NORTHERN CAVERN and MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

NEWS - SHEET 20th. SEPTEMBER 1968.

MINING NEWS

July 1968 Members will be sorry to learn of the death of Mr.Reg.Thwaites landlord of the Miners Arms at Greenhow for many years.

August 1968 We are sorry to report the death of the landlord of the Devonshire Hotel,Skipton. Raymond ,known to many members,was a good friend of the Society.

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The Country Landowners Association is reported as repeating its former advice to members not to lease their mineral rights unless circumstances are most exceptional. The CLA advice follows the new levy arrangements included in the Finance Act after months of discussion between CLA and the Land Commission.

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A small fluor-spar mine is being opened up from an old shaft on Walton Vein,Burhill,Greenhow. The vein appears rich in fluorite with a fair amount of galena tending to increase as the vein is explored westwards.

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The Crosshills Naturalists and the Earby Mine Research Group have been engaged in restoring the smelt mill chimney at Connonley Lead Mine. The chimney has been fully repointed and re-capped.

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Cleveland Potash Mine The mine at Boulby,North Yorkshire will cost around £25,000 to bring into production. Surface works will comprise of a Process building,rail loading building and storage silos. It o is proposed to slurry the mine waste and pump it into the North Sea. The average rate of discharge will be 220 tons of residue per hour which when mixed with sea water will produce about 4,800,000 gallons of effluent per day.

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Lead Ore An occurrence of lead ore has been noted by one of our members in Magnesian Limestone of Permian age at Spoffoth near Harrogate.

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CAVING NEWS

August 1968 It is reported that a considerable extention to Birks Fell Cave has been made. A passage with caverns is said to run for about a mile.

Another new discovery is a cave in Pen-y-ghent Gill said to be ove 2000 ft long.

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE FOX AND HOUNDS STARBOTTON SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 1968

Members Present: J.M.Dickinson, D.T.Richardson, J.Burnett, J.C.Wade, E.Losch, K.Walls, R.Walls, N.P.Scarr, L.Miller, M.Gill, K.Northin.

Notofication of Absence:- E.Dixon, J.M.Dixon both returned home just prior to theMeeting due to illness.

Chairman:- J.C.Wade took the Chair.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Read and approved.

Matters Arisung from Minutes Just Read:- Largely delt with under Officers reports, chiefly the Editor's report.

Officers Reports

Librarian No report givem. Comment was made that there had been very little borrowing from the Library recently, that the matter arising from the minutes in relation to the production of a library list had obviously been attended to as it had been published in the last issue of the Members Handbook. Comment was made that not everybody had received a complete copy of the Library list due to sloppy compiling by members one Friday night. No propositions were made to the chair.

Treasurer A total of approximately £80 was held in the bank as the General Fund. There is no petty cash and no outstanding bills. No propositions were made to the chair.

Editor Foster-Smith MSS. To print the whole of the 6 volumes would cost approximately £1000 and in consequence Foster-Smith was advised that the Society could not enter into the sepending of such large sums of money. The Society left it to Mr. Foster-Smith to offer the MSS wherever he wished. He made enquiries without success and has since given us permission to publish along the same lines as the Non-Ferrous Metal Mines of S.W.Scotland i.e. duplicated.

We had sufficient material for the 1968 Memoirs as well as two other Individual Survey Series Publications. Cash in funds sufficient to cover immediate publication of 1968 Memoirs and one Individual Survey Series publication.

Proposed J.M.Dickinson seconded by the Editor that £20 be transfered from the General Fund for the purpose of advertising inorder to increase number of subscribers. The meeting became restless.

The Editor had suggested this as an alternative to asking Members to pay a small sum towards the cost of publications. The Chairman poinetd out that the AGM had passed a resolution giving the Editor power to call upon up to 50% of the monies held in the General Fund and that advertising or not lay within the discretion of the Editor. The Chairman asked the Editor for an estimate of the state of the Publications Account. The reply was approx £130. It was asked if the proposition could be voted on-. The meeting became disorderly. The Chairman pointed out that £130+£40 + £20 =would make the publication fund £190 and that £80-£40-£20 would make the General Fund £20. The Chairman asked the Editor to make a clain for £40 rater than to define the 50% since this amount could be paid over by the Treasure r without a vote under minute from AGM. There was no opposition to this and the proposition was withdrawn.

Minutes of General Meeting of the 1st September 1968 continued/

Annual Dinner To be held at the Troutbeck Hotel.Ilkley on the 12th. October Maximum Price of Meal - not more than 30/0d.
Proposed K.Northin, Seconded D.T.Richardson Carried

Menu - to be left to L.Miller -- agreed

Dinner to commence at 7.30 p.m. Agreed.

Bookings to be sent to L.Miller Agreed
Payment: To be made in cash at the Dinner. Agreed Cheques would be accepted but cash preferable.
Guests: Jim Eyres Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club.
The Secretary White Rose Pothole Club
P.Dawson Earby Mine Research Group.

to be approached . The invitations to include wives.. Agreed

Correspondence:-
a) A CRO Circular had been received.This was passed round.
b) A list of reprints of the 1st Edition of the Ordnance Survey had been received. No action proposed.
c) Any other business.

