

Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Fat Cat, Sheffield
July 11th 2016
7.30pm

Present - Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Emma Myers, Group Secretary & Membership Secretary. Jill Brogden, Treasurer. Jez Kenyon, Website Editor. Tracey Lyne, Socials Co-ordinator. Martin Wistow, Walks Co-ordinator.

Apologies: None

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

1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of May 16th 2016

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

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

A few walk leaders had reported problems when trying to submit a walk on their iPad or Apple device. This has been resolved by asking the leaders to submit their walks via email.

Members had complained that emails to the Group Hotmail address were not being responded to. This has been resolved and all incoming emails have been and will continue to be responded to promptly.

Walking Festival in September. Martin will ensure we put on a programme of walks for the duration of the same.

If a social covering more than one date (eg Rising Sun Beer Festival) is put on the website each day needs to be listed separately. If only the first date is put on the entry will be deleted the day after that date. An alternative would be to list it on the last date and put detail in the narrative.

3. Chairman's Report

i) Membership Secretary

Alan is no longer able to carry on in the role and has resigned. Emma is taking over the role and will liaise with Jez to find out exactly what is required of her.

ii) Advertising Socials/Weekends Away

All are to be channelled via Tracey or Jill as appropriate. They will ensure that the event is communicated and that the information is input to the website correctly and in good time. Generally all such events are being well supported and well attended.

iii) Group GPS and Walkie Talkies

Wayne has purchased new rechargeable batteries and charger for the GPS and has started using it to find out what it can and can't do. He will look at whether any additional software is required and will then ask if any members would like training on how to use it. Jez has the walkie talkies and will dig them out to see if they are any good.

iv) First Aid Kits for Walk Leaders

Agreed to purchase, subject to Jill checking with Ramblers to see if we can spend Group funds on individual kits. Tracey will cost them and if we do go ahead with the purchase will make them up and will keep spare supplies for topping up.

4. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

5. Treasurer's Report

Written report submitted previously. We have funds available to spend and our basic allocation from The Ramblers is £350. These funds must be used to further Ramblers' charitable aims and this must be borne in mind when deciding what to spend them on. Deposits for weekends away would be considered good use for the monies and we need to start planning for the next financial year.

Funds in our account could only be used for deposits for social events as long as they were then repaid on receipt of the monies from the members attending.

6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report

Walks are being well supported and well attended.

We have two new walk leaders, Helen and Rachel.

There are a few gaps in the Walk Calendar going forward but Martin has some promises of walks to come and will fill some gaps himself if necessary.

Walk Reports are still intermittent and Martin included a reminder about this in his recent Walk Leaders' Newsletter.

Martin will put together some visuals for the AGM on various walk statistics.

Just one incident in the current walk period where a walker suffered a cut to the hand, and another set off on a walk that he/she wasn't really fit enough for.

7. Social Co-ordinator's Report

Socials are being well attended and well supported. The New Members night was particularly successful with 17 attendees including 8 new members. This event will be repeated later this year.

There are already a few events on the calendar up to Christmas. Tracey is looking to arrange a Christmas do and will get some ideas from the Socials committee at an approximate cost of £15 per head. The next meeting of the committee is at the end of July and the plan is for further events to be added to the calendar for the rest of this year and into early next year.

The recent Socials email was well received.

8. Weekend's Away Co-ordinator's Report

Jill will take over the organisation of the Buttermere weekend and will ensure it is communicated to all members via email and that details are put onto the website. Jill will also look at something for New Year (Allandale Burning Barrels with a bunkhouse for 23). Any ideas for weekends away for next year would be gratefully received.

9. Web Editor's Report

i) Area AGM

Governance proposals were discussed at the AGM and were rejected - since then nothing has happened. It was felt that the organisation is stagnating somewhat and needs new leadership to move it forwards and reach out to new members. There was some debate at the AGM on how to get members more involved in issues other than the 'led walk' programme.

ii) Walk Requirements for the 2017 AGM

An easy 5 miles in the morning (Jez suggested around Damflask reservoir) followed by lunch then the AGM in the afternoon.

10. Membership Report

Jez and Emma will get everything up to date.

11. Further Items for Discussion

None

12. Any Other Business

Jez – asked everyone to take care when opening incoming emails to the Group email account as we are getting a lot of scam emails at the moment.

Jez – Socials on the web calendar will now be archived in the same way as the walks are.

Jill – we need to set a date and start planning for our AGM in October.

13. Date of Next Meeting

September 19th at the Fat Cat.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.