

## ULSA AGM 2020

Held online via Zoom on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Attendees

Lyndon Easterbrook  
John Holloway  
Brendan Hall  
Rob Watson  
Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi  
Freja Dohrn Ellefsen  
Sam Allshorn  
Dinny Davies  
Alice Shackley  
Mike Butcher  
Ben Chaddock  
Luke Stangroom  
Sarah Parker  
Nathanael Dalton  
David Newcombe  
Rachel Turnbull  
Chris Williams  
Nicola William (formerly Shezi)  
Ashley Fenton  
Jon Haynes  
Matthew Shallcross  
Alice Forney  
Matt Day  
Michael Brigham  
Rosi Elliott  
Chris Horbaczewskyj

Meeting started 20.09

Due to the constraints of zoom (or lack of understanding) the voting was conducted by thumbs up / waving hand signals but they disappeared too quickly for an accurate count. Agenda items, therefore, will be indicated as passed or failed (by a majority) with, where appropriate, votes against recorded.

### Apologies

Michael Fearn, Rose Wilson; MF by email, RW by text (only seen after the meeting though)

### Acceptance of 2019 AGM minutes

No comments. MINUTES ACCEPTED

### Matters arising from 2019 AGM

No comments. President adds now that the review of the |ULSA constitution is still ongoing.

## Reports

President: The Dinnermeet and Reigate mines meets were cancelled due to Coronavirus after a lot of work setting them up. Hopefully both can be arranged for next Spring. The Springtime Reigate meet will be in honour of Richard 'Horsey' Vidler and is being organised through contacts in the Wealden Caving Club. It is unsure how the caving year will pan out when Uni kicks off in a few weeks. It was noted how cavers in general had responded to requests from the rescue services not to venture underground too much.

Treasurer: There is just over £3600 in the bank, of which £918 is the Watty fund. Membership income was £344 this year. BCA membership cost the club £95 and the ULSA domain name cost £54.

Otherwise, not much has happened.

Meets and Minutes Secretary: Not much has happened as organised club trips can't take place due to Coronavirus.

Librarian: No Report

Distribution Officer: Working from home has meant there is difficulty printing and distributing surveys. Had some requests from Tony Seddon.

Editor: Not much response to requests for articles.

Webmaster: The ULSA website has a new welcome page, with a lot of information for freshers. Michael Brigham has done quite a bit on updating it.

Photographer: No Report

Conservation Officer: Nothing much has happened; again due to Coronavirus restrictions.

**ALL REPORTS WERE ACCEPTED**

### Election of committee members for the year 2020-2021

Where no contact had been received from a position holder, they were deemed to be standing down from that role.

President: Lyndon Easterbrook (Lyndie) – RE-ELECTED with 1 vote against

Secretary: Alice Forney (elected at LUUCaS AGM)

Treasurer: Chris Williams – RE-ELECTED with 1 vote against

Meets and Minutes Secretary: John Holloway – RE-ELECTED

Librarian: Vacant – POSITION NOT FILLED

Distribution Officer: Nicola William – RE-ELECTED

Editor: Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi - ELECTED

Webmaster: Michael Brigham - ELECTED

Photographer: Vacant – POSITION NOT FILLED

Conservation Officer: Nicola William – RE-ELECTED with 3 votes against

Training Coordinator: Mike Butcher - ELECTED

Ordinary Members: Rose Wilson & Michael Fearn – BOTH RE-ELECTED

CNCC Representatives: Lyndon Easterbrook & John Holloway – BOTH RE-ELECTED

### ULSA's CSCC membership

A healthy discussion was had regarding item 7(a) as to whether ULSA should take up its position on the CSCC committee. The main contributions of note were:

Chris Williams: It is likely that the BCA misread ULSA's membership form, resulting in ULSA's membership of the CSCC.

Alice Shackley: Peachey suggested only taking part for important issues.

Sam Allshorn: ULSA shouldn't be a member of the CSCC. If it does want to stay as a member, it should take part wholeheartedly.

Mike Butcher and Alice Shackley: Agree with Sam.

