

Mendip Caving Group NEWS

MCB AGM

MARCH 1991

MENDIP CAVING GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 11am on Saturday 23rd March in the long room of the Hunters Lodge, and will finish no later than 2pm. Motions for discussion, other than proposals to change the Constitution and Rules, should reach the Secretary prior to the meeting. The committee may grant a postal vote to any member who applies in good time to the Secretary.

AGM AGENDA

Chairman - Tony Knibbs.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 31.3.90. (See pages 2 and 3)
3. Agreement that the minutes are a true record.
4. Matters arising.
5. Officers reports. (See pages 4 to 9)
5. Election of officers for 1991/92.

The following nominations have been received:

Hon. Secretary	John Beuchamp , Jon Roberts and Malcolm Cotter
Hon. Treasurer	Martin Rowe
Hon. Meet Secretary	Dave Tooke
Hon. Recorder	Wayne Hiscox
Hon. Editor	Yvonne Rowe
Hon. Tacklemaster	Adrian Duckett and Lee Hawkeswell
Hon. Cottage Warden	Brian Murlis
Hon. Ordinary Member	Arthur Spain

7. Election of Auditors for 1991/92 - General and Shop Accounts.
8. Motions. (See page 10)
9. Any other business.
10. Date and venue of next meeting.
11. The meeting will finish no later than 2pm.

MINUTES OF THE 1990 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MENDIP CAVING GROUP

*Held at the Hunters Lodge, Priddy
at 10.30am on Saturday 31st March 1990*

Chairman: Pat Walsh. Apologies: H Ingold, D Searl.
Present: 42 full members, 4 Probationary and associate members

1. Minutes of 1989 AGM

Due to a misunderstanding between the Hon Recorder and the Hon Secretary, no minutes of the 1989 AGM had been taken. However, the Hon Secretary had prepared some minutes from memory and these were presented to the meeting. T Knibbs proposed, and M Rowe seconded that these minutes be accepted. This was agreed.

2. Officers reports

2.1 Secretary's report (See attached sheets)

Discussion followed. T Knibbs: Why Group funds so high? BEC could do with financial help in preparing new St Cuthberts survey. R Saunders: Suggested funds better spent on Blackmoor purchase if it became available. M Lovell: Pointed out that £12000 was total assets and that £4000 likely to be spent in following year. T Knibbs: Agreed with R Saunders. P Walsh: Pointed out that assets were not really any greater than when Group took over new cottage, if inflation was taken into account. J Roberts: Suggested the possible purchase of Blackmoor be discussed in AOB. ?: Asked if we were likely to buy more land adjacent to the cottage. W Hiscox: Said this was unlikely at the moment but that we could improve our chances if we made more effort to be friendly to the Frys. Our present relationship with them was not as good as in the past.

2.2 Treasurer's report (See MCG News No 210)

Discussion followed. N Hutchinson: Asked if we were covering the running cost of the Group at the moment. Hon Treasurer replied that cottage fees equal cottage expenditure, other income covers other costs. Hon Treasurer pointed out that insurance alone is now £900 and that one guest group (the Navy) contributed £1000 to Group funds. The Group's funds were invested to protect them against inflation. P Walsh: Pointed out that the Trustees are ultimately responsible for Group assets and these must be managed in accordance with the Charity laws. R Saunders: Proposed vote of thanks to M Lovell for his efforts on behalf of the Group.

2.3 Meet Secretary's report (See MCG News No 210)

Meeting discussed whether a Meet Secretary was still required now that SRT enables small groups to do long trips and that all these people used their own tackle. Attendance at Group meets was non-existent and often leads to embarrassment when accomodation has been booked with other clubs and no-one turns up. The meeting agreed that this should be left to the Meet Secretary's discession and that if members wanted a meet booked, they had to ask the Meet Secretary to do this. (Maybe he should be called the Meet Co-ordinator?)

2.4 Cottage Warden's report (See MCG News No 210)

Work weekend a success. Meeting congratulated the Cottage Warden on the present state of the cottage.

2.5 Editor's report (See MCG News No 210)

P Walsh congratulated the Editor for her excellent newsletters.

2.6 Ordinary Member's report (See MCG News 210)

Announced that MCG was likely to gain access control to Waterwheel.

2.7 Tacklemaster's report (See printed sheet)

The Tacklemaster was not present.

A Spain: Complained to the committee that not all ropes were properly marked. Also, tackle bags not marked.

