

Oxford University Caving Club

Michaelmas TGM 18th November 2009

Minutes

Matters arising from previous TGM

- SG - club overalls have been repaired
- Proc. 14 contents page in HTML not sent to SR by JP
- SR has updated Risk Assessment and Code of Conduct on the club website.
- SR 'grateful for reminder' about updating the club library
- PS has mandated club to keep 4 SRT kits, stated that they should be inspected regularly and that people should pay for lost equipment although the club will underwrite any losses if monies are not forthcoming.

Matters arising during Michaelmas Term

- All references to 'Area Safety Officer' have been changed to 'Sports Federation' in club documentation and this change has been formally approved by the committee. The committee notes that TG abstained from this vote and henceforth he is to be considered a dangerous dissenter and anarchist.
- Club documents should be sent out as .pdf files and pasted into the email.
- AMo – more articles are needed for DTT
- SR will run week 7 whilst Chris will organise it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President/Librarian

- Nothing to report

Treasurer

- SG – Uni will not be happy if accounts aren't sorted and accounting backlog will probably not be sorted, additional help is required. Committee to approach JP and recruit people good with figures to help out. It appears that people are boycotting the club as they are owed money.
 - SG also notes that sports fed have offered to help
- SG and SR have standardised the cost of weekends, the expectation is that overall these will break even.
- LW – forms in hut for accounting are v. Useful.
- SG – Lloyds have lost paperwork but this has been re-done, should be sorted by next week.
- Since 1st week grant was not applied for SG has applied for the supplementary grant
- SG has not yet applied for sports fed safety money.
- PS thanks Si for treasury awesomeness.

Social Secretary

- AMa - Freshers' Fair was a success however, having both a freshers' pub crawl and a presentation on separate nights halved the attendance at each. Next year both should take place on the same night.
- PS – non-alcoholic events appeared to be successful, freshers this year aren't big drinkers
- SG – This year is the busiest year for freshers.
- LW – next term the club meal should include a vegetarian option, Gardner's arms?
- LW suggests G&D's again.
- PS suggests high class event (suit up!) Bowling, the dogs
- SG suggests video evening – descent I /II and The Cave with tea and cake, possibly at Tim and Lou's.
- RC – furry pub crawl?
- Lou to give 4 best caving trips talk

Gear Officer

- JJ bought a kit bag and kroll to replace losses during expedition.
 - SR notes that kit should be stamped with the metal OUCC stamp in addition to labelling with green tape. JJ to see if we still have this.
- PS notes that the tackle store is in a good state

- JJ to buy garish log book
 - Single day trips to be written up too
- LW – freshers should be encouraged to come on Christmas/new years trip.

Meets Secretary

- HT training weekend will happen if there is enough interest
- SR suggests Derbyshire training weekend
- SR – at least 1 weekend should be split into day trips for newcomers
- PS – 3 more advanced and 1 introductory weekend for HT
- Chris suggests 'treasure hunt' in which inexperienced cavers lead, could be SRT.
- SG – 2 people should organise each weekend
- SG – limits on fresher numbers based on experienced caver numbers should be in place.
- SR – in MT secretary should organise a 0th week meeting to organise fresher's weekends.
- SR – crash should be reported in DTT
 - PS will inform sports fed of the crash.

OTHER BUSINESS

Expo

- LW – more training needed

- LW – reasonable level of interest although more experience would be welcomed.
- The club notes that the expo aim is a good one.
- The club will sell the fronterra
- Lou – guidance should be issued on call-outs during expedition and notes should be written on callouts if they occur.
- Lou – freshers should receive more SRT training and more formal training weekends before going on expo, possibly a minimum number of trips. LW agrees to organise more SRT training.
- PS – perhaps there should be an expo committee position for ensuring that freshers are experienced enough.
- TG – there should be another training weekend
 - SR – general consensus is that this is a good idea, possibly should include call-out training
- PS – leaders should involve less experienced members of teams as a matter of course.
- SR – suggests pre-expo easter training trip, LW agrees, Rosa suggests including rescue.
- SR – there is enough SRT in Mendips for training covers up for expo
- Club to look for Wilderness Medical Training II course for AM and JJ

PDCG/Draenen second entrance

- Chris to remain club rep to PDCG
- Vote cast on second entrance after extensive discussion of the issues involved
 - 0 votes to leave it open
 - 0 votes to gate it
 - 12 votes to fill it in (everyone present except Chris himself)
- However, Chris is granted flexibility and the club supports his right to change his views and act as he sees fit.
- The OUCC would like it known that it dislikes the bullying of landowners
- AMa to send the above to AMo for publication in DTT.