Following the discussion, a new proposal was put forward:

Sam Allshorn: Proposed that "ULSA leaves the CSCC and contacts them to let them know". Seconded by Dinny Davies.

**PROPOSAL PASSED**

Sam will speak to Peachey about this. Lyndon will contact CSCC.

Following the vote against taking up the position on the CSCC committee, item 7(b) became redundant and no rep was selected

### Proposal to donate £100 to UWFRA in memory of Barry Greenwood

As the proposal was to donate in lieu of funds from this year's dinnermeet raffle, Sam Allshorn suggested that the amount be based on last year's takings (£220, as minuted at the 2019 agm). This was initially accepted but further discussion followed with the next item.

### Proposal to donate £100 to CRO in memory of Richard Vidler

Sam Allshorn proposed to also increase this amount to £220 so as not to have disparity between the donations as both are in memory of past members.

A good discussion was then had to consider both proposals. The main points were:

Alice Shackley: Do the cave rescue teams make good use of this money?

Sam Allshorn: It is a waste of money until you need their services. Cave rescue teams are entirely funded by donations. They use the money to buy equipment which sits in their depots for a number of years then get replaced.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Cave Rescue Organisation have lost some sources of funding, including from the Glastonbury recycling volunteers this year. Proposed to stick to £100 for Richard Vidler as seen as different from Barry Greenwood case.

Mike Butcher and Alice Shackley: against, proposed to donate £220 each.

Dinny Davies: Does this set a precedent? There are a lot of ageing former members of ULSA. £100 for both and split the next raffle proceeds.

Sam Allshorn: £160 each (£220 from item (8), £100 from item (9) added then halved)

Ashley Fenton: Give £220 today, we don't need the money at the moment. Next year we'll have a raffle, so precedent is irrelevant.

Dinny Davies: Cave rescue are not short of money.

Chris Williams: The ULSA account goes up by £200-£300 each year.

After a quick poll to gauge opinion amongst those present the new proposal was to donate £220 to each cause in memory of Barry Greenwood and Richard Vidler respectively.

Proposed by Lyndon Easterbrook. Seconded by Mike Butcher. **PROPOSAL PASSED**

### Matters for the next CNCC meeting

Lyndon Easterbrook explained that the items had already been submitted to the CNCC and have been included in the agenda for their next committee meeting in October (purely a deadline issue). This was to effectively rubber stamp support from the club, or, in the event of proposals not being supported, then withdraw them from the CNCC agenda.

#### 1st. Sam Allshorn's proposals

Sam Allshorn gave a brief explanation of his proposals regarding the purchase of IC anchors with some background information and explained that the CNCC would seek to recover the costs for the anchors from the BCA, who may choose to pay all or part of them. He did indicate that this did not have the full support of all the IC anchor installers. The three proposals were taken as one in terms of supporting the CNCC reps to take them forward. PROPOSALS PASSED

#### 2nd. Rob Watson's proposal

Rob Watson had nothing more to add. It was acknowledged that it was a good resource and his work on it was commended. PROPOSAL PASSED

#### 3rd. Criminalisation of trespass

A discussion took place:

Sam Allshorn: There are already sufficient laws in place to deal with the issues the new law is intended for.

Rob Watson: The new law is very bad.

The general feeling was along the same lines. Trust was placed in the CNCC reps to represent the club at the next CNCC committee meeting. There was no proposal here to vote on.

#### Any other business

Nathanael Dalton asked the student committee to introduce themselves.

Ben Chaddock: LUUCaS President, gave a brief introduction.

David Newcombe: LUUCaS Treasurer, said The Union will cut funding.

Alice Forney: LUUCaS Secretray had left the meeting by this time.

Freja Dohrn Ellefsen: Stood for outdoor representative at the Union but didn't get it. There were indications of dubious voting practices.

Sam Allshorn and Lyndon Easterbrook asked everyone present at the meeting to drink and make noise in memory of Horsey; mugs of tea, beers and other drinks were downed.

Sam Allshorn asked for any old rope.

#### Next AGM

To be confirmed. In the Spring and, possibly, online again.

Meeting ended 21.31.