2.8 Recorder's report

A start has been made on re-cataloguing material. The aim of this is to ease the storage problem in the library. It is hoped that eventually only recent publications will be held on library shelves, older material will be stored in large ammo boxes and indexed.

Subsequent discussion: A Beare: Asked if any new books had been purchased. Hon Recorder replied that two had been. A Beare: Went on to ask if it would not be wise to hold more than one copy of popular books - such as the guides. The Hon Recorder agreed and said that later in the year he hoped to publish an up-to-date book list. Members could then suggest any additions they thought appropriate and suggest which books we should hold in duplicate.

3. Election of Officers

Secretary:- two candidates 1) M O Cotter, 2) J R Roberts
M O Cotter elected

Ordinary Member:- three candidates 1) J Beauchamp 2) G Lister 3) J Pudduck
J Beauchamp elected

Tacklemaster:- two candidates 1) A Duckett 2) S Redwood
A Duckett elected

Auditors:- P Spain / B Terry

All other Officers elected unopposed.

4. Proposal to change the Constitution and Rules

See MCG News No 210 for proposed amendment. R Saunders:- Proposed that "wages" be changed to "income". This was seconded by B Pittman and passed unopposed.

T Knibbs:- Proposed that the amendment be split and taken one at a time. This was seconded by B Pittman. The proposal was lost 5 for, rest against.

The Chairman therefore asked for the original motion to be voted on in its entirety, including the accepted change from R Saunders. The voting was as follows:- 32 for, 2 against, 6 abstentions. There were 5 postal votes, these were:- 3 for, 2 against. Therefore, amendment carried.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Rescue Warden:- Steve Redwood and Arthur Spain proposed. Committee to check if they are willing.

5.2 Blackmoor Outdoor Centre and Nature Reserve.

Due to the possibility of the Centre and Reserve being up for sale, the meeting agreed that we should take an interest in purchasing the Reserve or, at the least, a right of access. A sub-committee was therefore set up under the Chairmanship of J Roberts to pursue this. T Knibbs suggested that we inform CSCC of our interest and get the CSCC views on this.

6. Date of next AGM

The next AGM to be held on 23rd March 1991.

EDITOR'S REPORT - Yvonne Rowe

I have now completed my fifth year as editor and it's strange to think back to my earlier newsletters which were typed on an old manual typewriter with the headings painstakingly done in letterpress. There was the seemingly endless task of cutting and pasting to make things look right. Then I cut brown paper wrappers which were sellotaped around the rolled newsletters and addressed by hand - 120 of them! Thank goodness for the computer. Material still has to be typed in but all the other editing work is made so much easier, the printer produces the address labels, and I now use plastic envelopes.

As neither Martin nor myself were familiar with computers it has taken quite a long time to "get it right" regarding the setting up of programmes for the various aspects of editing and mailing. We have only relatively recently got everything running smoothly and I am now beginning to enjoy the benefits of (fairly!) trouble-free editing. The same goes for mailshots and the the Group membership list. At a press of a button (or three) we can ask the computer to give us the names and addresses, for example, of all full members living on Mendip (as was required recently for the Rescue Warden), all members within a certain category of membership (for entitlement to CCC permits), all member "couples" who only require one newsletter per address, etc, etc.

This year I have produced eleven publications; five newsletters and six bulletins (the latest being the MCG dinner information sheet). There have also been various extra inclusions with the newsletters, eg. subscription renewal forms, tickets request forms, covenant forms, etc. I have had a fairly steady trickle of news and articles over the year from stalwart "regulars" and some newer members, which is nice. Martin and I still have to write quite a bit ourselves, which we don't mind doing, but it's better to have a variety of writers so things don't get too stale.

I have been able to attend 11 out of the 12 committee meetings this year, held both "locally" and on Mendip. The one I missed was due to illness.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to Jon Roberts for the loan of his computer, Mike Lovell for printing the newsletters, Martin Rowe for doing all the computer programming (it's still a mystery to me!), and last but not least, to all those members who contributed to this years newsletters and bulletins - *Keep 'em coming!*

MEET SECRETARY'S REPORT - Dave Tooke

As was stated in last Year's report, the job of Meet Secretary seems to have diminished with the arrival of affordable SRT equipment. Since the country's deepest caves can now be bottomed using 9 or 10mm rope the need for a large ladder-bearing party is done away with.

