

## Minutes for the Committee meeting on 16.06.2011

Present: James Hickson, David Molnar, Aiora Zabala, Tony Rooke, Wookey, Alex Crow, Jessica Stirrups, Krista Mumdzjana, Djuke Veldhuis (late arrival)

Apologies from Nial Peters, Matthew Watson

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### **Issue 1:**

Provisional calendar for Michaelmas Term confirmed as in the previous meeting:

*(Tue 4 Oct: Full term begins)*

*Tue 4 & Wed 5 Oct: Freshers' Fair*

*Mon 10 Oct: Freshers' squash*

*\*Sat 15 Oct: 1 day meet – Mendip (MNRC HUT)*

*\*Sat 22 Oct: 1 day meet – Peak (TSG HUT)*

*\*Fri 28-30 Oct: weekend meet – SWCC (WESSEX HUT)*

*\*Fri 11-13 Nov: - varsity*

*\*Fri 18-20 Nov: weekend (but could be shortened to 1 day) - Mendip*

*\*Fri 25-27 Nov: CHECC*

*(Fri 2 Dec: Full term ends)*

- For Freshers' Fair 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>:

1. Stall has been booked.
2. Need to - organise who will be at the stall, preferably someone with a car
3. Still need to print posters, fliers and photos for the stall
4. A further meeting before Freshers' Fair suggested to better organise and confirm the above

- For Freshers' Squash on 10<sup>th</sup> (Total Time – 6pm-10pm):

1. Booking of the venue needs to be checked.
2. Nial Peters has kindly volunteered to do a talk. But committee suggested the need for a little more 'caving realism' on top of Nial's adventures
3. Alex Crow therefore agreed to do a general 10 minute 'Caving is Awesome, (without embellishments)' talk as well
4. A total of 2-3 presentations needed
5. By the time of the squash meet leaders need to have been appointed at least for the first 2 trips
6. As to payment for the first 2 trips:
  - a. Specify a payment method before-hand
  - b. Bring float along
  - c. Point out to mailing list that places WILL sell out fast
  - d. Make sure people pay in advance to avoid chasing them afterwards
  - e. For Swildon's include Trespass fee in the meet fee
  - f. Suggestion for the first SRT trip – to include the cost of cowstails and safety chords into the meet cost to avoid adding surprise costs to existing costs
7. To encourage members to go on the Mendip trip, have projected photos of Swildon's combined with a survey during the talk to (quoting JH) 'Sex it up!'

- *Encouraging membership of CUCC during the squash:*
  1. Encourage joining straightaway as people are more likely to go caving when members. But beware bombarding potential members with lists of costs.
  2. David suggested £25 trip OR £35 trip + discounted membership. [Full cost: membership £10 + insurance £6 - £16]
  3. Make sure David gets any cash taken
  4. Need to create a membership form based on the current disclaimer forms.
  5. Suggestion that any information be entered on a laptop for ease of reading and recording
  
- *For the meets:*
  1. Keep a single meet leader not two – risks of communication breakdown
  2. Make trips more novice-centred.
    - a. Any lags should not use the novice trips to do their own, separate and more extreme trips.
    - b. Keep to the huts where possible – more potential for games and friendliness, besides pubs can be costly
    - c. Alex – beer is essential and should be brought along more often + shared
    - d. Djuke – the stress on alcohol should be toned down a bit for caving quality purposes and to accommodate any novices feeling less secure about drinking
  3. Matt should book the designated huts (see above) ASAP
  4. + apply for permits ASAP. For the Peaks no-novice rules, could get around these by doing a no-permit trip on Saturday (P8, Giant's...) and use the permits for those keen to do a Sunday trip
  5. Cars should be a-plenty though Jess's car will be less available next year
  
- *For socials:*
  1. Need for more non-alcohol based socials.
  2. Reintroduce the Thursday lunch – low cost (sandwiches), but would need someone with a preferably central room.
  3. DVD nights.

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## **Issue 2:**

Talks for Michaelmas

- *Suggested talks:*
  1. Mulu (Wookey)
  2. France + random pictures (Mark)
  3. China (Jess) – depending on the workload
  4. Ice Caves (Nial)
  5. Expo (Nial and Wookey)
  6. Random caves around the world – Djuke suggested inviting an Oxford (!!!) archaeologist to give a talk on ancient water engineering systems connected by underground tunnels in Libya.
  
- *Venue for talks:*
  1. As central as possible. JH could get a room in St Katz but this could be problematic due to lack of projection equipment

2. Djuke suggested the Slug used for the Antarctic talk a while back. Can get The Slug for free, with a £50 deposit

**WARNING: Whatever the venue, do not at any point, especially following a talk, attempt to climb fences with old and blunt-looking spikes, as these can be deceptive and can easily pierce your shoes. For further advice please consult Djuke.**

- *Timing of talks:*

1. 2 a term would be preferable
2. Fill gaps where training is unavailable. Need consistency in timing of socials
3. Ideally a 2 week warning would be needed for booking the venue, meaning training days would need to be organised as efficiently as possible once term starts

- *For training:*

1. Best to ask for as many dates as possible once term begins.
2. Stuart (who is currently most likely to be the designated venue-booker) might want to try to gradually introduce another CUCC face to the Queen's college members to avoid problems with booking the training venue in the future
3. If problems arise, the CUCC could always pretend to be part of the pre-school theatre group with regular access to the stage and steal their show.
4. As to the content of training, could vary it and introduce knot-making and possibly rigging practice

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**Issue 3:**

The letterhead and T-shirt logos

1. Use the old one – find someone who still has a copy of it on an old PDF or other file
2. The logo created by Djuke for Expo is deliberately made general enough to re-use as a CUCC not solely an Expo logo. Cheaper to order T-shirts in bulk anyway
3. Cost considerations will hopefully not be an issue thanks to Ernst & Young

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**Issue 4:**

Broken links on CUCC website

1. Broken links should be replaced by PDF files to avoid future problems. Olly, Aiora and Djuke kindly agreed to sort this out

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**Issue 5:**

Easter trip

1. Ardeche confirmed. Mark is keen on Ardeche to settle the situation with Emile.
2. Mark would sort out the hut, the caves and the leaders in advance
3. To ensure members join the trip, make it clear that the trip WILL not MAY BE happening
4. This would also encourage Mark to give a talk on the Ardeche in Michaelmas

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**Issue 6:**

Accounts

1. JH will get in touch with Ben in house to see how far he's progressed
2. Djuke, JH and David will then assist Ben with the accounts. This was [too] kindly preferred by the Committee to making the accounts a graduation requirement for Ben.
3. Formal approval of the accounts will be needed in Michaelmas
4. A provisional date for the necessary EGM is October 10<sup>th</sup>, before the start of the Fresher's squash.
5. The three weeks' warning for this can be given any time but the President should make sure the e-mail calling the EGM only goes out to the Admin list, to avoid a keen 50 novices turning up for it

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**Issue 7:**

Next committee meeting

1. A provisional date, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, first day of full term, was suggested by Aiora, with no objections raised at this stage

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**Issue 8:**

The issue of the gear order for expo to be discussed separately by Alex and Djuke.

*The mention of a pub led to the rapid ending of the meeting.*