

Ghar Parau Foundation

Awards Meeting - Minutes

Purpose of meeting: Annual Awards

Date & time of meeting: 10:30 – Sunday 4th March 2007

Location: Great Hucklow, Conformance Ltd, The Old Methodist Chapel, Great Hucklow, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 RG

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
	Hillary Greaves	Elected member	HG
	Paul Swire	Elected Member	PS
	Wookey	Elected Member	W
	Allan Richardson	BCRA Foreign sec	AR
	Dave Cook	BCA Treasurer	DC
	Phil Rowsell	Elected Member	PR

Apologies	Name
Not Present	Allan Richardson

1. Matters

No additional matters.

2. Apologies for Absence

2.1) Allan Richardson

3. Minutes of previous meeting

3.1) Accepted as accurate

4. Matters Arising

PR has, through a lawyer, developed an addendum that covers can add to their wills to donate finances to GPF. This needs to be built into information that is included in the BCA handbook. Photos for a brochure to publicise this need to be ready for Hidden Earth 2009.

Action NW: To contact Rob Eavis to choose suitable photos for GPF brochures.

Action NW,DJ, RW: To ensure that promised funds are available to finance the GPF brochure.

Action PR: To complete words for will addendum.

5. Election of New Members

Noted that no new members are required, but PR has just one more meeting to serve.

Action RW: to circulate current committee members list.

6. Finances

6.1) The financial report was reviewed.

6.2) Donations of £1000 from Hidden Earth 2007 and £2000 from Hidden Earth 2008 are to be added to the investments of the fund along with the opening net cash and the January YUCPC donation. Income bonds remain the most suitable investment vehicle and £5000 of bonds are to be purchased.

6.3) Funds available for distribution in 2009 are £1000 BCA 2008, £5000 BCA 2009 and £1200 GPF. £300 deferred 2008 income from China Caves Project to be deferred for consideration in Round 2.

6.4) PI suggested funding all 4 Alex Pitcher award applications with £75 and after deducting £50 for the Tratman award this leaves £850 for further consideration.

6.5) Several old award cheques and retention monies remain uncleared. These are to be written back into the fund.

7. Awards

7.1 Confirm Ground rules for 2009 awards

The GPF confirmed its commitment to youth and adventurous expeditions. Concern was raised about the need to retain more finances than usual due to the expected decline in the UK economy.

6.2 2007 Round One Applications

Ref	Club	Leader	Title	BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
GPF2008a-001	OUCG	Nick Edwards	Julagua 2009	£ 700					
GPF2008a-002		Joe Duxbury	Montenegro 2009	£ 300					
GPF2008a-003	SUSS	Rob Eavis	Colosuss 2009	£ 600					
GPF2008a-004		Chris Jewel	Culiembro 2009	£ 500					
GPF2008a-005		Sue Ryall	Sebahall	£ 500					
GPF2008a-006	ICCC	Jarvist Frost	Brezzvezdna	£ 700			£ 150		
GPF2008a-007		Jason Mallinson	Pozo Azul	£ -					
GPF2008a-008	CUCC	Edvin Deadman	Kaninchenhoehle	£ 700	£ 100		£ 75		
GPF2008a-009		Juan Corrin	Matienzo	£ 400			£ 75		

BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
£ 6,000	£ 850	£ 300	£ 300	£ 50	£ 7,500

BCA	GPF	China Caves	Alex Pitcher	Other	Total
£ 4,400	£ 100	£ -	£ 300	£ -	£ -
£ 1,600	£ 750	£ 300	£ -	£ 50	£ 7,500

Pozo Azul will be reassigned last year's £900 award.

We shall add Castleguard expedition, which had an award in Sept 08, to the MEF list.

6.3 2007 Round Two Advanced notifications

No specific expeditions are known, but it is expected that some China expeditions and another trip to Austria will be forthcoming.

7. The Tratman Award

7.1) Publications received are:

“Great Caves of the World by Tony Waltham

“Castleton caves”, by Trevor Ford

“Memoirs of a Moldywarp”, by Peter Ryder

“Who was Aveline anyway”, by Richard Witcombe

“Descent magazine”, dedited by Chris Howes and Judith Halford.

“Lead Mining in Derbyshire” Volume 2, by JH Rieuwarts

“Snailbeach lead mine” but the Shropshire Mines Trust.

The committee noted the contribution of Tony Waltham’s book to introducing people to caves, the quality of the Memoirs of a Moldywarp’s book for the low cost of production and the superb quality of ‘Lead Mining in Derbyshire’. However the award was given to Descent Magazine in recognition of its contribution to Speleology over the last 40 years, its 200 addition and its continuing innovation.

9. Any Other Business

Discussion was centred around improving the online application form, with particular emphasis on making it easy and eliminating errors. There was a consensus that going back to using boxes to fill in rather than free text would be helpful and the need to automate archiving of expedition data. The committee wanted the ability for applicants to attach data and the treasurer wanted applications to state their bank account name.

Action EW: We should have stand at Hidden Earth. This will be organised by Ed Waters.

10. Date of next meeting

Hidden Earth in Sept 2009, currently the last week of September.

Then on 21st Feb 2010.

11. Summary of Actions