The other problem is that SRT rope, as well as equipment, is very much a personal (and expensive) item. This, added to the fact that any rope needs very meticulous attention, means that small groups club together to build up adequate supplies. It is perfectly understandable that people do not want all and sundry to use their important equipment but I feel it is a shame that, with no large gatherings taking place, the club's social activities are also taking a nosedive.

In the forthcoming year I am hoping to arrange accommodation for three or four weekends away from Mendip. In this way, anybody participating can arrange their own itinerary or tag along with another group. The sole idea of these weekends will be to give people a chance to get to know each other in a social environment and bring a little bit of much needed cohesion back to the club.

During the forthcoming year a couple of meets have already been arranged, details of which are in the newsletter, as well as a two week expedition to Czechoslovakia, where we will be entertained by local cavers. If you want to attend any or all of these trips please let me know because, without your support, weekend meets and expeditions simply disappear.

ORDINARY MEMBER'S REPORT - John Beauchamp

The title should be "Club Social Events Co-ordinator". Under normal circumstances it's quite a fun position... it doesn't involve actual caving, just setting up surroundings to talk about caving. Strange really, more people turn out for the social side than the active side, but I suppose that is a fact of life. What most impresses me is the growing number of people who offer their help and to them I give my thanks. A few will try to interfere but they are best ignored...

This year started off well at the Webbington, better known as the MCG Watergate Affair. I actually received praise from the hard to please vegetarians(!) and on the whole I understand that all who attended (and remember) had a good time. Disappointingly, there were only 76 people at the function and this figure included guests. I am hoping for an improvement on that figure this year as we return to the same establishment.

Thanks must also go to the guests, all of whom were forced to contribute to the entertainment: Wessex - Pete Hann and Duncan Frew

Shepton - Alan Butcher

MRO - Jim Hanwell

Special Guests - Jackie and Roger Dors

(Jackie and Roger are now allowing us to use the backroom of the Hunter's for committee meetings...)

Star - Ron Saunders

During June, and at very short notice, the Wessex Challenge occurred. Only 3 teams entered and interest in this event seems to be on the wain. A notice was put up in the Cottage but with very little time to organise anything. MCG did not put in an appearance.

Then in November, we had our half-yearly. With the boring stuff out of the way, we were pried with 100 proof punch, set on fire by a raging bonfire, treated to a 30 min oooooh.....aaaaagh display, then carted off to distant parts... made to dance around with strange people to strange music, told to sit down and eat weird food, back on our feet for more punishment and all the time consuming odd coloured liquid. You all thought that was a good formula for fun... again no complaints! Here though, I must publically thank all the behind the scene people whose contributions made the event run so smoothly:

Puch etc: Gill Warren/Linda Gates et al

Firework Display: Adrian Thomas/Steve Wyatt/Dimini Barrett

Food: Ron Saunders/Yvonne Rowe/June Walsh/Brian Snell/Joan Goddard

Cooking: Joan Goddard (again)/June Walsh (again)/Pat Walsh (huh!)

Ticket "Monitor": Martin Rowe

Setting up: my dear wife Ally

Clearing/Cleaning: Martin and Yvonne Rowe (again)/Vanessa Gill/John Crowsley

The Music: Val and Simon et al

The Bar: Roger Dors/Quackers

and to all the people who brought some excellent fireworks.

A reasonable supply of sweatshirts were obtained and stored at the Cottage. Quite a few have been sold, but I expect some people do not know of their existence, or how to obtain these sought after collectors items. Well I'm not going to tell you, the info is in the newsletter and on the back of the library door.

Next year's half-yearly is already arranged, Priddy Village Hall is booked and so is the Velvet Bottom Band. All happening on Sat 2nd November 1991.

Sadly, this is going to be my last year on the committee, as Ally and I are off to live in Australia on 1st May. I hope I have served the club well in the past several years and would take this opportunity to thank all those who have generously given their advice and assistance, not to mention all the friends who I shall leave behind... OK I won't mention them.

I wish the Club continued success in the future, but look out for some odd reports from down under.

COTTAGE WARDEN'S REPORT - Brian Murlis

Another year has elapsed and the Cottage is still standing! Since my last report several projects have been successfully accomplished with the grateful help of a 'few' members and non-members.

