

ULSA committee meeting  
Held online via Zoom on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Attendees

John Holloway	Meets and Minutes Secretary, CNCC Representative
Mike Fearn	Ordinary Member
Lyndon Easterbrook	President, CNCC Representative
Rachel Turnbull	
Mike Butcher	Training Coordinator
Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi	Editor
Alice Shackley	
Ben Chaddock	Secretary
Ane Appelt	
Dinny Davies	
Chris Williams	Treasurer
Rose Wilson	Ordinary Member
Larisa Onoufriadi	Vice President

Apologies: Jon Haynes

Meeting started 20:05

Lyndon Easterbrook: This is a continuation of the meeting a few weeks ago. We'll do the other bits first and leave the constitution to the end.

Dinnermeet

Lyndon Easterbrook: This will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the Goat Gap Cafe. There will be a vegetarian and vegan buffet, bring your own booze, limited camping and room for campervans. Ed has suggested £10 per head for food. It might go slightly higher. It's not overly expensive and might get a number of people there. I also looked at the Yorkshire Dales Guides. They quoted £900 for use of the barn with camping, food and entertainment on top. That's a little too expensive for such short notice.

Dinny Davies: You can come to my house for £500. It'll be cosy, but still good. I'll even throw in free bread!

Lyndon Easterbrook: Hornby Laithe Bunkhouse quoted £1200 for the whole barn for the weekend.

Dinny Davies: Bull Pot Farm is around £7 each per person.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Caving huts don't guarantee exclusive use. We would do our own food with a bunk barn and recoup the cost with beer sales, but you need a far enough lead time to get enough people involved.

Mike Butcher: Exclusive use of the Pennine Hut costs £320 for a weekend.

Lyndon Easterbrook: The Pennine Hut would be exclusive, but caving huts wouldn't. But you had the Orpheus to yourselves, Ane?

Ane Appelt: I think we did.

Lyndon Easterbrook: I'm nailing down the food and the price.

Chris Williams: I'm more than happy for you to give me a call and go through prices.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Ed suggested £10 per head. I should be able to have a chat with him tomorrow afternoon. We wanted something reasonably simple given timeframes. We'll sort our own music et cetera. We can rock up from six o'clock onwards. Campers will need to be out of the way by nine am.

Chris Williams: Campers would have no sleep anyway.

Lyndon Easterbrook: There's limited space on the grass for camping. The NPC hut is booked up, but space is available at the Dalesbridge et cetera.

## Website

Lyndon Easterbrook: Has there been any response from Brendan, Dinny?

Dinny Davies: Brendan didn't reply, but Rob was with him last weekend and he said he'd get in touch.

Lyndon Easterbrook: I received an email from Jon Haynes about this:

I can give you a quick update on the website that I've been in touch with Brendan and he's said the following:

*I've finally got some time on my hands to start working on a solution to ULSA's lack of website, I've been exploring options but I think first it might be worth trying to migrate the old site over to another hosting service. When you get time would you be able to send over a backup of the old site.*

*Failing this I might just create a simplified information site for the committee and host the multi author blogging site for rants elsewhere.*

This was a couple of week's ago and then I went on holiday. I will send him a backup this week and let him do his thang.

Chris Williams: Would hosting cost us money?

Lyndon Easterbrook: I don't know.

Chris Williams: Jon does it for free but I guess a host wouldn't.

Rachel Turnbull: Brendan was trying to find domains a couple of weeks ago.

Chris Williams: He would need to say why he wants a new domain.

### Watty archive

Lyndon Easterbrook: Tonk now says he just has a box of journals. I have got a response from the librarian at the BCA.

We would like to know more about this as we are definitely interested but what we are able to do may depend on the volume of the material since we have limited space.

We have a collection of some ULSA publications and, in the event that duplicates came to us, we would look to pass them on to other caving libraries.

The Log Books we would definitely be interested in as we don't have any of these. Original surveys would also be of great interest.

We could not necessarily expect to make digital copies of all the material but would expect to include it on the BCL bibliography/catalogue and would supply scans of any material requested as part of our normal service to enquirers.

Lyndon Easterbrook: I contacted her on the 30<sup>th</sup> March to find out what the possibilities are. I have also contacted Tonk to find out what is there.

Chris Williams: What do we mean by originals? I also have some stuff that is quite old and might be originals. We need to compare this with my stuff. Some stuff might be the old Trogazettes. We don't want to lose the originals. We should see it and then make a decision.

Rose Wilson: Sam said he found somewhere to scan old survey plates.

Lyndon Easterbrook: It's worth looking at.

Chris Williams: We need to look at what that would mean in terms of cost.

Rose Wilson: We could prioritise what we start with.

Lyndon Easterbrook: We need to work out what we've got.

Chris Williams: Leave it with me to work out a date.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Put a shout out on the IO group.

Chris Williams: Will do.

### CNCC AGM

Lyndon Easterbrook: Any other points before we discuss constitutional stuff?

John Holloway: Birks Fell Cave is now open access.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Is there an update on the conflict of interest policy?

John Holloway: The secretary is on with it. The training officer has advertised and recruited additional trainers.

## ULSA constitution

Lyndon Easterbrook: We've received feedback on Facebook and the IO group. The overriding thing is the feeling about how big the constitution should be. There's a feeling that a small constitution, with not many rules and that sets out the basics, is the right way to go. My thoughts are to keep it along the same lines as what was put together in 1965. Some officer roles have grown over time. There are thoughts on having regulatory procedures written into the constitution in case something happens, but it's been like that since 1965.

Rose Wilson: We don't have much risk to cover.

Lyndon Easterbrook: We don't have many assets. There was some old expo rope, but that must be lost now.

