



Minutes of AGM 9/10/12

Present – Lynn Birch, Derrick Garside, Clare de Normanville, Sara Collin and Carol Wilkie

Apologies – Griselda Gibson and several members

23 members attended

Warm welcome to all and apologies noted.

Last year's AGM minutes distributed and agreed as a good record.

Annual report distributed - an open discussion followed where several issues were raised including adding the resources held by the group in the annual report and a note/suggestion placed on the website for walkers to pack a first aid kit for their own use. There was a discussion on weekends away and how to run them next year. One member voiced an opinion that he enjoyed sharing weekends with other Ramblers groups. There was a suggestion about possibly running themed walking weekends and several suggestions on how to organise weekends away other than by the committee. The new committee will discuss these at their first meeting. There was a commitment to run Dent weekend away next year. New Year holiday was discussed and the possibility of cancelling it due to lack of interest, possible loss of group funds and unfortunately no committee member available to organise it. Annual report thanked the walk leaders. Retiring committee members thanked and several members at the meeting expressed their appreciation to Dee and Griselda for having done a wonderful two year term of office.

Treasurer's report – Lynn

Full treasurer's report read out and explained and will be on the website. In brief the account has £918.32 (includes £500 area float for weekends away bookings). The group purchased a Garmin GPS for walk leaders to use. Weekends away covered costs this year with a small surplus. Members collected £50 for Edale Mountain Rescue December 2011. Ramblers HQ group allocation for 2012/13 is £226.75.

Membership secretary – Sara

October 2012- 167 members. Our membership up again – we have members not rejoining due to moving out the area or no longer interested but we have new members joining to replace lost memberships. Ramblers HQ still only able to send out paper copies of membership each month. Several members mentioned that they don't seem to be on the email list. We continue to have a problem with hotmail contacts list as names seem to drop off as we add new ones. Look into finding a different email eg. gmail or domain provider. Clare will investigate options.

Social Secretary – Dee mentioned the successful weekends away this year and the busy social events and although he is stepping down is happy to help out when he can. He mentioned he had enjoyed organising events for the past couple of years and appreciated the thanks from members.

Web editor – Clare

Clare mentioned she is happy to edit the website for one more year. Photos take up a lot of space and suggested people only send in their best shots that reflect the walking group rather than the landscape. Old photos have been archived. Several members acknowledged the massive workload to keep the website up to date and thanked Clare for her easy to navigate site.

Walking programme and variety of walks was discussed. Thanks were given to Griselda from several members. Other members discussed the need for more walk leaders to lighten the load for existing walk leaders and suggested walk leaders actively encouraged some regular members to offer even a short walk that they know well. Discussion on balancing types of walks and areas walking in eg lots of walks in Edale in a month. James offered to lead walks slightly further away eg. Pennines, Yorkshire Dales.

New Committee elected

Massive thanks to committee members who are happy to take up their positions again. A very warm welcome to Keef who takes on the role of walks coordinator and Jude who takes up the committee post of weekends away secretary.

Chair – Carol Wilkie

Treasurer – Lynn Birch

Membership Secretary – Sara Collin

Website editor – Clare de Normanville

Walks coordinator – Keith Hopkinson

Weekends away coordinator – Jude Flanagan

Social Secretary – vacancy

First committee meeting – Wednesday 17th October 7.30pm The Wheatsheaf, Baslow.

Area to be informed of new committee.

Minutes to be sent to Area and on the website.

Minuted by C Wilkie 9/10/12

Sheffield 40s walking group – annual report 2011-2012

Time flies and here we are again reflecting on another amazing year with membership up again to 163 members on 31st August 2012, wow we are a great group.

In summary this year has had:

Approximately 170 walks

Approximately 32,000m of ascent! (100,000 feet in James speak!)(4 Everests from sea level)

Approximately 8 regular walking doggies

Approximately 15 socials

Approximately 18 silly hats on a Christmas walk!

5 weekends away (including the water sports at Dent!)

2 shared weekends away with other 40s groups

3 Peaks walk

2 climbing experiences

Photo of the year award goes to Dee in a tutu

We continue to organise 3 walks each weekend, evening walks in the summer months and extra bank holiday walks. We have made links with Mountain House Walking who run navigation courses and several of our members have been on their day courses. We have bought a Garmin GPS this year, specifically for our walk leaders to use when walking in unfamiliar terrain and on weekends away. We have joined the Ramblers Holidays to participate in their loyalty payment scheme if any of our members go on one of their holidays. Our galleries page on the website, which highlights our light hearted approach to walking, continues to attract new members. This year we organised a walk leaders' thank you buffet and social funded by members.

The group have a few other resources like OS maps:

OL4 Lakes NW

OL5 Lakes NE

OL6 Lakes SW

OL7 Lakes SE

OL24 White Peak

OL31 North Pennines

OL30 Yorkshire Dales N and C

Storm shelters

1 large - 10 person

2 small 2-4 person

1 Gazebo

Pair of walkie talkies (not found charger yet!) in waterproof bag.

1 waterproof bag (for Garmin GPS)

Finally, a massive thank you to our fab walk leaders without whom we wouldn't be out there walking. One of them in particular has been leading since we started 5 years ago and has lead almost 100 walks so a smiley face sticker to Jim. Also a toast to Griselda (retiring walks coordinator)

for organising the walks and patiently cajoling walk leaders to send in their walk templates! Cheers!
Finally, finally hip, hip, hooray to Dee (retiring social secretary) who has kept us all laughing and smiling at all the social events but he has said he will give us a hand on some social events so we can still hang onto his superb expertise and repertoire. Our AGM is on Tuesday 9th October when a new committee will be appointed.

Carol Wilkie
Chairperson
1.10.12

SHEFFIELD 40's WALKING GROUP

AGM - 9th OCTOBER 2012

Treasurer's Report (1st October 2011 – 30th September 2012)

1. The Group did not receive any funds from Area in 2011 – 2012 due to our healthy reserves accrued from previous years.
2. We spent the following;
 - a) £369.98 on a GPS, case, recharger and batteries.
 - b) £91.03 on the swg40's web domain and hosting renewal.
 - c) £25.50 on YHA Group renewal subs.
 - d) £4.00 on Admin expenses

Hence, we now have a balance of £538.24 in our "Main" funds. Included within the figure is £500 which Area gave us in Jan 2009 and is designated to help fund the Group's weekends/holidays.

3. The Group organised 4 weekends away this year, 3 of these were fully booked, and a total surplus of £98.90 was accrued. The weekend away to the Helvellyn YHA made a loss of £206.10 due to low numbers but at present we are in negotiations with the YHA to reimburse the cost of any unused rooms on the weekend. Fortunately our "self-funded" reserves will still be £380.08 in surplus even if we do not get a refund from the YHA.
4. £50 was raised by voluntary contributions from members on a designated walk in Dec. 2011 and all the money was donated to the Edale Mountain Rescue Team.
5. Following the guidelines issued by the Ramblers HQ our basic group allocation for 2012/13 is £226.75 (formula used is £95 per group plus 85p per member @ 155 members on 01/06/2012). We envisage that we shall require this funding from the Area budget next year. Any additional "Main payments" not budgeted for will be accounted for by transferring surplus funds from "Self-funded" reserves.

Lynn Birch (Group Treasurer)