

Oxford University Cave Club

Michaelmas 2016 - TGM

16/11/2016

Present: Steve Roberts (SR) acting chair, Rosa Clements (RC), Calum White (CW), Dan Kent (DK), Nick Adams (NA), Lou Maurice (LM), Tim Guilford (TG) and Will Ivison (WI)

Apologies for absence: Simon Goddard, Thomas Leung, Jack Williams

Matters from the previous TGM

- Access to members' details - who should have access – all committee members? Trip leaders? Should everyone in the club have access to basic contact details? **Discussion of sharing members' details. It was generally agreed that the weekend meet leader should have access to relevant members' and NoK details. Basic details could be shared between all members but there's nothing on the new member form to say people consent to their data being shared. For the next meeting: need to decide who is responsible for the details.**

Officers' Reports

President (Steve Roberts):

Little to report except that the annual "President's Invite" meeting went well. This has gradually slid into being a "Caving families of the 1980s and 1990s" reunion meet-up: Children who were toddlers on early PresVites are now late teenagers doing hard trips. And we have a new generation of tiny sproglodites, so the cycle starts all over again. So it goes.

Chairman (Jack Williams):

From my perspective this has been a really great term for the club - we've had new leaders both for weekends and individual caving trips and we've now had 2 freshers' weekends with good turnout and promising novices on both of them. From the sounds of it we'll have a few novices coming back: some have been to the pub and I've met up with others individually/on the second weekend.

Something I particularly liked about this term, and have said so to some of you already, is the "adventurous" style of trips, with more of a focus on doing routes we don't know and stumbling across new bits of cave. I've been on a few trips like this over summer and this term with old hats and novices alike and have enjoyed them a lot more than "tourist" style, heavily led trips. Equally I was very impressed by some of the stuff Tim and Lou were taking novices on - maybe we could revise what we consider to be "novice trips" to include some more challenging routes.

Thanks to everyone for a great term so far,
Jack

Treasurer (Jeremy Welch):

See report below. **We are doing quite well but if we start making much more we should consider reducing the price of trips. We are lacking in some sizes of wellies – could look in to buying some more.**

Librarian (Steve Roberts):

Being no longer a Tutorial Fellow at SEH, I have moved the OUCJ journals and books that were kept there to my office in materials, in 21 Banbury Road, where they will be a bit more accessible. I've got a bit behind with cataloguing incoming journals, but hope to catch up soon.

Webmaster (Steve Roberts):

The OUCJ website was down for quite a while over summer, but thanks to John Pybus is now back up again. We might need to find a new server for it in the near future (possibly in the materials department); John is on the case. Pages about this term's stuff have been updated.

Secretary (Will Ivison):

Freshers' fair was a success – thank you to everyone who came along to help out. Overall we got around 250 sign-ups and so far we have had a good turnout for the freshers' trips so hopefully will get a few people sticking around.

Meets Secretary (Jack Williams):

Massive thanks to Simon for helping me with my first full term as meet sec (i.e. doing it). I've got some more trips lined up for next term with some old favourites and some opportunities for new experiences. I've not paid the deposit for any of these so if you want them to change then let me know. Also, if anyone wants permits for caves near any of these places then contact me (I'll remind people closer to the time as well). Later this term we've got the SWCC weekend this Friday with Cambridge and CHECC in the Mendips on the 26th and 27th of November. CHECC tickets are half-booked, I need details of people to finish buying them.

21-22 Jan (end of week 1):

Whitewalls

4-5 Feb (end of week 3):

Bull Pot Farm

18 or 19 Feb (end of week 5):

Day trip - maybe Draenen?

4-5 March (end of week 7):

Dan-y-Mynydd in North Wales

Gear Officer (Nick Adams):

- We have 200m of new rope, we should have a look into the quality of the ropes we have in rotation and decide how to divide up the 200m. **We have quite a lot of rope that isn't being used and isn't really being looked after properly. We should check it and replace where necessary. Could get a rope cutter for the hut (~£20).**
- A few helmets/headlamps need some care, does anybody know someone who would be able to repair these lamps? **SR is happy to look at broken lights.**
- The trailer has been out of use for a while, apparently there's some rope inside that may be put to use. **There's no pressure from sports fed to get rid of the trailer but we should put it on blocks.**

AOB

- Data to sports fed - do we want to give it to them? We haven't in the past and they've not been that angry. Maybe if one of us asked exactly why they want the data we'd be more

comfortable giving it. Agreed that we shouldn't be giving info to sports fed without good reason – WI/JJW to email them explaining this.

- Training spot – JJW: I know this is an old issue, but I've re-ignited it by talking to Naomi (pres of sports fed) who said she'd look into it. My next avenues of enquiry are Graeme Taylor from Oxford city council, who said he wanted to help sports clubs, and the development office in sports fed to see if we can include a special SRT spot in phase 2 of the 3.Iffley sports ground development. SR has found a possible new location in Cutteslowe Park. WI to contact MCS about their climbing wall. We should be taking SRT kits on more weekends for training.
- Decorating helmets: the helmets are looking a little drab. Let's draw on them in the pub. We should get some marker pens.
- SG wishes to step down from jointly running the Pod Fund. LM suggests that SG could carry on but take a reduced role. NA could be a point of contact between novices and the fund.
- There are spaces left on a 2 day first aid course run by the kayaking club. It would cost £50 for students or £80 for anyone else. SR says we should offer to pay £50 for people to take the course. RC to email the club membership.
- Permits for next term. Permits needed for Bull Pot Farm weekend, SR wants one for Lost John's. JJW to get permits.
- Today's date (16th Nov) is the 20th anniversary of breaking into the Dollimore Series in Ogof Draenen

Meeting adjourned

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Treasurer's Report

Balances

Main account £2288.58 (14 November 2016)

Cash in transit from University Stores: £1444.99 (est)

Total: £3733.57

plus Local Account £235.00

The figures represent an increase in the balance compared with the previous year [2015: £3263 2014:£3722] and a return to the balance held in 2014.

There are no financial items outstanding which would affect this position.

Accounts

The annual Club accounts were submitted to the Sports Federation during the Long Vacation 2016. The payment of an annual grant is taken as an indication that they were accepted.

Operations

Cash flow has been high during the term, as a result of a number of busy caving trips. As can be seen above, this results in funds moving to the University Stores account, as income is received here, and expenditure occurs from the Club's bank account.

The Sports Federation provided a £400 grant to the Club at the start of Michaelmas term.

A number of bank transfers from old members were received at the start of Michaelmas Term. These payments are generally considered as donations as they do not reflect our current subscription levels and are an appreciated and useful contribution to the funds of the Club.

Proposed Expenditure

The main upcoming activity, in addition to further trips this term will be the subscriptions and insurance collection exercise at the end of Michaelmas Term.

Jeremy Welch

14th November 2016