

# Mendip Caving Group.

## Management Meeting Minutes 16/02/2023

### Apologies

Tim Francis

### Links

Minutes of previous meetings: -

<https://www.mendipcavinggroup.org.uk/committee-meeting-minutes/>

### Present:-

#### Management Trustees.

Bill Chadwick

David Lossi

Jackie Murch

Jason Kirby

Dan Matthews

Tom Harrison

Mark Edwards

#### Custodian Trustees

Ben Cooper (Investment Administrator) Joined the meeting at 20.05 and left the meeting at 20.43

Brian Snell

The meeting commenced at 19.30

### Agenda:

1. Approve draft Committee Meeting Minutes 12/2022 on the website.

Minutes unanimously accepted as a true record.

### Carry Forwards (C/F) from the previous meeting:

Action	Who	NOTES
C/F 1. Fire Wardens	JK	<b>ACTION</b> Jason will arrange online training for David Lossi, Jackie Murch and Mark Edwards. The cost for all 3 will be £43: <b>ONGOING</b>
C/F 2. Front Door/lock issues	JK	Progress report
C/F 3	JK/TH	<b>ACTION</b> : Draw up plans and costs for driveway remedial work. Tom Harrison to consider applying for EDF grant.  NOTE an EDF grant is not applicable, but TH will look at the possibility of a Mendip grant. <b>ONGOING</b>

C/F 4 Investment transfer	TH/BC	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Transfer £15K into investments – discussion between Tom and Ben needed.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> Work still needed to complete CIO status with financial companies:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 investment transfers in total.</li> <li>• 3 Transferred, but there is still finishing paperwork required before they can become transactable.</li> <li>• 3 still to be transferred.</li> <li>• All transfers of status need to be completed before closing the old charity.</li> </ul> <p>Tom suggested splitting the £15K equally between the 6 investments.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> Ben Cooper will check to see when the first 3 investments will become transactable and inform TH</p>
C/F 5 Editor vacancy	BC	<p>Dan would be happy to be Editor if a replacement for their posts could be found.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> Contact Matty Dredge to see if he would consider the Editors role. He has been a probationer for over 6 months, so we would need to get him signed off as a full member</p> <p>Make members aware of the vacancy through FB and Google posts</p>
C/F 6. OFD Cave Advisory Group		<p>Michael Perryman has confirmed he is happy to take on the role. <b>ACTION</b>. Bill to contact him formally.</p>
C/F 7. AGM Dinner 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	JM	<p>Update from Jackie re Castle Of Comfort £30 a head agreed by the committee. 36 to 40 bookings expected.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest speaker narrowed down to Russ Porter plus friend on the topic of lead mines in Weston-Super-Mare.</li> <li>• Russ and his friend to be given free dinners.</li> <li>• Free tickets to be offered to Wessex, BEC and Shepton.</li> <li>• Offer Steve Porter a free ticket as a thank you for all his CIO work</li> <li>• Raffle:- ask for donations from members.</li> <li>• Get a menu to the Committee ASAP for approval.</li> <li>• Circulate the menu to members in the week beginning 27/03/2023</li> </ul>
C/F 8. Cleaning Cupboard sign	DL	<b>COMPLETED</b>

C/F 9. Starling Bank as an option for the club	TH	TH to look at changing the Club current account from HSBC to the Starling Bank as there is no monthly fee, and cash can be paid in at any post office. <b>ONGOING</b>
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### Membership Changes:

1. New Probationary Member approvals: None

Vicki Peters – had she paid her subs?.

**ACTION** Can ME confirm about Vicki with TH. Can we now approve Vicki?

Vicki Peters has been confirmed as NOT a member.

2. New full Member approvals: None

### New Agenda Items

1. 2023 renewals, BCA submission done, renewal letter contents.  
**ACTION** Bill to Offer ASSOCIATE Membership, at a cost of £15, to those that have not renewed.
2. 2023 AGM and dinner, speaker? – Covered in C/F 7 above.
3. 2023 AGM officer reports.- **ACTION**. All Management Trustee reports to Bill pleased by 15<sup>th</sup> March.
4. 2022 Income and expenditure, what to do about our fees- Make this an agenda item for the AGM
5. Library PC, volunteer to update it to Win10 – **ACTION** Brian has kindly offered to do this.
6. 2024 70th anniversary plans:-
  - Gauge interest from older members. **ACTION** Bill to email older members.
  - **ACTION** Discuss date and format at the AGM.
  - Did MCG contribute to any of the costs at the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner? (Martin Rowe, Richard Carey and Linda Milne may know)
7. Investment transfer progress – Defer to March meeting
8. Cottage transfer progress - **ONGOING**

**Remaining AGM 2021 Rolling Agenda Items:**

66.5	CROW	Ed: Caves like UF, and in fact all caves with special access and conservation issues, may need a Section 26 Application. We need to be ready to act quickly: <b>ACTION:</b> Committee to liaise with Graham Price. Possible info from Dave Rose, BCA CROW co-ordinator. Report back to next AGM
9.6	Tim Francis	<b>ACTION:</b> Send the under 18s question back to the Committee for further consideration of implications
9.8	Proposed Ben Cooper 2nd Tim Francis	<b>PROPOSAL:</b> The Committee set up a working party to work out a constitution change that would allow under 18's to join the CIO, and to present all necessary and clear information to an EGM 16 – for 1 – against 2- abstentions Motion Passed <b>ACTION:</b> As Above

**2023 AGM agenda items**

1. Should there be a minimum bed night fee of e.g. 4 beds for midweek winter guest bookings to better cover heating costs?
2. Review of existing membership fees.
3. Date and format of the MCG 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The meeting closed at 20.55

Minutes – David Lossi