

Oxford University Cave Club

Trinity 2018 - TGM

13/06/2018

Present: Calum White (CW); Jeremy Welch (JW); Rosa Clements (RC); Phil Rose (PR); Ditta Rose (DR); Rebecca Miller (RM); Nick Adams (NA); Thomas Leung (TL); Rory Rose (RR); Dan Kent (DK); Will Ivison (WI); Fiona Barker (FB)

Apologies for absence: Jack Williams; Steve Roberts

Officers' Reports

President (Steve Roberts):

- Nothing to report

Chairman (Jack Williams):

- Nothing to report

Librarian (Steve Roberts):

- Relocating library to the RSL

Still have till the end of the year to sort out a move to a new location. RR will get in contact with climbers to start a discussion about possibly moving our library to the RSL.

Webmaster (Steve Roberts):

- Nothing to report

Treasurer (Jeremy Welch):

- See Appendix
- Could subsidise trips for drivers, would have to have this as a gift as can't be paying drivers. Could charge half
- We do not need to leave a legacy for next year so can afford to spend some money.

Meets Secretary (Rosa Clements):

- This terms trips

Cave fest went well, weekend with climbers was good. Yorkshire cancelled due to lack of drivers.

Aggy trip numbers reduced due to broken down car.

- Next term's Trips
- Wessex good walking distance to caves and great for freshers.
- Wales fresher's weekend, wales not great for freshers. Have had a previous issue with Chelsea CC hut so don't want to go there. Would need to go to WSG.
- Would be good to get freshers SRT skills up fairly quickly. Would want to do SRT training trip.
- Could do fresher's trip in Peak District. P8 good.
- day trips much more attractive to freshers
- **Run day trip on Sunday of 0th and 1st week as avoids freshers fair and matriculation. Want to capture people early so they don't get caught by other clubs.**
- See Appendix 2 for Meets Sec Report.

Safety officer (Nick Adams):

- Nothing to report

Gear officer (Nick Adams):

- Maillons are consistently being returned partially open, we need to make sure they're fully closed before returning

Secretary (Rory Rose):

- Student's Invite

NA: Could do a video to promote event. Also would help to write a targeted email for recent Alumni.

- Which permits should we get?
- Lost Johns
- Yordas

- Knots 2
- Easgill
- Drivers (Reading)

NA: if continue to get let down at last minute will develop a reputation with huts, should organise a joint trip next term with Reading.

RR: will ask for Reading's term card for next term.

- Social Media

Need to push facebook.

Make it the responsibility of the trip organiser to make a post before and after the trip to advertise.

Need to make pre trip info more accessible, put link to trying caving section of website on trip posts.

- Pub
 - Move to the Gardener's Arms?

General agreement for this. Would also move time to 7:30 so people can have food there.

- Fresher's Week
 - Pub crawl on Sunday of fresher's week?

Not possible if running trip on Sunday

- google form

General agreement to have a google form. Can also get people to sign up for the trip on the same form. Do this form on a tablet as laptop will run out of charge. DK is willing to let us use his. Need to buy battery packs.

- squeeze machine – bring

Bring a chair. Still have pictures and pull up boards from previous years. Can use last years' flyers.

Would be good to have some caving kit there, e.g over suit and wellies on a coat hanger.

Should push that people don't need kit, only need a towel [could have a Douglas Addams theme]

RR will print off flyers/ term cards

- Dates:
 - Wednesday 7 October – tbc (set up)
 - Thursday 8 October – 09:30 to 16:30 (Fresher's Fair)
 - Friday 9 October – 09:00 to 16:00 (Fresher's Fair)
 - Saturday 10 October – 09:00 to 16:00 (ReFreshers' Fair)
 - These dates are a year out. Websites don't seem to have been updated yet. Need to continue to check through the long vac.
- Who is around to man the stand ect.?
- DK, RR, RC, FB

- Summer Trip

- Ireland or France next Easter or summer.
- We are not in a position to run a full expo, good to do something that freshers can train towards. Simon could drive kit.
- Have a set minimum requirement for going on the trip to promote weekend trips ect.
- Need to form a group of people to organise this, RR will head the group.
- Can apply to Irving Fund for money towards expo.