Mike Butcher: I think that went out on the 2014 Picos expedition. Nothing came back, but we got some tackle sacks in return. The expo rope is definitely no more.

Lyndon Easterbrook: The feeling is to keep the constitution brief.

Chris Williams: Other examples don't have much more than ours, excluding hut stuff. We could maybe include stuff about BCA insurance. There was some rant about honorary membership, but those members would still need to be insured. If we were to leave honorary membership in then those members would need to pay insurance. Dave and Alan Brook might be honorary members.

Dinny Davies: They might be non-cavers.

Chris Williams: They'd still need to be insured. It might be worth adding bits about insurance.

Lyndon Easterbrook: The LUUCaS constitution has ULSA written across the top of it. Mike suggested we have something that irons out the links between ULSA and LUUCaS.

Chris Williams: I thought it did. It should do.

Dinny Davies: It definitely should.

Lyndon Easterbrook: There is ordinary and associate membership.

Dinny Davies: There is no point in having two categories of membership.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Some non-students are joining LUUCaS instead of ULSA.

Dinny Davies: This may be an issue for the Union.

Mike Butcher: The Union have approved the LUUCaS constitution.

Chris Williams: LUUCaS get BCA membership through ULSA. We need to be clear whether LUUCaS members are also ULSA members. We also need to clarify whether trips are LUUCaS or ULSA trips. Does the coroner come knocking at the Union side or your door, Lyndie?

Rachel Turnbull: All permits are granted to ULSA.

Alice Shackley: Every LUUCaS trip has to have paperwork submitted.

Larisa Onoufriadi: LUU don't want non-students mentioned on paperwork. They want a list of people for every single trip. They have tried to move responsibility from LUUCaS to LUU.

Chris Williams: We need to clarify the responsibility of ULSA members on LUUCaS trips. Permits are made out to ULSA, not LUUCaS, because LUUCaS are not a BCA member club. The constitutional

update needs to sort out confusion between clubs, and clarify where liabilities lie and what the responsibilities between the clubs are.

Larisa Onoufriadi: LUU are ok with non-students meeting us there on trips.

Chris Williams: Are LUU happy with non-students leading trips?

Larisa Onoufriadi: LUU want all details of non-student trip leaders.

Chris Williams: We need to find out where responsibilities lie if an ULSA member-led trip has an incident.

Mike Butcher: Registering LUUCaS with BCA would start a divide, which is something to be avoided.

Chris Williams: I agree totally. We need to look at what has been discussed with LUU and make sure the constitutions agree.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Various bits need tying up about how the clubs operate. The LUUCaS constitution grants their members ULSA membership, but this is not stated in the ULSA constitution.

Rose Wilson: Can there be ULSA and LUUCaS training officers at the same time?

Chris Williams: It's an ULSA committee post.

Lyndon Easterbrook: The title was changed a few years ago from officer to coordinator.

Chris Williams: It was done to remove liability.

Mike Butcher: What are we aiming to get from this meeting?

Lyndon Easterbrook: I don't think we are yet able to put a constitution together at this meeting to present at the AGM.

Chris Williams: Maybe we should have a subcommittee that then presents to everyone else. We shouldn't rush this.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Are you happy to be included, Larisa?

Larisa Onoufriadi: Yes, in previous years we didn't have any constitution really.

Lyndon Easterbrook, Chris Williams, Larisa Onoufriadi, Ben Chaddock and Mike Butcher are co-opted onto this subcommittee.

Mike Butcher: Is there anything else for this meeting?

Lyndon Easterbrook: Not really.

Chris Williams: When are you thinking of holding the AGM?

Lyndon Easterbrook: Later in May.

Chris Williams: There won't be a revised constitution by then. We need to give enough notice for the AGM.

Lyndie: We need seven days' notice.

Chris Williams: We won't have a revised constitution by then. Should we have any additional trips over summer?

## Summer events

Lyndon Easterbrook: LUUCaS are looking at something more in the summer. Nadia was looking at being more of a social secretary.

Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi: I'm not around in the summer. Maybe we should do something before the students come back in September. We have the Horsey trip.

Mike Butcher: Three weekends before the Horsey weekend?

Chris Williams: We were thinking ULSA should be a lot more active. The summer is the main period when the students aren't revising. Is it worth arranging anything? Perhaps Birks Fell?

John Holloway: What about a Goyden barbecue?

Chris Williams: It's been years!

Ane Appelt: I like the idea of doing something over summer.

Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi: Ane and I could arrange dates and send to Lyndie to email out.

Mike Butcher: There was an ULSA calendar on the website.

Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi: We should have a calendar we can all add to.

Larisa Onoufriadi: I have a link for the calendar.

Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi: That works better. Or maybe Teamup?

Mike Butcher: Can Teamup be linked with Google?

Dinny Davies: It can go on any webpage. You can make it add to your own calendar.

Nadia: We'll use Teamup for now.

Mike Fearn: What about if the editing link is only shared with committee members?

Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi: We'll try open for now.

Lyndon Easterbrook: I came into the role of President trying to reunite students and graduates. I found ULSA members were doing trips themselves. We could ask other people to advertise these.

John Holloway: We should be careful regarding freshers inviting themselves on black book trips.

Nadia Raeburn-Cherradi: It could be done with a step removed, so people have to ask to come on the trip.

Lyndon Easterbrook: I think that's about everything. Should we set a date for the five of us, or communicate via email?

Chris Williams: Email.

Lyndon Easterbrook: We'll read through the various suggestions that people have sent in.

Mike Butcher: It would be good to have a deadline.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Three weeks from now?

Mike Butcher: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Lyndon Easterbrook: Thanks everyone!

Meeting ended 21:13