

Cambrian Caving Council

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British Caving Association Update

The Constitution that was discussed and updated at the Special General Meeting of the NCA in November 2003 has been accepted by the NCA membership. The means we will be moving towards the "One Stop Shop" in 2004 with the inauguration of the BCA in March 2004. There will be a transition period in 2004, where such aspects of the titling for regional councils and other BCA bodies will be discussed and agreed. For this reason, there is no need for us to rush and change the constitution of the Cambrian Caving Council at the AGM in March 2004.

The BCA constitution final agreed and accepted is available from the BCA website: - www.british-caving.org.uk.

Insurance Update

We have insurance again; clubs are being given the opportunity to take up BCRA/BCA insurance offer. The NCA is functioning as normal with all training schemes and training registrations /assessments re-instated. There is insurance available for cavers either as individual members of BCA or via their caving club that may take up insurance for members of their Clubs.

Details are available on BCA website: - www.british-caving.org.uk or there is a link via the NCA website, www.nca.org.uk. As all Cambrian Caving Clubs appear to have at least one member who has access to the Internet, I will not use space in the Newsletter to repeat what is available as I could only give a summary here. Although if there is any club out there without access to the Internet, contact myself and I will send details.

Cambrian Caving Council AGM March 2004

This is an important meeting as we need to start discussing the impact of the BCA introduction on the Cambrian Caving Council, and obtain a consensus of opinion on how and when we change our constitution.

The Council also needs a new secretary as this one is definitely not taking on the post again for another year. I have in the 4 years in the role reduced the workload by limiting correspondence and activity to that directly related to caving. I have reduced costs by limiting the gratis copies of Newsletters, meeting minutes and meeting reports to key members of NCA councils and regional councils (in fact gaining agreement from some to send e-mail copies only). I believe we can further reduce the paperwork by sending out to others e-mail copies only. As BCA comes into being I believe our Newsletter can be a regional section of 'Son of Speleoscene' with other information that is provided by the Newsletter, such as current cave access contacts, cavers accommodation and cave registry details being held on our website. You may or may not agree with this but personally, I believe if we are going to find a new volunteer secretary then we need to minimise the more onerous aspects of the role in this busy world we live in.

After all, surely our main objective is to go caving and continuing with trying to find new cave.

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Meetings and Events

- 14th March 04 Cambrian Caving Council AGM at the Hobby Horse, Brynmawr
- 21st March 04 National Caving Association AGM at Baptist Church Hall, Alvechurch, West Midlands

Useful Website Addresses

www.nca.org.uk - The National Caving Association Website with links to all regional councils and other NCA functions e.g. national cave registry.

www.caving.org.uk - National website with various links and reports.

www.british-caving.org.uk - The British Caving Association Website with information on the new insurance scheme.

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FINAL COMMENTS

As the training schemes are up and running again and the training committee are functioning again then we now have opportunity for some practical caver training. What do you want in the way of training ? Please bring ideas to the AGM.

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31st January 2004

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