The 'Maintenance Weekend' in March - although sparsely attended - was very successful, tasks completed being: wash area soakaway, complete cleaning of the lounge, kitchen and showers, preservation treatment on the drying shed, and numerous other repairs and general maintenance. Many thanks for the hard work of the dozen who attended (of which four were non-members!).

Another 'Maintenance Weekend' is being scheduled for 4-6 May; please make every effort to attend - there will be a barrel!

Other work completed during the year include, virtual complete internal re-decoration and external pressure cleaning, both with thanks to John Beauchamp. I would also like to extend my thanks to all other members who made the effort, and found the time to help out around the Cottage throughout this year.

Bookings

The Cottage has been fairly busy throughout the year, with several new clubs and organisations taking advantage of our facilities. The Navy, yet again, have been our biggest benefactor supplying nearly £1,300 worth of bookings and devoting endless hours of cleaning. (they are still the best in this field!).

Expenditure: 1 February 1990 - 31 January 1991

	£
Coal	105.48
Propane	29.45
Postage and Telephone	21.05
Stationery	5.75
General Repairs	106.79
Sundry Materials (Toilet Rolls etc)	92.62
Smoke Detector	11.99
Septic Tank Clearance	30.00
Miscellaneous (Batteries, Signs, Doormat etc)	31.27

Total	434.40

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Malcolm Cotter

Membership At the end of 1990 membership was 123. By the 31.1.91 93 members had paid. Of these 24 were season ticket holders. During the period 7 applicants were approved for probationary membership and 9 probationary members gained full status. Two of the full members were from the 7 new applicants referred to above. We were also pleased to receive an application from Arthur Cox of Bone Hole fame to come back as an associate member. Three members availed themselves of the rule allowing lower subscriptions.

Health Last year my predecessor remarked on the fragmentation of membership and the existence of small exclusive groupings. The continued and almost total difference in caving habits between local members caving weekdays and distant members at weekends portrays us as two caving organisations. This session I have detected a little mixing inspired by recently joined members and hope that this trend will continue.

Committee My predecessor also mentioned difficulty in getting people together on the committee. This problem continued for the Mendip meetings despite up to 9 months notice and there was usually a last minute request to change the timetable.

ATTENDANCE	LONDON	MENDIP
Hon. Sec.	4	7*
Hon. Treas.	4	7*
Hon. Recorder	-	5
Hon. Tackle Master	4	3
Hon. Editor	3	7
Hon. Meet Sec.	3	2
Hon. Cottage Warden	-	4*
Hon. Committee Mem.	-	5*

* Plus one 5 min unnotified meeting.

One more meeting is due to take place in London before the AGM 1991.

There was controversy over dinner reservations since despite a foolproof system there were unpaid phantom bookings.

There was another incident of beer removal on this occasion the owners were members rather than the group.

Modern technology has played a leading part in the administration of Group affairs and has centralised many tasks which were once spread out. Martin and Yvonne show great dedication in running a secretariat using the computer on loan from Jonathan Roberts. Minutes to meetings, dinner booking forms, barn dance and dinner tickets, CCC permit management, address lists, and not least the statistics on membership given at the start of this report are all produced using the computer.

My time spent on MEG business is in excess of an hour a day much of it being letter writing and access to a computer is a great help. The job is all paper rather than all power!

Last year your committee formalised expenditure mechanisms. Any expenses other than routine running costs are discussed on committee.

Trustees The trustees had one meeting:

Cave Access The Blackmoor area continued to give cause for concern. Following the AGM a sub committee was formed comprising Jon Roberts, Ron Saunders and the Hon. Sec. Papers and letters were sent to various officers in Somerset County Council (SCC) and we were informed that the proposed sale would not include the Blackmoor Nature Reserve. We were also told that the proposed disposal was to be put on ice and that we would be informed of any reactivation. The sub committee was therefore disbanded. As a result of discussions at the Half Yearly General Meeting when Kate Samson and Gof Daine warned of changes in SCC and a renewed move to sell, many letters were exchanged. Subsequently the SCC fulfilled their promise and informed us when the Outdoor

Activities Centre building was put on the market in February this year. The nature reserve will be taken over, probably by the environment committee towards the end of this year. It would then again be managed by Tom Elkin. There are now 18 leaders to Upper Flood as opposed to 9 at the beginning of the year.

