

NORTHERN CAVERN AND MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

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REPORT ON A.G.M. HELD 21st FEB. 1971.

11th Annual General Meeting - held 2 p.m. at the 'Overdale Hotel', Skipton, 21st Feb. 1971.

Chairman. D.T. Richardson, A.R.I.C. Members present -

Apologies for absence were received from N.P. Scarr. Mr. Miller.

The minutes of the previous General Meeting were read and passed as a true record. The Chairman then signed the minutes. (prop. Mr. Guthrie, sec Mr. McPherson).

Matters arising - unsold Handbook folders should be distributed to members for sale.

Mr. Platt then read the minutes of the previous working Committee Meeting. The decision to not accept the application to membership of Mr. E. Holland referred by the Working Committee to this meeting was upheld and ratified. The Treasurer to reply that application is not accepted - no reasons need be given.

A meet to Renfrew Shaft at Cononley to be held on 5th March. The letter from the City of Lancaster Librarian was read and following investigation would be replied to following the end of the Postal Strike and completion of such investigation, upon the Publication of the ISS of the Arnside-Carnforth Mines. The minutes were passed as a true record.

Officers Reports. Hon. Sec. had little to report from this office, which was of any outstanding nature. Correspondence and matters dealt with tended to be of more routine nature but he wished to thank Mr. Platt in particular, for the sterling work in producing notices and arrangement of lectures and bookings, which would otherwise have had to be completed at considerable disadvantage, with corresponding results.

The Hon. Recorder Swaledale Mines - reported on visits, including Gt. Ayton Ironstone (bad air) mines and finding two furnaces, but no publishable report. He enquired of any knowledge of a Mr. Tierney who previously sought membership.

Hon. Recorder (Mr. Dickinson) reported on our recent Publication and the need of work towards a future Grassington publication. Much of Wharfedale still needed work completing.

Hon. Rec. Caves - a quiet year but Press cuttings were accumulating and plans were obtained from various publications of caving clubs.

Hon. Working Committee Sec. listed his expenses since August 1969 (£21) and reported on the CRG and BSA exhibitions where the Society

display stand had been used to good effect and its availability for the Dorman Museum Exhibition.

Hon. Librarian - had sent on some past and surplus issues for sale at nominal prices.

Hon. Biological Recorder - reported a quiet year with some work in the mines of N/W Yorkshire, special interest was needed in high altitude mines and caves. Collection of Fungus (such as Firestone mine) needed to be handled quickly (also Black Side Pot). Mr. Richardson, Chairman, then spoke on the importance of continuing our work in this field. It was now of National importance and these studies could be computerised for our National History. We had done well in this work. We could take further interest to establish the fungus and growth of plant life, along Mine entrances observing the changes due to diminishing light.

Hon. Surveyor - reported on his first years work and suggested a Geiger counter shown at one of our recent lectures could be a useful piece of Society equipment.

Hon. Editor (Mr. Dickinson) explained that since he took office, the Treasurer had dealt with the accounts side. Since April 1970 £68 of publications had been sold, about 18 copies via the Miners Arms but the Postal Strike had badly hit our sales.

Memoirs were delayed due to need to bring forward the Greenhow issue, but were now under production. He would not be able to continue in office beyond this term. We now did two publications a year and the strain was too much. We must reconsider printing but need to increase our sales to do so. Duplication wastage was ridiculous despite great efforts to overcome the problem. We must all think strongly about this publishing. Approach to commercial publishing houses might be necessary. At this point Mr. Dixon suggested anyone with any knowledge on such matters should inform the Editorial Committee.

Hon. Treasurer - though absent had forwarded his accounts. These were available to the meeting but if questioned could not be replied to. They were however accepted by the meeting, prop. Mr. Dixon, sec. Mr. Gill, passed with majority in favour.

Mr. Gill proposed the Society purchase one Geiger Counter at £5, sec. Mr. Dickinson, maj. fav. This was purchased later, after the meeting.

The White Rose Pothole Club invited a representative to their Annual Dinner. Mr. D. Platt was selected to attend.

Mr. Dickinson then presented to Mr. Richardson a Society Plaque to commemorate his year in office as President of the Society.

Election of Officers.

Mr. Nichols had notified that he was unable to stand as President.

Mr. Jean Dixon was duly elected as our President.

Mr. D. Platt was elected as Sen. Vice President, prop Mr. Richardson

Sec Mr. Guthrie

Mr. R. Walls was elected as Jun. " " prop Mrs. Dixon

Sec Mr. Guthrie

(Majority in favour).

There being no new nominees for the working offices of the Society, the present officers were re-elected 'en bloc'. It was pointed out to the meeting that all offices terminate at the A.G.M. and that while most officers were prepared to continue, members should feel encouraged to put themselves forward so bringing fresh effort into running the Society. Present officers accepted that many could not consider taking office, for geographical location reasons.