- Training

- Boulder in Wolvercote. – meeting next week to check the boulder out. NA heading this.
- Still haven't got the relevant details for our Public liability insurance
- MCS has a large climbing wall, might be worth enquiring. Not inside so doesn't have significant advantage.
- Why can't we use Iffley? - RR will inquire with Iffley over vac to find out why we can't use it because Iffley would be ideal.
- Should aim to organise two training events per term

- Could make certificates for competency in different things to keep people turning up and
- Committee Online Document Store
 - Insurance details, member list, any committee position cheat sheets ect. equivalent.
 - Generally good idea but having any member's details is a bad idea. Just keep it to a basic list of names.
 - Put store on a google drive and share with committee members. RR will set up.

AOB:

- Transport
 - We need people to take the minibus driving course to take us to weekends.
 - People need to re-register for the Uni cars.
 - New costings coming in next term which should make using university cars much cheaper.
 - Also will need to pay an extra £5 for insurance regardless.
 - **From Sport's Fed: As it stands, there are no more scheduled assessment dates, but if you provide us with a number of how many of your members wish to take the test, we will look at putting another day on when we get 4-6 interested individuals from across all clubs. – can organise it around us**

First aid course:

CW: Could join in with kayaker first aid course next term to keep us up to date.

Prizes:

RR won tankards – 'next-gen caver' and Pod's Leatherman

No award for Lemming

Appendix 1 – Treasurer’s Report

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Trinity Term 2018 Termly General Meeting

Treasurer’s Report

Balances

Main account £4158.94 (6 June 2018)

Local Account £235.00

Cash in transit from University Stores: figure not available, but a small figure, as a transfer was made in March 2018.

The figures above reflect the current balances and shows a total of £4393.94 in the accounts, a slight increase on the previous year’s figure (£4093.69, 14th June 2017, after stores transfer in). The balances reflect the payment of subscriptions to the BCA for 2018.

Operations

There are no significant amounts outstanding for payment. £993.36 was transferred from the University Stores account at the end of March 2018, following a further £1136.97 in November 2017. During Trinity Term, it is often the case that trips are significantly smaller, and accounts do not pass through the Stores when a small group of members undertake a trip, typically in a car, rather than hired vehicle.

Overall, the financial position of the Club presents no concerns at this time.

Annual accounts will be prepared and forwarded to the Sports Federation. There are no items that are expected to cause any enquiries from Sports Federation.

Proposed Expenditure

Apart from routine equipment replacement, there is no expected unusual expenditure at this time

Jeremy Welch

6th June 2018

Appendix 2 – Meets Sec Report

22nd April, end of 0th week: Otter Hole
4th-7th May, end of 2nd week: Mendip Cave Fest
11th-13th May, end of 3rd week: Joint weekend with OUMC on the Gower
25th-28th May, end of 5th week: Yorkshire
9th June, end of 7th week: day trip to Agen Allwedd

The Otter Hole trip didn't go to Otter Hole (due to weather), but still involved caving and was enjoyable. The trip to CaveFest was successful and involved much caving and much drinking. The joint trip with the climbers was also successful- we took several climbers underground (more were willing to try but there were logistical issues), discovered that Tooth Cave is really quite a decent cave, impressed the climbers withour barbeque, andhad a good time. The Yorkshire trip was cancelled due to transport issues. The Aggy trip also had transport issues but 3 out of 8 people who wanted to go caving went caving. So overall good caving has happened but transport continues to be a problem.

Next term I have booked the Wessex for bonfire weekend at the end of 4th week, so we are in walking distance of Swildons, Eastwater, and the BEC firework party but do not have to sleep at any of the above. I was thinking of booking the Wales Freshers weekend at the end of 1st week but matriculation is now at the end of 1st week so I am not going to book it then. SWCC is booked up at the end of 2nd week so we will have to choose between WSG at the end of 2nd week or SWCC at the end of 3rd week (i.e. back to back with the Mendip Freshers' weekend). CHECC is likely to be at the end of 7th week (the last weekend of November) but I don't know where it is yet. CHECC were looking for a venue in Wales but whether they've had any success is another question. I am open to suggestions about the remaining Michaelmas term weekend (probably at the end of 6th week).