Ubley Warren-Nettle Pot. In 1989 the owner said that he wanted to secure the holes to keep his sheep out of danger and would we like to do the job. Following the 1990 AGM a large and enthusiastic party went to investigate and learned that the holes had been lightly filled. The owner said that we could go back later in the year when his stock would be out of the way. Lee Hawkswell and Barry Parker offered to coordinate work and suitable pipes were subsequently earmarked for the job. Subsequently as a result of publicity over the infilling of Ubley Hill Pot and Cow Hole the work was done by other interested parties.

Ubley Hill Pot and Cow Hole were filled without warning in mid 1990. A complaint was made to SCC by The Council of Southern Caving Clubs (CSCC) and the County Council ordered the owner to empty the holes. The MCG made representation to SCC. The incident has again put cavers in a bad light with the local community who say that we have infringed owners rights and caused great expense and upset just to indulge in a pastime.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Martin Rowe

Funds and investments have increased by £3867.85 in 1990. Income from cottage fees continues to meet cottage expenditure, thanks to the Navy and other guest bookings. General expenditure was covered by income from subscriptions and covenants. Once again, the group is indebted to Alan Mellon for reclaiming £714 from the taxman.

£1000 has been invested in M&G Charifund, a wide range investment. In the second half of the year, a deposit account was opened with the Charities Official Investment Fund to receive income from our other investments. As this was paying 15% interest tax-free, £5000 was transferred to this account from Barclays in October. £279 interest was received in the first 2 months, compared to £312 received in the whole year from members cottage fees!

The Group has some £8000 in readily accessible funds, so there is scope for the Trustees to make suggestions for further longer term investments.

My first year as Treasurer has been extremely busy. I had not realised how much work Mike Lovell had to do when he was Treasurer! My biggest problem was around Christmas and New Year when I was not only receiving 1991 subs but also trying to close the books on the 1990 financial year. I seem to have spent every evening since January poring over books of figures. Hopefully it will be easier next time.

I have also had to endure 12 exceedingly long and boring committee meetings where we have gone over the same ground time and time again. However much I have wanted to skip a meeting, I have felt it my duty as an Officer of the Group to attend every committee meeting this year. I cannot say that committee meetings have been productive or that they have discussed matters pertinent to caving. Sadly, we seem to have spent our time discussing trivialities such as whether to spend £10 having a new light fitted. In the mean time, Ubley Hill Pot was infilled by the Farmer, became the subject of a planning appeal and was dug open again by non-MCG members before the committee properly discussed the matter. It is essential for the well-being of the Group that the committee should resolve its differences and look to the future rather than constantly referring to the past.

MCG INVESTMENTS AND FUNDS AT 31-12-90

Charities Official Investment Fund	4000.00
Income from COIF	156.03
<u>Narrow Range Investments</u>	
Post Office Investment Account	2238.13
Interest	<u>0279.72</u>
Total Narrow Range Investments	<u>2517.85</u>
<u>Wide Range Investments</u>	
M&G Charifund	1000.00
Wessex Water Shares (100) (*)	0264.00
Post Office Investment Account	1098.89
Interest	<u>0137.34</u>
Total Wide Range Investments	<u>2500.23</u>
<u>Other Funds</u>	
Barclays Business Premium Account	0050.94
Barclays Current Account	2254.22
COIF Deposit Account	5014.11
Interest	111.51
Petty Cash	0000.00
Committee Floats	0050.00
Less unrepresented cheques	- 47.50
Total Other Funds	<u>7433.28</u>
Total Investments and Funds	<u>16607.39</u>

* based on closing price of
264p per share on 31.12.90

MENDIP CAVING GROUP ACCOUNTS, 31-12-90

INCOME		1989	1990
	Cash at Bank 31-12-89	911.10	4547.40
	Cash in hand 31-12-88	158.43	511.20
	Bank interest	246.47	469.75
	Subscriptions (1990)	2270.00	1400.00
	Subscriptions (1991)	850.00	900.00
	Covenant (88/9 89/90)	1274.72	714.95
<u>COTTAGE FEES</u>			
	Members	406.50	192.00
	Season Tickets (1990)	210.00	120.00
	Season Tickets (1991)	130.00	120.00
	Members guests	634.00	714.00
	Guest clubs	991.00	1122.00
	Royal Navy	1152.00	1610.10
	Fees from 1989	111.50	103.00
	Reciprocal Members		61.00
	Members Children		34.00
	Other Fees		283.73
	Donations	73.06	82.24
	CCC Permits	18.30	32.30
	Annual dinner	800.00	1043.50
	Half yearly dance	269.01	364.00
	Shirt sales	58.00	239.50
	Phone receipts	310.01	284.23
	COIF Income		14.11
	Wessex Water Dividend		10.14
	Miscellaneous	13.00	<u>13.00</u>
			<u>14986.15</u>
	Floats b/f		173.91
	Unrepresented cheque		<u>47.50</u>
	Unexplained Income		35.80
	TOTAL		<u>15243.36</u>

