman to sign the relevant forms.
10. The issue of safety was again raised. It was suggested that whoever was designated trip leader should determine whether or not novice members we capable to undertake the trip. Richard commented that if

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anyone took it upon themselves to make such decisions they themselves could perhaps be held liable if there was an incident and there judgment was in question. It was agreed that no such policy should be adopted and common sense should be used.

A.O.B.

1. The treasurer pointed out that he had not received subs from either Rob or Nial. This was believed to be due to Chalky leaving a envelope containing the cheques in his old car. These cheques have to date not been found.
2. Carol requested that the contacts list should be reissued with updated car details.
3. It was noted that the club is owed money from T/Sweat Shirt sales: Mike (£12), Jerry (£8), Pete Shaw (£13) and Andy (£9).
4. The treasurer also mentioned that he was about to renew the BCRA insurance and that anyone not currently a member of the club would not be include in the numbers.
5. Richard raised the question of overseas club trips for the coming year. He asked if anyone was interested, had any particular ideas, or was prepared to be involved in organisation.
6. As many of us were present it seemed a good idea to start a list of Trip Requests.

Requests for trips next year were as follows:

Carol	Dow	Non Permit
P. Shaw	Ease Gill (Lancaster/County) Car Pot	Permit
Jerry	Disappointment	Permit
P. Fambely	Gaping Gill	Permit
Jamie	Polna Gollum(Ireland) Spectacle Quaking Magnetometer Langstrath	Permit
Sue	Marble Steps	Non Permit
	Strands Gill	Permission Reqd.
Andy	Drennan(wales) Bull Pot	
Others	Hag Gill Langstrath Moss Dale Sell Gill Holes Oddmire	After Christmas? Pirate Job!

Meeting Closed.

Note from Secretary,

I have now renewed our BCRA insurance on the basis of the current membership. I am sorry to say that I have not received an trip reports to include in the news letter to date.

After debate on the correct method of tying 'a figure of eight on the bite', I include a diagram and instructions from the Nottingham University Cave Training Manual downloaded from the Internet.

P.R.Fambely

S.C.C. Constitution (updated Sept 1998)

THE CLUB SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE 'SCARBOROUGH CAVING CLUB'.

THE OBJECTIVES.

The club shall be involved in the exploration of caves, potholes and disused mines, and the training of new members in the art of safe caving.

COMPOSITION.

The club shall consist of active caving members, that shall partake on club trips and events. A members spouse may be admitted to meetings. New members shall be subject to six months approval. The club retains the right to refuse an application for membership and the right to exclude ANY member.

MANAGEMENT. The management shall be vested in the committee, which shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Tacklemaster, Training Officer and Novice Trips Organiser. To be elected annually at the A.G.M. each member will serve for a minimum of one year and shall be eligible for re-election. The posts of Treasurer and Secretary may be combined.

FINANCE.

The club shall be financed by member's subscription and private donations. These monies shall be used for the purchase of equipment, information, and subscriptions to the C.N.C.C.

THE TREASURER.

Shall Keep an account of all monies and render a statement of account annually at the A.G.M.

THE SECRETARY.

Shall be responsible for recording all minute, bookings and organising of events, and circulating all details to members.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The A.G.M. shall be held in March each year.

ALTERATION TO THE CONSITUTION.

1) NO alteration to the constitution shall be made except at A.G.M., any alteration shall be given to the secretary, who shall notify all members 14 days in before the proposals are due to be discussed.

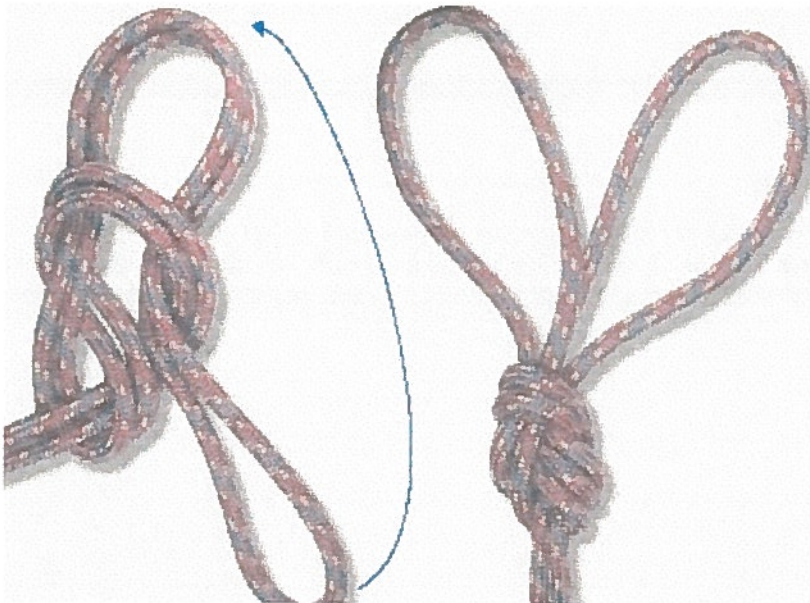
DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

The club shall not be dissolved EXCEPT at a meeting convened for that purpose. All members shall be given one months notice of any such meeting. Any such proposal shall require a two thirds majority of all members eligible to vote to be accepted. Any items donated shall be returned to their supplier. All other equipment shall be sold, and all monies raised and all monies in the club funds will be divided equally between the fully paid up caving members who have been a member for more than six months.

***** Double Figure-of-Eight on the Bite**

This is a double loop knot and is used for rigging Y-belays. Its advantages is the ease of adjust the size of the loop. It is also possible to alter the size of the loops when tied (but not as easily as a bowline on the bite). Its main disadvantage is that it is difficult to untie after loading.

- Form a standard double figure-of-eight and then thread the end back through the top loop
- Open the end of the rope so that it forms a loop and then pass it over the knot, pulling tight



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