

Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Fat Cat, Sheffield
March 19th 2018
7.30pm

Present - Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Emma Myers, Group & Membership Secretary. Jill Brogden, Treasurer, Tracey Lyne, Socials and Weekends Away Co-ordinator. Julie Sweeting, Walks Co-ordinator, Jez Kenyon, Website Editor

Apologies: None

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of January 15th 2018

Proposed by Julie as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Tracey.

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

None

3. Chairman's Report

i) First Aid Courses

Julie confirmed she has organised a training session on March 24th with Martin Wick at Core Teaching Solutions. There are 12 places and at present 11 members have booked on. Julie is hoping for positive feedback.

ii) Area AGM

Wayne attended on January 27th at Rotherham. Among matters discussed were

- a) the success of the Clarion Call book which has generated a profit of £5000. A reprint is going ahead.
- b) Area President. It was proposed that David Blunkett be invited. The motion was carried and accepted.
- c) General Council delegates confirmed as Jez and the chair, Allen Pestell.
- d) a motion was put forward re allocating shared footpaths with cyclists. There was some debate - the motion was narrowly carried and will be considered by Area Council.

Next year's Area AGM will take place on January 26th 2019 and will be hosted by Barnsley and Penistone Group.

iii) Footpath Officers Meeting

Held quarterly with ROW group. Jez and Wayne attended. Sheffield Ramblers have been doing a lot of work on footpaths in our Area. If any of our members show interest in helping out we need to encourage them and point them in the right direction.

iv) Area Council Meeting

a) The proposed display at Longshaw regarding the history of the Ramblers is not now going ahead. There has been a change of management at Longshaw and they now have other ideas about the displays they wish to put on.

b) Area have significant surplus funds following a large legacy received last year. A motion was carried to donate £10,000 towards the cost of repairing the footpath near the Great Ridge. We debated whether a better use of funds might be towards repairing/improving gates and stiles etc where a plaque could be put on the repaired item promoting the Ramblers. Walk leaders could be asked to identify where such repairs/improvements were needed.

We discussed the idea of joint walks with other Ramblers groups to improve relations and communications. Jez proposed two such organised walks a year.

Wayne confirmed that the costs for last year's AGM and the First Aid Courses had been agreed and would be paid.

4. Secretary's Report

All membership records are up to date. As at the end of February we have 246 active members and continue to see new faces on walks.

5. Treasurer's Report

No change to the accounts since the last meeting. We have been fully refunded by Area for the expenses incurred at last year's AGM.

It was agreed that four new battery packs be purchased for the walkie talkies.

6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report

Walks continue to be provided with only one gap in the calendar since the beginning of the year. Five walks have had to be cancelled because of the snow.

Peter Robinson did an effective job of deputising for Julie whilst she was on holiday.

The next Walk Leaders' Meeting has been arranged for April 16th and a guest speaker, Sarah Slowther, Fund Raising Manager at the Peak District National Park is attending. All Group members will be invited but will be asked to confirm if they wish to attend so that Julie has an idea of numbers.

First Aid Kits – two extra have been requested, Jillian Gilbert and Paul Thorneycroft. Tracey will order five so we have three spares. It was agreed that we will not provide Compeed plasters.

Hidden Gems Walks – Julie asked Jez to flag these up on main Ramblers website.

7. Social And Weekends Away Co-ordinator's Report

There are quite a few events on the website with several more planned.

Three weekends are now on the calendar, Skye in April and Keswick and Dent in June.

York was put forward as a suggestion for New Year and after some discussion Tracey agreed to discuss with Mandy Kippax the organising of the event.

8. Web Editor's Report

Some work was done fixing an issue related to uploading photos to the website.

Regular upload of our walk programme to the Ramblers Walk Finder continues.

Also the website now uses a secure SSL connection, which will ensure users have a good experience, prevent security warnings, and ensure our Search Engine rankings continue to be good.

9. Further Items for Discussion

None.

10. Any Other Business

Committee members on holiday – please let the rest of the committee know and where appropriate appoint a deputy to deal with urgent emails etc whilst you are away.

11. Date of Next Meeting

May 30th at the Fat Cat, 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.