EXPENDITURE

1989		1990
	<u>COTTAGE</u>	
132.59	Coal/gas	106.97
761.65	Electricity	882.75
616.61	Insurance	885.00
562.95	General/water rates	310.64
96.88	Household	378.51
570.06	Phone	212.47
29.60	Cottage maintenance	<u>712.94</u>
		<u>3489.28</u>
	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	
58.36	Secretary	54.76
39.38	Treasurer	39.49
493.24	Editor	691.15
172.30	Cottage Warden	177.04
76.24	Meet Secretary	45.50
91.10	Tacklemaster	00.00
106.17	Recorder	<u>11.60</u>
		<u>1019.54</u>

FLOATS OUTSTANDING

50.00	Tacklemaster (S Redwood)	<u>50.00</u>
		<u>50.00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

157.72	Library	20.45
391.27	Caving items	30.00
81.00	Subs to other clubs	75.50
796.55	Dinner	1011.23
100.00	Dinner 1990 deposit	100.00
354.00	Half yearly dance	348.43
25.00	Hall 1990 Deposit	25.00
100.00	Water Share Purchase	70.00
	Sweat Shirts	483.00
	M&G Charifund	1000.00
	COIF	5014.11
	Trustees	7.40
	Bank Charges	23.76
	Bank Adjustment	22.08
5.00	Miscellaneous	<u>148.42</u>
		<u>8379.38</u>

	Cash at bank 31-12-90	2305.16
	Cash in hand 31-12-90	<u>000.00</u>
		<u>2305.16</u>

TOTAL 15243.36

AMENDMENTS TO THE MCG CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Rule 7 Amendment 1 After - "They will normally be elected at the AGM for a period of 12 months." -

ADD -

"Committee members cannot be re-elected if they have served a maximum term in any capacity of five years but may stand again after a period of one year. To take effect from 1992 onwards."

Proposed Arthur Spain. Seconded John Puddock.

Amendment 1.1 Substitute for amendment 1 Committee members may not be re-elected after serving 5 years continuously on the committee but may stand again after a 1 year break (AGM to AGM). To take effect from 1992 onwards.

Proposed Malcolm Cotter. Seconded Adrian Duckett.

Amendment 2 Delete the phrase: "a substitute officer may be co-opted for the remaining period."

Add in its place: "the committee must hold an election for the post at a general meeting or by postal ballot within 4 weeks of the vacancy."

Proposed by Malcolm Cotter. Seconded Adrian Duckett.

Rule 10 Add new paragraph (g). Special subsidiary accounts may be authorised by the committee. The account holder shall keep proper accounts and receipts of all transactions. Parts 10 (c) and 10 (d) shall also apply. The audited statement must be lodged annually with the Hon. Treasurer. On closure of the account it must be audited and the assets transferred to the benefit of the Group as directed by the committee.

Proposed Malcolm Cotter.

GENERAL MOTION

The Mendip Caving Group Expedition Fund

1. The Group shall establish a fund to sponsor overseas expeditions by the MCG.
2. Membership of the fund shall be open to all full members of the MCG who opt to pay a sum equivalent to 10% of the MCG annual subscription.
3. The fund shall be administered by the Treasurer, and a Trustee to be nominated at the AGM. The monies in the fund shall be held separately from other MCG monies. Accounts for the fund shall be published annually.
4. Any member who has subscribed to the fund for at least 2 years may apply to the administrators for a cash payment to help towards the costs of the expedition.
5. The purpose of the expedition must be new cave discovery, the extension of known caves, or the scientific study of caves or caving areas.
6. In return for sponsorship the persons applying to the fund will agree to produce written reports of the expedition, including surveys of all discoveries, for publication in the MCG Journal.
7. All MCG members may continue to apply to the committee for equipment to be used on expeditions. Such equipment will be purchased from the MCG General Fund, not the Expedition Fund, and will remain the property of the MCG.

Proposed by Yvonne Rowe, seconded by Martin Rowe

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