The Chairman suggested that efforts be made to settle a ~~mmm~~ meets list and a Winter syllabus of Lectures,if any,as early as possible. Prop. D.T.Richardson DSec. J.M.Dickinson " That this be delt with at the next General Meeting"
Carried

Meeting closed at 3.55 p.m. Signed:- J.C.Wade, Chairman

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1969 MEETS

Members are invited to submit suggestions to the Honorary Secretary Mr.K.Walls. 33 Gledhow Avenue, Leeds 8 as soon as possible so that a list can be drawn up and presented to the next General Meeting. Please attend to this matter promptly.

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Material For NEWS-SHEET

Any material which you would like including in the next NEWS-SHEET should be forwarded to J.M.Dickinson, 8,Cedar Grove Road, Sutton-in-Craven ,Keighley,Yorkshire, and NOT TO Mr. D.T.Richardson.

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ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Troutbeck Hotel, Ilkley, Yorkshire on Saturday October 12th. 1968. The cost 30/0d per person. A fish course instead of meat can be obtained if prior notice is given.

Members are invited to attend an informal gathering at the Hotel from 4 p.m. onwards, dinner will be served at 7.30 p.m..

The attached booking form should be forwarded to

Mr. L.F.Miller,
24, Myvil Crescent,
ILKLEY
Yorkshire.

and should reach him NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY OCTOBER 5th.

There is no need to i enclose money with your booking form - the Honorary Treasurer will be in attendance at the dinner and would prefer that all participants pay him in cash at the dinner - this saves having to draw money from the bank inorder to pay the proprietor .

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NORTHERN CAVERN & MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER SATURDAY OCTOBER 12th. 1968

I shall be attending the Annual Dinner

Name:- ....

I sahll be bringing .... guests.

Signature:-............................... Date:-

Please return to Mr. L.F.Miller, 24, Myvil Crescent, Ilkley, Yorkshire.

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NORTHERN CAVERN & MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

To:- K.Walls,Esq.,A.C.C.S.,
Honorary Secretary,

All members

From:- D.T.Richardson,
5,Calton Terrace,
Carleton Road,
SKIPTON,
Yorkshire.
20th.September 1968

Re:- Minutes of General Meeting held at Fox & Hounds,Starbotton
Sunday 1st September 1968
Reported in NEWS-SHEET of the 20th. September 1968

I hereby contest the minutes of the above mentioned meeting as presented by the President J.C.Wade,Esq. who acted as Chairman of the Meeting, insofar as the section headed 'Editor' is concerned from the point starting:-

'Proposed J.M.Dickinson,seconded by the Editor that £20 ....

My first request was thet :-

"I as Honorary Editor be permitted to draw up to 50% of the monies remaining in the General Account for the purpose of offsetting the cost of publications supplied to Members thus reducing the amount placed against our Subscribers as it was becoming increasingly difficult if not impossible to present the Subscribers with the total bill for publishing."

The purpose of my request was to inform the meeting that I wished to draw on the monies which,as the Chairman rightly pointed out had been allocated to me at the AGM, and to ask the meeting to reassure the Honorary Treasurer that he was inorder if he transfered the money. A matter of common courtesy I thought.

All that was required at this point of the proceedings was that the Chairman sound the feelings of the members present and confirm that they had no objection to the instructions given at the AGM being carried out.

When asked by the Chairman 'Why the money was required' I pointed out that if the money for the publications was not forthcoming from our subscribers and no contribution was made by our own members via the money paid in as Annual Subscriptions we would have no alternative but to ask Members to pay something over and above their Annual Subscriptions if they wanted their publications and as the Subscriptions were adequate enough to cover both administration and cost of members annual publications why should'nt a proportion of the Society monies be transfered to the Publication fund ? for the purpose of providing members with their copies of annual publications?

Finally I was asked if I would accept £40 and the meeting agreed the proposition was not withdrawn as suggested in the minutes refered to.

As for the other item viz the £20. Instead of taking a vote on the first item the Chairman went on to discuss the 2nd Proposal i.e that made by Mr.J.M.Dickinson that ' A further £20 be allocated to the Honorary Treasurer from the General Account for the sole purpose of mounting an advertising stunt to attract more subscribers to our ranks. This was

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an entirely seperate proposal and should not have been confused with the other.

The arithmetic quoted in the original meeting is meaningless unless taken in conjunction with the actual costs involved in producing a Society publication.

As for the unrest created at the meeting this was entirely due to the Chairman himself - he imposed his own personal views on the matter to the exclusion of all others - instead of allowing members the privilege of voicing their own opinions.

I hereby request that the Minutes as printed in the NEWS-SHEET dated 20th. September 1968 be amended to contain the correct version of what went on at the meeting.

I would also enquire why it is that the Chairman takes on the responsibility of reporting Minutes of an Official Meeting - I would have thought this the duty of the Honorary Secretary. I see no reason why the responsibility should be taken out of the hands of the Honorary Secretary. Perhaps that can be explained.

Douglas T Richardson