

Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Fat Cat, Sheffield

March 11th 2019

7.30pm

Present - Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Bev Kenyon, Group & Membership Secretary. Tracey Lyne, Socials and Weekends Away Co-ordinator. Julie Sweeting, Walks Co-Ordinator. Peter Robinson, Treasurer. Jeremy Kenyon, Web Editor

Apologies: None

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

1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of January 14th 2019

Proposed by TL as a true record of the meeting and seconded by JS.

2. Matters arising not on the agenda - none

3. Chairman's Report

1. AGM – the minutes were circulated at last meeting – agreed as a true and accurate record –JK to put on website.

2. Area AGM 26.01.2019 – WG and JK attended. WG went on walk beforehand –all went well.

Our new President, Lord David Blunkett addressed the meeting, giving an interesting and informative contribution. The 70 year celebrations of the passing of the National Parks Act taking place at Castleton on the 27th April were highlighted. He will speak with Dan Jarvis, South Yorkshire Mayor, to press for better public transport to the Peak District.

Area Finance – The Ivy Cowan legacy money has been transferred to the general area account after discussions with head office. This has resulted in head office reducing the Area funding contribution by £1,264. WG expressed his disappointment that the legacy money, which was left to the local Area, was effectively going to Head Office in this way.

4. Secretary's Report

All membership records are up to date. We will continue using our database and contacts, rather than the Ramblers online system.

BK is continuing to monitor anomalies and tie up loose ends. Ramblers have been contacted and have been helpful in sorting out membership queries

At the end of February we have 249 active members and continue to see new faces on walks.

5. Treasurer's Report

Full handover still ongoing and bank issues are being sorted.

WG and PR are to contact JB to ask for a handover in person.

6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report

There have been only 2 gaps on the calendar since the last meeting and the future allocation looks healthy.

Walk reports are coming in more regularly.

Walk leader meeting 28th January

- discussed keeping up with a good variety of walks.

-we are not going to do Resolution walks this year, but will concentrate instead on making sure we have a variety of shorter walks and will continue with the popular evening walks starting in the Spring.

The 27th April joint walk with Doncaster Ramblers to celebrate 70 years of National Parks will be coordinated by JS.

JS is away on holiday 15th March to 7th April. BK and PR will provide cover for the calendar. JS and BK have discussed the role.

7. Social Co-ordinator's Report

There have been 2 events since last meeting.

-5 weirs and 5 pubs and meal – 22 on walk and 27 for the meal afterwards.

-Walk n Cheese – 22 on pm walk and 18 for meal afterwards.

Calendar is looking healthy and immediate future events are on the calendar.

Still to put on the calendar is the June 22nd event at Rother Valley, the Sunfest, Tramlines and Cleethorpes Rail Ale Trail.

TL is not organising an Awards Evening this year as it is a lot of work and is not well attended by the walk leaders. We will look at organising a "Thank You" Social with the Walk Leaders getting a discount on the event. Walk Leaders who have lead walks in the last 12 months will be included in the event.

8. Weekends Away Co-ordinators Report

NYE – Whitby is booked and is on the calendar. Interest has been high and places are nearly full.

Jersey in May is on the calendar.

Llandudno – booked for September.

All information will be circulated to members via email.

9. Web Editor's Report

To help solve the problem of photos taking time to upload JK has created changed to the gallery. There are now 2 sections – one with photos from the last 2 years and an archive gallery.

Website continues to work well.

10. Further Items for Discussion

Communications with members – brought up by a member after the AGM. All avenues of communication were discussed and the committee feels that all bases are covered. The website continues to provide a wealth of information and many members appreciate the emails sent out by committee members, which are more targeted and informative.

11. Any Other Business

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

May 13th 2019 at the Fat Cat, 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.