

# Ghar Parau Foundation

## Awards Meeting - Minutes

**Purpose of meeting:** Phase One Awards for 2008

**Date & time of meeting:** 11:30 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007

**Location:** Great Hucklow

Present	Name	Responsibility		Expiry
	Andy Eavis	Trustee and Chair	AE	
Chairperson	Nick Williams	Trustee	NW	
	Dave Judson	Trustee	DR	
	Roo Walters	Secretary	RW	
	Paul Ibberson	Treasurer	PI	
	Dave Cooke	BCA Treasurer	DC	
	Paul Mann	Elected Member	PM	Feb 2008
	Paul Swire	Elected Member	PS	Sep 2008
	Wookey	Elected Member	W	Feb 2009
	Phil Rowsell	Elected Member	PR	Feb 2010
	Ed Waters	Elected member	EW	Feb 2011
Apologies	Name	Responsibility		
	Allan Richardson	BCRA Foreign sec	AR	

### 1. Matters

1.1) None.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

2.1) Allan Richardson.

2.2) Ed Waters was nominated by Nick Williams an Elected Member and accepted by all. It was noted that Paul Swire and Paul Mann retire this year. It was agreed to keep Paul Swire on until after the round two meeting in September. The Chairman duly noted and thanked Paul Mann for his contribution over the last four years.

**ACTION ALL:** Find new elected member (preferably a diver) for Sept 2008.

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting

3.1) Accepted as accurate.

### 4. Matters Arising

4.1) Previous actions.

Owner	Action	Status
NW	Will look at recruiting a diver as an elected member to begin Feb 2009	Ongoing
PR	To initiate a forum on gear loans and become its moderator.	Complete
W	To reflect feedback requirements on the web site.	Complete
W	Implement application confirmation for electronic process.	Complete
W	Collation of applications into a web page.	Complete
NW, PR	Look at means and resources to improve electronic applications and information	Complete
RW	Formulate a funds raising program and arrange a lecture at the Hidden Earth Conference.	Complete
PI.	The treasurer will place a further £1,000 into bonds.	Complete

### 5. Finances

5.1) Full draft accounts presented by the treasurer. Key points are:

- The accumulated fund is up £473 to £40,445.
- Interest received was 28% up on 2006 mainly as a result of higher national interest rates which are expected to drop in 2008.
- We received donations from Hidden Earth (£1000), T Palmer (£10) and New Britain (£100) and we gained sponsorship awards from Floorplans (£100) and Conformance (£200).
- The retentions, against reporting, totalled £225 against GPF awards, £100 against BCA awards and £225 against China Caves.
- A further £3000 was invested in NSB Bonds leaving a current bank balance of £1995.

5.2) The treasurer main the following recommendations:

- £1800 of funds to be available split across GPF awards and Alex Pitcher Awards.

5.3) Dave Cooke, BCA Treasurer, confirmed that the BCA had awarded GPF £5,000 for this year. Nick Williams stressed that this award was largely due to Dave Cooke's efforts on our behalf and our appreciation was dully expressed. Dave Cooke suggested that we write in June to request further funds for next year.

**ACTION: RW.** Write to BCA thanking them for the award.

**ACTION: RW.** Write to BCA in June 2008 requesting further funds.

- 5.4) Andy Eavis confirmed that the China Caves award for this year would be £2000. This money is largely raised via his lecture program.

## 6. Awards

### 6.1 Confirm ground rules for 2008 awards

6.1.1) It was agreed that GPF should focus its efforts on where it can be most effective, and whilst this is a trend over the last few years that had been happening it was confirmed that GPF should:

- Concentrate on youth and encouraging new cavers into expedition caving.
- Recognise, expeditions which have aims, aspirations and goals that move that “raise the bar” in expedition caving. Examples of this might be: new areas, higher altitude or remote regions, arduous or committing adventure, new science.
- Still recognise the value of long term projects.

6.1.2) GPF will only accept electronic applications in the future.

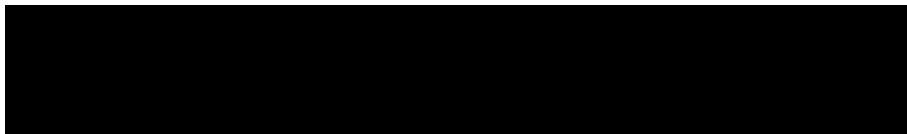
**ACTION: RW.** Convey these changes via Descent and Speleology.

6.1.3) Paul Ibberson suggested that we meet all Alex Pitcher Applications in full to the sum of £75 each, funds to be drawn from the GPF allocation. This was accepted.

6.1.4) The funds available for distribution were agreed as:

	BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
Funds Available	£ 5,000	£ 1,125	£2,000	£ 675		£ 8,800

And they would be distributed as follows:



Of which £50 of GPF will be used for the Tratman award.

6.1.5) The MEF were raised by RW, who stated that GPF had recently been reminded that the MEF welcomed recommendations from GPF on expeditions worthy of an MEF grant. These had to be expeditions going to high mountainous or remote areas. This year RW proposed that the Sichuan Expedition was eligible and it was agreed to propose this trip. It was noted that the Vietnam trip for 2009 requested MEF consideration but, as with its funding, this was deferred to Round 2.

