

## **Sheffield 40sWalking Group Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting**

**The Fat Cat, Sheffield**

**July 8th 2019**

**7.00pm**

**Present:** Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Peter Robinson, Treasurer. Tracey Lyne, Socials and Weekends Away Co-ordinator. Bev Kenyon, Group & Membership Secretary

**Apologies:** Julie Sweeting, Walks Co-ordinator. Jeremy Kenyon, Website Editor

#### **1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of 13th May 2019**

Proposed by Peter as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Tracy.

#### **2. Matters Arising not already covered on the Agenda**

None

#### **3. Chairman's Report**

##### **Member Letter of Complaint**

A system of covering for other committee members for when they are on holiday was discussed. Peter volunteered to cover the Web Editor role, Wayne will have access to the Insight Hub for the Membership Secretary role and Bev and Peter will continue to provide cover for the Walks Co-ordinator role.

##### **Last Minute Proposal to Area**

We will continue to work with the other Sheffield Groups on joint initiatives

##### **Walk Insurance Requirements**

An email from a member about insurance when leading walks abroad prompted Wayne to look at the Ramblers insurance policy. It is on the website under "Toolkit" and is quite comprehensive.

Members should note that the Ramblers insurance is Liability insurance and not Accident insurance. In order to claim the walker must prove negligence on the part of the walk leader. It also covers landowners for any costs incurred from action/inaction on the part of our walkers.

Members are covered for leading walks, even when walking abroad under the following conditions:

- The walk must be led by an approved walk leader ie a member who our Walks Co-ordinator considers capable of leading walks.
- The walk must be publicised for all members of Ramblers and we accept that any Ramblers member may attend the walk. This does not mean that they need to be on our calendar but they

need to on the website. The Weekends Away or Socials section will suffice and the details need only include the start point and time, a brief description and the name of the walk leader.

The insurance covers walking only. It does not cover mountaineering.

Tracey will make sure there is a draft email set up to send to members for member organised events. This will include a copy of the relevant section of the insurance policy from the Ramblers website.

### **Members advertising fundraising events on Facebook.**

We are happy to consider each request individually. The person must be a member of the group and not just a member of the Facebook group. Facebook admin will keep checking the page.

Bev will respond to a recent request by checking out the link and membership details.

### **Ramblings**

Some members have been requesting a "Ramblings" email. We discussed that some members like to have a summary of the upcoming social events and weekends away.

The Chair asked for contributions from committee members for the next "Ramblings" on our areas of responsibility.

### **4. Secretary's Report**

Bev will make sure that the minutes are more comprehensive.

All membership records are up to date. As at the end of June we have 246 active members and 8 members with payment pending. We continue to see new faces on walks. Wayne has asked several new members where they heard about us and they say they search on the internet.

Bev can now log onto the Insight Hub for easy access for membership queries and Ramblers Office continues to be helpful regarding enquiries about members who walk with us from other groups.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The accounts are healthy.

There is no issue with group events finances.

Peter would like to remind members to put the correct reference when paying into the group account.

### **6. Walk Co-ordinators Report**

There have only been 2 gaps in the calendar since 13th May and 2 walks cancelled. Evening walks continue to be popular. The calendar looks healthy for the next few months.

The Walks Co-ordinator has received 20 out of 27 walk reports since the last meeting. Walk leaders will be continued to be reminded to send in walk reports.

## **7. Social Co-ordinators Report**

The coach trip to Flamborough was a successful social activity with 16 joining the walk in Flamborough. There were 12 members on the bus and 3 members joined the walk in Flamborough. The walk leader was already in Flamborough. Tracey is looking to plan another coach trip with a linear walk in September. We are looking at suitable places to visit and will use the same coach company.

The social activity held at Rother Valley was also very successful. There was a short walk followed by several activities held at Rother Valley Country Park. These included a Tug of War Competition and an Egg and Spoon Race. There was a BBQ which was organised by a member and contributions towards this were received on the day. 16 members attended the day.

Upcoming events on the calendar are: Sunfest at the Rising Sun, Tramlines Festival, a curry evening at Everest with a visit to a nearby pub afterwards. There is also the Rail Ale Trail evening in Cleethorpes and we are holding a "Thanks to the Walk Leaders" event in Crooks on the 7th September. This will be a Ceilidh and walk leaders will be able to claim a discount to attend. we hope that members will be able to invite family members to this event. We are also organising a pub crawl in Chesterfield which will be appearing on the calendar shortly.

Tracey would like to thank the Social Subcommittee for all their efforts in providing a successful and varied social calendar.

## **8. Weekends Away Co-ordinators Report**

NYE in Whitby is now full and financially secure.

Llandudno - Tracey will be sending attendees an email to confirm details. 16 members have confirmed that they will attend so the weekend is financially secure.

We went to Dent in June. The event was fairly well attended and we will be happy to continue to offer this event on the calendar.

Leyburn in October is filling up. There will be more accommodation advertised shortly.

Tracey would like to remind members that if they organise an event themselves, although the group is happy to advertise and facilitate the event we cannot accept responsibility for any deposits which they pay themselves.

## **9. Web Editor's Report**

There are no current issues with the website.

## **10. Items for Discussion**

Ramblings is being prepared

## **11. Any Other Business**

None

## **12. Date of next meeting**

9th September 2019