Any Other Business - included notice of a 1 day C.R.G. symposium on 6th March. The suggested purchase of some library books, this was felt to be better served if members notified Mr. Platt of interesting books, their titles could be circulated and members might obtain them from their local Library Service or the C.R.G. library at Halifax. Mr. Guthrie notified a meet near Staithes for the 9th May. BSA meet to Ibbeth Peril Cave 28th Feb. Mr. Ratcliffe from whom Geiger Counters could be purchased offered to reduce price of 'Fortunes in Minerals'. Mr. Dickinson reminded that some back issues were still for sale. Persons wishing to see the Eli Simpson records should contact Ian Plant, 35, Gargrave Road, Skipton.

Mrs. Dixon proposed a vote of thanks to the Officers.

The Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

Signed

Chairman

16/5/71.

D. Platt

NORTHERN CAVERN AND MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY
HON. TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT

Membership in 1971 was the highest ever, with a total of 93 members. New members during the year totalled 19. 4 applications have been received so far this year.

Distribution of New Members -

Skipton, Keighley Area	3	Richmond	1
Durham	"	Kendal	1
Leeds, Bradford	"	Sheffield	1
Lancaster	2	Burnley	1

It is hoped that by the end of 1971 membership will have reached the 100 mark.

Sections of the Members Handbook Contents have again run out. Badges both cloth and metal are in short supply. Handbook Folders have been reduced in price to 10/- and are being sold slowly.

The Balance Sheet

The item of Sundry Expenses £16. 17. 4d. includes such expenses as: projector bulbs, exhibition displays, serial maps.

The item of General Expenses £33. 18. 4d. - Newsletter costs, postages on handbooks, etc.

Publications Cost - shown in total, the breakdown being shown as a separate sheet.

Donations £15 - this was mainly from the British Steel Corpn.

Main items of expenditure this year - 2 prismatic compasses £17. 7. 0.
New duplicator - £45.

Decimalisation

Balance Sheet "as at 31st December 1970" and therefore in £. s. d.

By charging 12/6d. for the I.S.S. No.4 an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ p profit is made, for the banks do not deal in $\frac{1}{2}$ p and the bankers conversion tables round 12/6d. up to 63p.

Bank Balances at 15th February 1971.	General	111 - 74p
	Publications	118 - 13p

No reminders for 1971 subscriptions can be sent out, and at least 50% of the subscriptions have been held up due to the postal strike. Reminders will be sent out after the strike ends, allowing two weeks for the postal back-log to be sorted out.

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BALANCE SHEET - for the year ending 31st December, 1970

<u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Nett</u>
General Tackle & Equipment	45 5 9	6 - -	39 5 9
Printing & Office Equipment	57 6 9	5 - -	52 6 9
	102 12 6	11 - -	91 12 6
Add: Additions for the year			17 7 -
			<u>£108 19 6</u>

<u>Current Assets</u>			
(31/12/70) Cash at Bank: General A/c	70 2 2		
Publications A/c	115 3 4	185 5 6	
Subscriptions for 1970 prepaid		4 - -	
		<u>189 5 6</u>	

<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Subscriptions for 1971 prepaid	2 19 -		
Unpaid printing bill	15 - -	17 19 -	171 6 6
			<u>£280 6 -</u>

<u>Represented By:</u>			
Capital Fund - as at 1st January 1970			229 5 2
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure			51 - 10
			<u>£280 6 -</u>

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

Materials: Stencils			5 4 7
Paper			36 14 5
Stencil Typing			8 - -
Cost of Illustrations			53 6 -
Binding & Covers			15 - -
Cost of Production			<u>£118 5 -</u>
Postages	13 16 5		
Sundry Expenses	3 2 7		
Envelopes, stationery, etc.	6 16 -		23 15 -
			<u>142 - -</u>
Less: Members Copies			27 13 -
Saleable Copies			<u>£114 7 -</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st December 1970.

Income:

Subscriptions for 1970	145	19	-
Donations	15	-	-
Administration Fees (New Members)	9	10	-
Sale of Publications	134	17	9
Sale of Badges, etc.	10	16	9
	<u>£316</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

Expenditure:

Publications Costs (see Publications A/c)	114	7	-
Replacement Duplicator	45	-	-
Subscriptions to Other Organisations	10	5	-
General Expenses (see Report)	33	16	4
Sundry Expenses (see Report)	16	7	4
Additions to Library	2	8	-
Loss on Annual Dinner	3	16	-
Cost of Members Copies I.S.S. No.4	27	13	-
Bank Charges & Cheque Books		10	-
Depreciation: General Equipment	6	-	-
Printing "	5	-	-
		<u>265</u>	<u>2</u> <u>8</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>£ 51</u>	<u>- 10</u>