## 6.2 2008 Round One Applications and Awards.

Ref	Club	Leader	Place	Country	Total cost	Travel Cost	Special Costs	UK Cavers	Alex Pitcher App's	Non-UK Cavers	Field person.days	MEP Rec'n	SCW Rec'n	BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
GPF2008a-001	CUCC	Oliver Stevens	Schwarzmooskogel	Austria	£ 10,500	£ 2,500	£ 1,000	13	1	2	535	N	N	£ 500			£ 75		£ 575
GPF2008a-002		Juan Corrin	Matienzo	Spain	£ 13,000	£ 8,300		20	0	4	560	N	N	£ 300			£ -		£ 300
GPF2008a-003	ICCC	Jarvist Frost	Votla Gora 2008	Slovenia	£ 5,750	£ 2,950		16	2	2	630	N	N	£ 650			£ 150		£ 800
GPF2008a-004	OUCS	Yifang Huang	Canal de Montico	Spain	£ 7,321	£ 2,570		12	2	5	300	N	N	£ 400			£ 150		£ 550
GPF2008a-005	SUSS	Rob Eavis	Mavri Laki	Crete	£ 5,662	£ 3,100	£ 1,750	12	2	0	144	N	N	£ 550			£ 150		£ 700
GPF2008a-006		Peter Talling	Sichuan	China	£ 13,700	£ 9,840		12	2	0	540	Y	N	£ -		£ 750	£ 150		£ 900
GPF2008a-007	HMCES	Phil Rowsell	Tian Xing (1)	China	£ 9,180	£ 4,800	£ 200	10	0	2	560	N	N	£ -		£ 750	£ -		£ 750
GPF2008a-008	HMCES	Erin Lynch	Houping	China	£ 4,560	£ 2,010		5	0	2	140	N	N	£ -		£ 300	£ -		£ 300
GPF2008a-009		Hillary Greaves	Sistema Julagua	Spain	£ 10,190	£ 3,180		8	0	2	320	N	N	£ 400			£ -		£ 400
GPF2008a-010		Jason Mallinson	Pozu Azul	Spain	£ 2,380	£ 1,600		3	0	12	100	N	N	£ 900			£ -		£ 900

GPF2008b-001		Erin Lynch	Wang Dong	China															
GPF2008b-002		James Alker	Yongsheng	China	£ 3,810	£ 3,150		5	0	1	60	N	N						
GPF2008b-003		Tim Allen	Mulu	Malaysia															
GPF2008b-004		Phil Rowsell	Hirlatz	Austria															
GPF2008b-005		Howard Limbert	KeBang Massif	Vietnam	£ 22,600	£ 12,700		11	0	1	288	Y	N						March 2009

6.2.1) In discussion the GPF noted the following:

The GPF were particularly impressed with:

- the work done and being continued by ICCC in Slovenia and their very high standards of reporting
- the deep cave diving objectives in the Picos de Europa by a group from Oxford.
- the continuing high standards of achievement in China from HMCES and in Matienzo.

The GPF noted that Oxford University had not returned reports and acknowledgements from the past two years. Their allocation will be withheld in full until the completion of both these outstanding items.

6.2.2) The GPF particularly noted the contribution of the Pozu Azul diving project in Spain lead by Jason Mallinson and duly awarded a high grant to assist with the high costs of staging very long and committing dives.

## 7. The Tratman Award

7.1) Three publications were considered and all were commended.

**'Not for the faint Hearted'**: By Mike Cooper. The GPF particularly noted this book's contribution to revitalising Yorkshire caving and encouraging trips to alternative places.

**'Hollow Mountain 1974-2006'**: ICCC publication on explorations in Tolminski Migovec in Slovenia. The GPF noted the very high standard of publication.

**'Swildons' Hole - A Hundred Years of Exploration'**: Wessex Cave Club. The GPF noted its quality, interest, depth of content and contribution.

7.2) The GPF concluded that any of these publications were worthy of the award but the decision was given to "Swildons' Hole - A Hundred Years of Exploration".

## **8. Fund Raising**

8.1) Agreed that funds to produce a publication to sell the idea of donating or bequeathing to GPF will be raised from sponsorship. Floorplans pledged, £150, RW pledged £150 and Phil Rowsell pledged £100. Conformance pledged to meet RW's contribution.

8.2) Agreed that we would have a 5 minute promotion during the opening session of Hidden Earth, presented by an Alex Pitcher Award recipient.

**ACTION RW:** Find an Alex Pitcher Award recipient to give 5 minutes presentation.

8.3) Agreed to get a new GPF logo.

**ACTION NW,PR:** speak to contacts to get a new GPF logo.

8.4) Agreed to have a stand at Hidden Earth.

**ACTION NW:** speak to Hugh St Laurence about producing a backdrop for the GPF stand.

## **9. Future Electronic Applications Processes**

9.1) From this point on all applications will be electronic. Some changes are needed to simplify the forms and ensure we capture the information required unambiguously. Need an extra section for expeditions to "sell themselves", giving reasons why they are looking for special attention.

**ACTION RW:** to revise wording on the web site to reflect changes in emphasis.

**ACTION W:** To revise processes to ensure that £ signs work and simplify the tables to be completed.

## **10. Any Other Business**

10.1) None

## **11: Date of next meetings**

11.1) Hidden Earth on the Sunday at 09:15, whenever and wherever that proves to be.

11.2) 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009, in Great Hucknow.

## **12. Summary of Actions**

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