

Matienzo Caves Project planning meeting for 2023

YSS Meeting Room, Helwith Bridge

6:30pm Saturday 18th February 2023



Meeting Report

Chair: Juan Corrin

Venue: Room has sink, fast wifi and projection facilities from computer, so was ideal for a meeting (with food) for these numbers.

1. Welcome. Introductions.
 - a. 22 people attended: Steve Martin, Susan Martin, Dan Hibbert & partner, Pat Devine, Martyn Grayson, Jessica Eades, Andy Pringle, John Taylor & partner, Dave Bell, Chris Camm, Carol Smith, Chris Scaife, Oscar, Phil Parker, Alex Ritchie, Diane Arthurs, Luke Brooks, Paul Fairman, Terry Whitaker.
 - b. Apologies: Phil Papard, Gracie Sharp, Patrick Warren, Oliver Brain, Jim Lister, Tony Radmall, Andrew Northall, Jude Latimer, Peter Eagan, John Proctor, Paul Swire, Sam Drake, Nigel Easton, James Carlisle, Paul Fretwell, John Southworth, Tom Howard, Charlotte Meakin, Alf Latham, Simon Cornhill.
 - c. Juan thanked the [MCP "enablers"](#)
2. Approval of agenda and points for AOB (none).
3. Juan gave a review of the [MCP expeditions' highlights in 2022 and updates to the website](#).
4. Steve Martin's Expedition Equipment Report concluded that we had plenty of ladder and rope for the upcoming expeditions.
5. [Expedition Treasurer's report 2022](#) Suzie Martin. Funds healthy – there may be a need to dip into the Euro reserve if buying equipment in Spain.
6. Dates
 - a. Overview of dates for [Easter](#) and [Summer](#) expeditions and who is likely to attend. (11 more from the ICCC are now coming; staying in Socueva; 27th March – 4th April).
 - b. Other dates when groups plan to cave in the Matienzo area? Autumn likely but no dates set.
7. Expedition-related tasks for 2023 including:
 - a. Current [Permit area](#) and details of shared areas with Spanish Clubs – La Cambera, Pistrellos, Catalans (collaboration of many clubs in Vallina II)
 - b. Survey updates; survey coaching can be provided either in UK or Matienzo.
 - c. Water tracing – Muérdago and possible re-test Cobadal with detectors in Wild Mare and Aguanaz. Extra materials and equipment are needed? Dan offered to research what he can get hold of. JC to ask PS about sourcing optical brightener in Spain.
 - d. Bat project work – activity planned and what help from expedition members are needed – Jess Eades talked about the data collection form and asked cavers to fill this in. Pete in Spain had already sent in a number of forms. [Data collection form](#).
8. Possible caving objectives for 2023. Andrew Northall had previously shown interest in pushing Torca del Drone. Dan and John Taylor were wanting to push in Cueva Llueva at Easter
 - a. A video from Phil Papard was shown. ([Online link](#))
 - b. A list of the [main objectives](#) from video with the additional Llueva goal can be seen here.
9. AOB & Questions

Meeting finished at about 7.30pm followed by curry provided by Steve Martin