

Minutes of CUCC Annual General Meeting 2009

11th March 2009

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Members present

The following members were present: James Hickson, Laurence Aitchison, Olly Madge, Serena Povia, Edvin Deadman, Kathryn Hopkins, Jess Stirrups, Ollie Stevens, Jess Hatchett, Wookey, Martin Jahnke, Tom Logan, Gareth Phillips, Ben Gibson.

Accounts

Jess Hatchett presented this year's accounts, which were unanimously approved.

It was agreed that we will get the application for the Societies Syndicate grant organised by the start of next term.

It was agreed to reapply for a travel grant of £400.00, as it has proved invaluable this year in subsidising the fuel costs for meets, thus keeping the meet fees at an appropriate level. It was suggested that we could increase this subsidising next year, though to what extent was not specified, and to increase the amount applied for in a years time.

Jess noted that the safety critical and personal gear pools have been gradually increasing, and it has been decided that the club will look into purchasing more gear. Suggestions for this included using some of the pools to contribute to the expo gear order, to make up for the decrease in funding this year, replacing the club charger, and purchasing two more SRT kits. Another suggestion was that the criteria of the safety critical pool be redefined in the five year plan, to include items important for keeping people safe, but which are not necessarily included currently, such as guide books. It was also suggested that more books be purchased for the library.

Jess also noted that although the gear pools have been gradually increasing, the general float has stayed constant.

Elections

The results of the elections for the 2009 committee were as follows:

President: Jess Stirrups (prop: Kathryn Hopkins, sec: Ollie Stevens)

Secretary: Tom Logan (prop: Ben Gibson, sec: Jess Hatchett)

Senior Treasurer: James Hickson (prop: Ollie Stevens, sec: Olly Madge)

Junior Treasurer: Ollie Stevens (prop: Edvin Deadman, sec: Jess Hatchett)

Tacklemaster: Ben Gibson (prop: Ollie Stevens, sec: Laurence Aitchison)

Meets Secretary: Serena Povia (prop: Edvin Deadman, sec: Kathryn Hopkins)

Social Secretary: Laurence Aitchison (prop: Serena Povia, sec: Edvin Deadman)

Training Officers: Martin Jahnke (prop: Edvin Deadman, sec: Jess Stirrups),

Laurence Aitchison (prop: Edvin Deadman, sec: Jess Stirrups)

Librarian: Martin Jahnke (prop: Edvin Deadman, sec: Serena Povia)

Lamp Post: Wookey (Prop: Laurence Aitchison, sec: Jess Stirrups)

All positions were uncontested and approved unanimously.

It was agreed in his absence that John Billings will retain the position of Webmaster, subject to his

agreement, and that the position of General Member will remain open.

Other Business

It was suggested that the club needs to focus less on getting as many people to join as possible, and more on encouraging those who do join to stay part of the club.

Suggestions for this included having a more organised Michaelmas Term calendar, with larger meets and social events in the weeks without meets, as well as the resumption of weekly lunches and the discussion of the probable trips during the pubmeet preceding a meet, to provide more information on and raise more interest in the relevant caves.

It was also suggested that we change the marketing of the club to portray a more realistic representation of caving, pitching the squash to avoid creating the wrong expectations. Suggestions included showing fewer pictures of formations and more pictures which show the nature of the majority of caves in Britain, and a slide show about the trip down Swildon's, to give a better idea of what the first trip is going to be like.

The date of the squash next Michaelmas term was discussed, and two dates were suggested – Monday 12th October and Friday the 9th October. A Vote was held, and Monday 9th was decided upon, with 7 votes compared to 0 for Friday 12th, with 7 people abstaining. It was also agreed that typing up email lists obtained from the Fresher's Fair would be split between several people if there were several pages, to insure they are typed up in time to advertise the squash.

It was decided that lunches would resume next Michaelmas term, and Ollie Stevens volunteered to provide them.

The payment of a £400.00 deposit for the 60th Anniversary Dinner by CUCC was unanimously approved.

James Hickson gave a vote of thanks to the retiring committee and officers.

Kathryn Hopkins gave a vote of thanks to James Hickson for continuing to be our Senior Treasurer.