

Ghar Parau Foundation

Meeting at Hidden Earth – 26 September 2010

Present : A Eavis R Walters
 D Cooke A Richardson
 P Rowsell H Greaves
 P Ibberson

Apologies: D Judson N Williams H Clark

Previous Minutes: **PI** stated that the minutes from Spring 2010 stated that £2,000 was to be put in reserve for the summer round; the figure was in fact £1,000. With this change, the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Matters Arising:

PR had not completed the christmas cards, **NW** had not yet approached Jarvist Frost regarding membership of Ghar Parau.

Website improvement had not been completed. **RW** agreed to take this task on with a view to looking at both completing the site ourselves and using commercial services. The aim would be to present a draft for Feb 2011. This was given particular impetus from recommendations from Mr Glen Jones, who was invited to the meeting by **PR** to explain how to apply for addition funds from Barclays Bank. The clear message being that the website was not only an application tool but a means to showcase the incredible achievements of expeditions funded by GPF.

Finances:

PI confirmed the availability of £1,000 of BCA funds from the spring round and suggested that unclaimed retentions and a modest amount of interest on reserves could make a further £500 of GPF funds. **AE** offered make funds available from the China Caves Project for expeditions to china in line with awards made to other expeditions in this round.

Tratman Award

RW had proposed the following changes to the way the Tratman award is administered:

- 1) GPF changes the rules for Tratman awards to include literature in electronic form including eBooks, Websites, blogs and other electronic media as they evolve.
- 2) GPF establishes a group of three interested cavers who make a selection on behalf of GPF, who make the award on the subgroup's recommendation. The group does not need to consist of GPF members and GPF does not interfere with the group's decision.

These recommendations were universally accepted.

RW suggested a first member is Chris Howes from Descent Magazine, as he has written and produced a wide range of caving books, and reads most of the new material for review in Descent. **AR** volunteered himself as he is already the librarian for SWCC and reads a lot of literature. **AE** volunteered to approach Chris Howes and ask his advice on additional members.

Expedition Awards :

										BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
				Funds Available						£ 1,000	£ 500	£ 900	£ -	£ -	£ 2,400
Ref	Club	Leader	Title	UK Cavers	Alex Pitcher App's	Non-UK Cavers	Field person.days	MEF Rec'h	SCW Rec'n	BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
GPF2010b-001	Liverpool	Natalie Uomini	Ethiopia 2010	10	2	10	260	n	n	£ 400					£ 400
GPF2010b-002		Chris Jewel	Systema Huatla	10	0	1	358	y	n	£ 600					£ 600
GPF2010b-003		Allen/Eavis	Mulu 2011	16	0	4	560	y	n		£ 300				£ 300
GPF2010b-004		Hillary Greaves	Zhongdiang	4	0	0	124	y	n	£ -	£ -	£ 400			£ 400
GPF2010b-005		Ged Champion	Guangxi	11	0	5	320	n	n	£ -	£ -	£ 500			£ 500
GPF2010b-006		Imogen Furlong	Shan Plateau	4	0	2	120	y	n		£ 200				£ 200
										BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
				Funds Allocated						£ 1,000	£ 500	£ 900	£ -	£ -	£ 2,400
				Funds held for next round						£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -

Next Meeting :

Sunday 6th February 2011. Venue – Hucklow unless otherwise advised.