

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## South West Area Annual General Meeting 2011

### Notes of the meeting held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Nova Scotia, Bristol

#### Present:

Jerzy Wieczorek (JW) - Chair  
Libby Houston - BMC  
Colin Knowles – CC/Red Rope  
Richard Nadin - AC/CC  
Pete Clarke - CC/BMC  
Will Wykes - AC  
Barry Donovan – BMC  
Sam Mayfield (SM) Secretary

Alan Howells – BMC  
Rick Sowards - Wye Valley rep  
Dan Donovan -  
Rich Mayfield (RM) - SDMC  
Ian Butterworth (IB) – CC/Rucksack  
Scott Titt (ST) – BMC Exec  
Martin Kocsis – BMC Staff

#### Actions

#### 1&2 Welcome and apologies for absence

JW welcomed everyone to the meeting . Apologies accepted from Steve Findlay, Martin Crocker, Steve Taylor, John Willson, Steve Marriott.

#### 3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

ST confirmed that we can not split the area formally and to “test the water” by asking those in favour of a split to arrange an “out reach meeting”, Jerzy will have to agree a time and venue but does not have to be present.

#### 4. National Council

RM told the meeting that a “loans to clubs document” was been drawn up and will be brought to the next NC. Rise in insurance for over 65s was reported. The meeting lasted 6 hours as it was the AGM for NC with reports from all sub committees.

#### 5. Agenda items

##### a) Bolt replacement application for Avon from DD –

1. Like for like replacement of existing bolt runners in New Quarry
2. Replacing belay bolt belays on Main Wall
3. Installation of 1 or 3 bolt belays on the North Face of Suspension Bridge Buttress.

DD prepared a detailed report which was given to the meeting to read. CK strongly supported DD's proposal and a vote took place. 12 voted in favour 3 abstained from 1,2 and 3.

##### b) Gifting of Avon Gorge sections to the local Council

The Clifton Down Charitable Trust (CDCT) are proposing to gift 2 parcels of land to Bristol City Council (BCC) as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Downs Act (this year). There was a brief discussion of what climbers might wish to do to commemorate the occasion. However, the timescales for this is not currently known, so the matter was deferred.

**A.O.B** – RM asked for a vote on proposed stabilisation works at the Dewerstone. The NT have carried out a safety report and wish to place a bolt to hold a loose block in place near the top of Central Groove. It was a unanimous vote to go ahead with his bolt. RM will report back at the next meeting. [JW – the work was completed in March]

**RM**

IB reported that Holcombe could be lost due to plans for a Holiday Village

CK asked IB how the new arrangement for climbing at Fairy Cave is going. IB reported that he had placed a new chain and padlock and asked that the word got around that if people wish to climb there, to please contact him in enough time for him to reply with the combination. IB to place a thread on UKC

**IB**

LH mentioned that the council have placed a locked storage area at Harveys Wall and it is to be removed shortly, it is nothing to worry about re access.

The Avon Gorge cleanup was a great success on the day of the meeting and thanks to all that attended.

## **6. Next meetings**

7pm Saturday **2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Redruth School: A Technology College  
Tolgus Vean  
Redruth  
Cornwall  
TR15 1TA  
West Cornish Fixed Gear Debate.

Saturday **September 10<sup>th</sup>** : Venue TBC

Saturday **November 12<sup>th</sup>** : Venue TBC