

Oxford University Cave Club

TGM Trinity Term

04/06/2024

Present: Máté Soós, Rocky Yu, Rosa Clements, Jerome Oswald-Jones, Fiona Zhang, Frances Pope, Toby Mann, Chris Densham

Reports:

President, Librarian, Webmaster (Steve Roberts):

Nothing to report

Meet secretary (Fiona Zhang):

One of 3 trips had to be cancelled because we couldn't find a driver. Next time avoid putting a trip on the Irvine Fund weekend (week 6).

Gear (Máté Soós):

We cleaned the hut with Fiona. We only found 5 belts, I will check again. Either way, we should probably get more. We don't have too many good gloves. We found an oversuit which was mouldy because of a chocolate left in the pocket. We need to make sure this doesn't happen again. A big pile of gear accumulated in the corner over the year. We need to tell people to put everything back, especially helmets. Rocky reported that some of the batteries/chargers are not working.

Safety (Frances Pope):

Nothing to report. She will get a university email address soon

Treasurer (Jeremy Welch):

Nothing to report

A document was sent to the committee detailing the implications of the proposed changes to memberships.

Secretary (Arran Chambers):

Meeting:

Gear:

Make sure we have 10 belts (or as many as there are spaces on the wall).

Buy gloves (gardening gloves at Tesco)

Jerome volunteered to test the batteries.

The Nicola radio has been fixed and it is in Bristol, get it back for the expedition.

Secretary:

Our current secretary has been absent this term.

We need someone to do secretary tasks.

Rosa proposed Toby for secretary, we voted in favour.

Email redirection should be updated after Frances gets her new email address.

Membership costs:

At the last meeting we proposed some changes to how memberships work. However, implementing these would be difficult according to Jeremy.

The problem is that once someone becomes a member, they need to be insured with the BCA. It might also imply additional costs to the Sports Federation. BCA year is the same as calendar year, so collecting membership fees in January is easier.

There was a discussion, but we did not reach any conclusion.

Rosa will send an email to Jeremy summarising what she learned from other clubs.

There are other ways to increase commitment and attract more people:

Change socials, make them more fun

Rope night, talks about caving, joint socials with other clubs, climbing

Social media

Make the website look more current

Make nice term card, plan Michaelmas in advance

Update the website with the new owners of the Tankards