

Ghar Parau Foundation

Awards Meeting (Round One – Winter 2011)

Minutes of Meeting.

Date & time of meeting: 11:00: 6th Feb 2011

Location: Conformance Ltd, Gt Hucklow, Derbyshire

Invitees	Name	Responsibility	
Chairperson	Andy Eavis	Trustee and Chair	AE
	Nick Williams	Trustee	NW
	Dave Judson	Trustee	DR
	Roo Walters	Secretary	RW
	Paul Ibberson	Treasurer	PI
	Ed Waters	Elected Member	EW
	Hilary Greaves	Elected Member	HG
	Trevor Faulkner	BCRA Foreign sec	TF
	Dave Cooke	BCA Treasurer	DC
	Phil Rowsell	Elected Member	PR

1 Matters (Raise Any Issues Not Covered By Agenda And Schedule Them For Discussion)

None

2 Apologies for Absence

Trevor Faulkner (represented by Allan Richardson), Dave Cooke, Jarvist Frost.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by AE, Accepted by all.

4 Matters Arising

With regard to elected members: Jarvist Frost invited, said yes,

With regard to the website: **RW** explained that a specification had been drawn up which includes back-end functionality to automate some or even all of the Ghar Parau processes, with the aim of producing a website that is not reliant on an individual to maintain and improve. Verbal quotes of between £3k-15K have been given. **RW** consider both of these to be too much. **NW** to consult about web frontend. **AE, PR, RW** and **NW** to liaise on functionality and set priorities.

With regard to Tratman: Chris Howes, has drafted new rules, including for website, set up a team and made recommendations for awards.

5 Finances

PI submitted financial statements and report. Interest has increased due to extra funds, but interest rates still remain very low. There were several welcome donations, Hidden Earth donated £2000.

Proposal to increase size of bonds by £2000. Accepted by all.

DJ requested that we ensure that we drop the words Sports Council on our forms. **RW** to look at this.

PI raised the issue of uncashed cheques, there were £1325 of uncashed cheques at end of 2010, consisting of three Pitcher cheques and uncashed retentions. We agreed to cancel these, but hold the money to the summer round, which **PI** expects to be about £600, when matters iron themselves out. Of most concern were CUCC who have £500 of unclaimed money. We shall make them an award this year with a note stating that will not receive the unclaimed money and should they fail to cash this cheque it will affect future award decisions to CUCC. **RW** to add a statement to all letters stating that should cheques be unclaimed, then the awards will be lost.

Total BCA figure for awards for £5600 and GPF (including AP and Tratman) £900.

Formal resolution was made by **AE** to establish electronic banking; **DJ** seconded this and it was unanimously agreed. It was agreed to use the following rules:

- No payments made by treasurer alone
- Members of the council will be able to view statements
- Statements will be sent to the secretary
- The maximum daily amount is £1500
- Withdrawals to reserve accounts can only go into the main account
- Written instructions require two signatures.

PI proposed that we hold the following amounts over to round 2,
BCA: £1000
GPF: £500.

Which gives £4600 for Round One plus any China Caves money.

6 Awards

6.1 Confirm Ground Rules for 2011 Winter Awards

RW informed the Committee that the MEF had supported 4 caving expedition, one of which was sadly cancelled, this year, and had been thanked. This unprecedented support was very gratefully welcomed by the Committee. **RW** also informed the Committee that the MEF had decided not to support any more caving expeditions in 2011.

For reference the MEF awards were:

MEF Ref	Expedition Name	Ctry	Leader /Organiser	Grant
11/04	Mulu Caves 2011	Mal	Tim Allen	£400
11/05	Shan Plateau 2011	Mnm	Ms Imogen Furlong	£500
11/06	Zhongdian 2010	Chn	Ms Hilary Greaves	£500
11/07	Sistsema Huautla 2011	Mex	Chris Jewell	£350

As in recent years the committee decided to give emphasis to youth and adventure.

6.2 2011 Round One

The awards made in spring 2011 are as follows.

											BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
					Funds Available						£ 5,600	£ 650	£ 450	£ 150	£ -	£ 6,850
Ref	Leader	Title	Country	Dates	UK Cavers	Alex Pitcher App's	Non-UK Cavers	Field person days	MEF Rec'h	SCW Rec'h	BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
GPF2011a-001	Chris Smith	ridge Austrian Expeditio	Austria	Jul/Aug 11	25	2	2	378	N	N	£ 500					£ 500
GPF2011a-002	Clare Tan	Djebel Serdj	Tunisia	Sep-11	8	N	0	112	N	N	£ 500					£ 500
GPF2011a-003	Mark Noble	EPC Kelmand	Albania	Sep-11	14	N	0	240	N	N	£ 750					£ 750
GPF2011a-004	Myles Denton	Izguljeni Raj	Slovenia	Jul/Aug 11	18	2	4	400	N	N	£ 750			£ 150		£ 900
GPF2011a-005	Juan Corrin	Matienzo	Spain	Jul/Aug 11	20	N	5	560	N	N	£ 400					£ 400
GPF2011a-006	Joe Duxbury	Montenegro 2011	Montenegro	Jul-11	12	N	4	147	N	N	£ 400					£ 400
GPF2011a-007	Jason Malinson	Pozu Azul	Spain	Aug/Sep 11	6	N	10	192	N	N	£ 1,000					£ 1,000
GPF2011a-008	Vasile Ersek	10,000 Years Expedition	Iran	May-11	2	N	3	120	N	N	£ -	£ 150				£ 150
GPF2011a-009	Imogen Furlong	Tian Xing 2011	China	Aug/Sep 11	11	N	5	448	N	N			£ 300			£ 300
GPF2011a-010	Phil Walker	Treviso	Spain	Aug-11	7	N	0	196	N	N	£ 300					£ 300
GPF2011a-011	Erin Lynch	Tongzi 2011	China	Mar-11	4	N	7	188	N	N			£ 150			£ 150
											BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
					Funds Allocated						£ 4,600	£ 150	£ 450	£ 150	£ -	£ 5,350
					Funds held for next round						£ 1,000	£ 500	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,500

The following actions also resulted.

RW to confirm on the letter of award that unclaimed cheques would not be reissued after 6 months.

RW to confirm to CUCC that £500 of unclaimed funds are not being reissued, and that any delay in claiming future funds would affect new applications.

7 Tratman Awards

Chris Howes had agreed to be the Co-ordinator and one of the judges of the Tratman Award. He would only do this for printed material. He suggested that an alternative award for electronic material. Chris Howes has produced a set of revised rules. With addition of the following timescale: deadline for informing GPF of the judges to be 31st Aug, and the deadline for award recommendations is 31st Jan. The Tratman Co-ordinator will be elected for a period of three years and can be re-elected indefinitely. GPF unanimously accepted these rules. The rules are attached to these minutes.

GPF duly elected Chris Howes to be the Tratman co-ordinator until end of Feb 2013.

GPF decided not to pursue with electronic publications at this time.

The judges for 2010 were Chris Howes, Alan Jefferys and Martin Mills. The Tratman Judges recommended that a joint award is made to Matienzo, edited by Juan Corrin and Wookey Hole edited by Hanwell, Price, and Witcombe. Ghar Parau duly endorsed the judges' recommendations.

8 Members

Phil Rowsell is a retiring elected member but he is co-opted until further notice to assist with web and publicity.

Ed Waters has one further year to run

Hilary Greaves agreed to find a replace member, but will continue to serve until Feb 2012 or until she can find a replacement.

RW to approach CDG looking for an active diving member to represent diving interests.

The list of committee members is therefore:

		Date of expiry
Andy Eavis	Trustee and Chair	none
Nick Williams	Trustee	none
Dave Judson	Trustee	none
Roo Walters	Secretary	none
Paul Ibberson	Treasurer	none
Trevor Faulkner	BCRA Foreign sec	none
Dave Cook	BCA Treasurer	none
Ed Waters	Elected Member	Feb 2013
Hilary Greaves	Elected Member	Feb 2012
Jarvist Frost	Elected Member	Feb 2014
Vacancy	Elected Member	
Phil Rowsell	Co-opted Member	none

9 Date of next meeting

Hidden Earth, 09:00 on the Sunday of 25th Sept 2011 in Monmouth.

February. 12th Feb 2012.