

## AGM Agenda and Minutes

### Oxford University Cave Club

Hillary Term 2020- AGM

04/03/2020

#### Present:

Rory Rose (RR), Rebecca Miller (RM), Nick Adams (NA), Rosa Clements (RC), Vlad Catanea (VC), Sarah Day (SD), Steve Roberts (SR), Nicole Au (NA)

#### Officer's Reports

##### **President** (Steve Roberts):

- Nothing to add since the last TGM report. I'm happy to stand again as President, but if any more caving-active University Senior Member wishes to take on the role, I'm happy to pass it on.
- **Happy to continue to stand in this position**

##### **Library** (Steve Roberts):

- As in the last TGM report, we continue to accrue Descent and a few other mainstream journals, and I'm working towards reducing the unnecessary stuff.

##### **Website** (Steve Roberts):

- Usual maintenance with current information, and I'm steadily (and slowly!) adding scanned-in expedition logbooks, the 1988 ones being the most recent ones dealt with.
- **Photos to put on the website- need a selection of photos with name, dates, where (half a dozen group photographs)**
- **Able to backdate some**

##### **Chairman** (Rory Rose):

- So far, this academic year has been very good for numbers of repeat cavers. However, we have felt a strain due to the low number of leaders.
- I have repeatedly emailed David White about the proposal for the SRT tower, so have recently sent an email to the sports federation president and facilities sec. Hopefully we will be able to progress with this soon.
- Next term it would be good to organize some talks for caving expeditions.
  - For example: Dachstein, Ario, CUCC.
  - There may also be the opportunity to organize a talk from Rick Stanton about the Tham Luang cave rescue
- **David White emailed back- Email expected on Friday, hopefully will see some progress with the SRT tower**
- **Expedition talks- send an email round to OUCC local and see if there is anyone interested in doing a talk for the club.**
- **Chris Densham Cambridge talk last year was successful**
- **At least one talk a term would be ideal, especially having two talks for the first term (Michaelmas)- beginner talk and an exploration talk?**

##### **Meet Secretary** (Nick Adams):

###### ***This term***

- Peak District - Trip was successful, maintaining a good interest from those who have been caving in the first term and some faces from the past too. Really busy at the TSG with many visiting clubs, expo meetings and Tony's shop - some novices picked up gear! Mix in skill level, greater SRT confidence would have made this trip more exciting, but fun was had by all.

- **Busy trip**
- Northern Dales - Cancelled due to weather. Deposit at BPF has been kindly offered to carry over to the next trip.
- South Wales - Upcoming trip. The weather shouldn't be a concern. Would love to see some enthusiasm for SRT or a determined effort for photography, but otherwise can map out some decent trips in OFD for leaders (could use some practice in writing up route descriptions)
- SCHECC / NCHECC - no response from email regarding SCHECC, outside of term time so may be an issue for many students. Similarly, no interest in NCHEC

#### ***Trips for next term***

- May 22nd-25th - SWCC with DIT - I'm picking up the DIT cavers on Friday from Bristol (but could use help if available!) and we're committing to a long bank holiday weekend. This is part of an exchange trip, would appreciate those keen on an Ireland trip to commit to this weekend (not essential of course, just a suggestion!)
- OUCC-CUCC varsity - normally a fun weekend. Suggestions made for 1st weekend of May, but turning out to be tricky with many clubs being committee / working weekends. Forest of Dean suggested, but nothing concrete.
- **Otter hole requested so this will likely happen, space for 5/6 people**
- North Wales - anyone keen?
- **Could be done as a less official trip**
- Mendip / South Wales / Derbyshire / Northern Dales - ask (and offer to lead) and I'll book it
- **Easter bank holiday weekend, trip to Yorkshire**
- **Still have deposit from the northern dales trip so can use this again**

#### **Safety Officer (Nick Adams):**

- Nothing to report

#### **Social Secretary (Sarah Day):**

- Annual Dinner done
- Stricter with getting the word out about meetings (email and Facebook message)
- Effort to have less pub meets and more meets doing other things (Bowling, Junkyard Golf, Walks and go to a pub for food at the end?). Maybe not sticking strictly to Wednesday meets to accommodate to this (- not sure if this would be viable for other people's schedules)
  - **Fewer**
  - **Go to Abingdon and take the boat back?**
  - **Punting**
- Looking into a way to practice SRT as part of a social- Tree climbing at the botanical gardens but they're currently only advertising this event out of term time.
  - **Go to Wolvercote and do SRT training with pub after**
- Next term- Descent 2- I will book room out for longer next time and later so everyone can make it- (make it into a drinking game, should be easy to do!)

#### **Gear Officer (Vlad Catanea):**

- We had problems with people taking parts of SRT kits and leaving them incomplete. Since incomplete SRT kits aren't so useful, people should either borrow the whole kit or nothing. Also, remember to sign out any equipment before taking it.
- People didn't take care of the SRT kits they brought back. We found open maillons, and one maillon was not usable anymore.
- **Need a new whiteboard pen, old one has run out**
- **Sometimes when coming back from a trip and wet caving suits are hanging up it is impossible to use the whiteboard- it is important to write down any important information in the notebook in this circumstance**
- **When you sign something out, put a phone number in case someone needs a piece of kit urgently**

**Treasurer** (Jeremy Welch):

### **Balances**

- Main account £1275.59 (3 March 2020) cf £3593.31 (1 Mar 2019)
- Local Account £235.00
- Cash held in University Stores account, accounting for funds received since 25th October 2019 is estimated at £3117.13 – this will be transferred to the Club imminently. These funds are usually transferred to the Club's account on a termly basis, although no transfer has taken place since 24th October. Funds held by the University Stores are of course secure.
- These figures show total balances as of 3 March 2020 of £5103.90, compared with a comparable figure of £4826.85 at a similar time last year.
- Spent £360 yesterday, completed an SRT kit, bought 3 lights- upgrading slowly to Fenix lights.
- Discussion about the feasibility of Fenix lights for the club as they do not bolt onto helmets like the Duo lights.
- Engrave OUCC onto the lights in order to avoid people taking away lights and not returning

### **Operations**

- The Club accounts show good balances and represent no cause for concern. There is an upcoming liability for BCA insurance fees, but this will only be of the order of two to three hundred pounds, and of course the revenues for this have been collected from subscription payments. Minibus charges arrive from the Sports Federation in a somewhat unpredictable manner, but these are modest in comparison with our account balances.

### **Proposed Expenditure**

- There is no immediate visibility of further exceptional expenditure at this time. Given the relatively healthy position of the accounts, the Club should be prepared to consider any requirements for further, or upgraded, equipment to support the trips we run.
- Invest in light upgrade for the club?

### **AOB**

- We need more drivers, if you have a licence then you should explore opportunities to get on the driving scheme.
- Alongside the logbook, we should try to get some bigger pieces written up from novices / experienced cavers for the website and social media. There have recently been a few articles written by uni clubs that I've heard of through word of mouth, so it's (likely) worth putting an effort into. Aside from CHECC preparation, it may be worth setting up a competition within the club, and I'm happy to take a novice on an epic if it helps!
- Anyone who gains a license should speak to Nick
- Would be nice to get more recent write ups published on the website
- Maybe once a year someone could write up a trip in an article fashion for the website

Current committee members: this meeting ratifies the current committee members