

Oxford University Cave Club

Hilary 2018 - AGM

07/03/2018

Present: Nick Adams (NA), Simon Goddard (SG), Rosa Clements (RC), Rory Rose (RR), Thomas Leung (TL), John 'Jack' Williams (JJW), Will Ivison (WI), Steve Roberts (SR), Chris Densham (CD)

Officers' Reports

-President (Steve Roberts):

Very little to report. There is an ongoing matter to do with Draenen survey data, but this is rather historic in nature, rather than to do with current club activities. I am dealing with it. I'll report more fully when the issue is closed.

-Librarian (Steve Roberts):

I'm considering (very slowly) whether to downsize the library collection to essentials (Books, surveys, OUCC-specific stuff and main UK caving journals), donating the rest to the BCRA library. But I haven't done anything about it yet. The crunch time will come when I have to move out of my office in materials, post-retirement, at the end of summer; there's about 12 feet of shelf space in there occupied by OUCC stuff, for which I have no room at home.

The mountaineering club has a section in the Bodleian, maybe this is something we should look into. For other clubs' journals we could offer them to the club in general before donating to the BCRA. It would be a good idea to keep guidebooks in the hut - perhaps in a box that could be taken on weekends.

-Webmaster (Steve Roberts):

Same old same old... the website gets updated when there is anything to update!

We now have static email addresses for committee members e.g. secretary@...

-Chair (Jack Williams):

OUCC was contacted by a lawyer late last year with regards to a survey published on our website which allegedly contained uncredited material from other clubs. I have passed the matter on to Steve Roberts.

I have been pretty snowed in (excuse the pun) with my degree over the past 6 months and as such would like to step down from being the OUCC chair this term.

I have not yet received a reply from the Ario Caves Project to find out dates for this year's expedition.

-Meets Secretary (Jack Williams):

This term we have had one trip, to Derbyshire, with a successful trip down Titan. We have another trip (to southern CHECC) coming up this weekend.

Other trips have not gone ahead due to a lack of drivers - I'm not sure how to get around this issue. SWCC sent us an email saying that we would have to start paying deposits if we failed to arrive for another weekend.

Any suggestions for trips/permits next term are welcome.

9-seaters are more convenient than minibuses and you can drive them on a standard licence. We should try to arrange weekends around driver availability so we don't end up cancelling trips.

Suggestions for trips in Trinity term:

Yorkshire

A combined fresher/leader training trip

Devon

The Gower – possibly with climbers?

-Gear Officer (Nick Adams):

Nothing to report.

Some lights replaced and the new rope has been cut up.

-Safety Officer (Nick Adams):

Nothing to report.

No incidents

-Secretary (Will Ivison):

Nothing to report. I will (hopefully) be graduating this year so will have to step down as secretary.

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-Minibuses/transport for weekends – NA: I'm not aware that anybody has taken the minibus driving course with the sports fed for the upcoming year. Given that the 9-seater is available for hire on standard driving licences, I'd suggest that we hire directly from the rental companies rather than go through the university. The 9-seaters have proven a lot more convenient in comparison with the 15-seaters, offering comfortable transport for 9 and a lot of storage space, rather than the 15-seaters which end up as a glorified van with seats for ~10.

N.B. My permit ends in October so I can cover the rest of the years' trips through the sports fed if required.

-Hustings – positions available: Chair, Secretary

Rory Rose for Secretary – unanimously in favour

Rosa Clements for Meets Secretary – unanimously in favour

We could have a showing of 'The Ario Dream' and advertise it to the Exploration Club. Perhaps combine with a showing of 'First Light', or have two separate events.

Meeting adjourned