

GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 8.03pm **Wednesday 3rd July 2008** at Alison House, Cromford

Minutes

Present:

David Barrie (Secretary); DB	Ld Peter J Naylor (Chairman)
Kate Lloyd (First Aid Officer/Treasurer)	
John Kitchener	Brian Spencer
Paul Chandler (Mine Manager)	David Baines (DavidB)
Margaret Beresford	One observer (non member)
Mick Roberts (Health and Safety)	Kay Barrie

1. Opening Remarks by Chairman

PJN opened the meeting by summarising the achievements of the club in its first year, specifically thanking PC and DB for their work to date, as well as other members of the committee.

He also referred to recent developments where mines in Derbyshire had ongoing disputes with landowners (specifically the National Trust) and stated that it was important we remembered that we were classed as a working mine operating under the legal rulings of the Great Barmote Court. As such this put us into a different category and whilst we were anxious to maintain good relationships with the landowner this gave us security of tenure. He also stated that our responsibility for the surface at the mine was limited, with the majority surrounding the entrance being that of the landowners.

2. Apologies

No apologies received.

3. Presentation of Annual Report by Secretary.

DB commented that the first major obstacle that had had to be overcome was the provision of insurance, now arranged at moderate cost with the BCA. Also that he was pleased that the mine had garnered much worthwhile publicity in the Peak Advertiser in particular, although the caving/mining history press had also featured articles. There had also been two newsletters produced which had helped stimulate interest locally, and which had been made available via the club's website. The latter had also been constructed during the year, as an easily maintained adjunct to the older site inherited from Ron Amner. Both continued to get regular 'hits.' In addition the club had a stand which had been taken to the NAMHO conference in 2007 – this with leaflets handed out, also had raised the profile of the mine considerably.

4. Adoption of Annual Report.

The annual report was adopted by the meeting.

5. Presentation of Mine Manager's Report.

PC stated that considerable amount of work had been carried out since taking on the mine; the site itself had been cleared, and had changed completely from its previous scrap yard like appearance; although some might think it looked too tidy. The entrance had had a new grille gate fitted and static displays with no relevance to lead mining had been removed. Within the mine itself essential maintenance had been carried out with stemples propped and some repairs to stone supporting slabs just inside the entrance. The Mines Inspector had also visited and approved our arrangements. A number of trips had been arranged with comments by visitors being most complimentary. Finally he expressed his particular thanks to two volunteers – Mark Calladine of PDMHS and John Kitchener (of PDMHS and now a member).

Finally PC confirmed that the date of the next open/working day would be 27th July. Amendments would be advised to members, and would be shown on the website.

6. Adoption of Mine Managers Report

PC was thanked by PJN for his comprehensive report which was then adopted by the meeting.

7. Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)

KL circulated a written report amongst the members present. She stated that during the year we had changed accounts to make it more convenient to carry out banking. The Cromford Heritage Weekend had raised a total of £140 (including the visit by Haunted Nights). This was our most profitable weekend to date. Amount in the bank at time of meeting stood at £1,260.48

8. Adoption of Accounts

DB advised that the haunted night event went well with interest being shown in another visit towards the end of the year. With a payment per person of £10 this was worthwhile income. There was also some other discussion relating to fund raising with it being suggested that local history organisations could be circulated with letter and leaflet to encourage visits. DB agreed to take this on. DavidB advised that a mine leader's course had not yet taken place at the mine, but that he would endeavour to ensure that the mine remained a venue with the possibility of some funds being forthcoming. PJN reminded the meeting that although we had done financially well during our first year this was partly due to the generosity of PDMHS with a £500 grant and also the £800 that he had raised with the help of his friends. It was clear that we would have to work harder to raise funds in 2008/9.

9. Appointment of Auditors

PJN (Chairman) stated that there was a need to find alternative auditors, and he invited members present to put forward the names of anyone they knew who could carry out this work for a nominal fee. **Secretary's Note** – discussions are now under way between PJN, KL and a candidate for the position of auditor – and these look promising.

10. Election of Management Committee

PJN advised that whilst all the necessary forms had been returned these were all in favour of the existing office holders, and therefore it was declared that all were elected unopposed.

11. Any Motions to be put.

There were no motions put forward by the members.

12. Any Other Business.

- Next meeting was arranged for 17th September 2008 at KL's - agenda and notifications to follow nearer the time.
- Health and Safety. MR asked what procedure had been put in place to ensure that the high visibility jackets he had provided were to be used. It was agreed that leaving these in the mine then bringing down as visitors arrived had become unworkable as a practice and it was agreed that at the next open day these would be taken and split between PC and DB so that they could be handed out as visitors arrived at the lay-by. **Secretary's note** – the website has subsequently been amended to stipulate that visitors wait in the lay-by for these to be issued.
- Duchy of Lancaster payment. PJN reminded members that a payment was due to the Duchy of Lancaster in lieu of a dish of ore – a figure of £12 was agreed, as in previous years.
- Mine tub. PC enquired as to the position regarding the old mining tub from the mine which was currently in Derby Industrial Museum. PJN stated that this had merely been loaned and should be returned to the mine. He had noted, on a recent visit, that this exhibit, together with a stowes that has also been loaned had been incorrectly described as being loaned by PDMHS. He had drawn this to the museums notice and would now investigate further.
- Surface Timber Works. PC stated that volunteer Brian Webb (PDMHS member) had volunteered to purchase tantalised timber sufficient to repair the stows and jigger on site and also to carry out necessary repairs. The total cost (materials only) was a total of £75. This was felt by the members present to be entirely reasonable and approval was given to proceed. DB stated that he had already acquired some fixing bolts which he would supply.
- Cave Rescue Organisation. DB mentioned that the CRO was again to have street collections; Saturday 6th September in Buxton and Saturday 27th September in Bakewell – each starting at 9.30am. There will be a sponsored 'bag pack' at Morrison's in Buxton on Saturday 29th November which will probably start at 9am. Those that can spend some time to help on any of these days are welcome to contact the chairman – Mr. Bill Whitehouse on 01298 871661 or email on chairman@derbyshirecro.org.uk Alternatively members can call Andy Beardmore on 01332 678471. DB stated that although there had been some discussions the CRO had not yet finalised a date for a rescue practice at the mine, although this was apparently scheduled for later in the year.

Distribution:

All Present

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