

Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Fat Cat, Sheffield
November 12th 2018
7.30pm

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

Apologies: Jez Kenyon, Website Editor.

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

1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of September 17th 2018

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

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

None

3. Chairman's Report

AGM

No issues have been raised by the members.

The Income and Expenditure document for the year 2016-2017 was not received in time for last year's AGM so will need to be ratified at this year's meeting.

As yet no volunteer for the position of Treasurer has come forward. Wayne has asked for a volunteer again as part of his recent 'Ramblins' email.

As Jill and Emma are stepping down from their respective posts, two new signatories will be required for the bank account – the new Secretary and the new Treasurer.

Walkie Talkies and Batteries

Wayne has purchased new walkie talkies and rechargeable batteries so we now have two working sets of walkie talkies for use by walk leaders as required. Wayne will send the receipts to Jill for payment in the current financial year.

4. Secretary's Report

All membership records are up to date. As at the end of August we have 252 active members and continue to see new faces on walks.

The report for the annual Area magazine has been submitted.

5. Treasurer's Report

So far in the new financial year, October 1st 2018 to date.

Payments Out

£71.86 annual website hosting fee

£250 deposit for the Christmas Meal at the White Lion

Payments In

£50 donation from Ramblers Holidays following a booking by one of our members.

£80 Walk Leader Training monies (8 members)

25 payments for the Christmas meal and 10 payments for the Christmas party, all of which are to be paid directly to the venues.

Election of Independent Auditor

Adel King will not continue in the position

Jill will take on the role if no-one else can be found.

6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report

Five gaps on the Walk Calendar since the last meeting. The calendar is looking healthy to the end of the year but sparse in the New Year. Looking back over the year there have been 19 gaps, mostly C walks. The opinion was that there has been a swing away from the demand for C walks and a discussion was held around whether walks should be recategorised. It was felt things should be left as they are and that there may well be a swing back towards the longer walks in the future.

A potential new walk leader has come forward – Nicola from Barnsley 20s/30s. Julie is now leading again – her ankle is much better.

Walk reports are still intermittent.

Julie is away on holiday November 25th to December 9th. Emma will provide cover for the calendar again

Navigation training will be held January 19th. Ten members have signed up, an equal split of walk leaders and non walk leaders.

A discussion was held about putting midweek daytime walks on the calendar if they are offered but the conclusion at this stage was that any offers for walks other than at the weekends be directed to Sheffield Ramblers.

7. Social Co-ordinator's Report

Events held since the last committee meeting were the Rail Ale Trail in Cleethorpes, Colin's Greek meal, the Steel City Beer and Cider Festival and the Dam House Bonfire Night.

Looking forwards there is the Castleton pub crawl on November 16th, the Christmas walks

and meal at the White Lion in Great Longstone on December 9th and the Christmas party at Crookes Social Club on December 14th.

8. Weekends Away Co-ordinators Report

The Hawes weekend in October was very well organised by Anne Bradford, was well attended and very much enjoyed by everyone.

The New Year weekend is to go ahead in York and there is the Jersey weekend to look forward to in May 2019.

9. Web Editor's Report

Jez not present but had advised there are no issues.

10. Further Items for Discussion

None

11. Any Other Business

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

January 14th 2019 at the Fat Cat, 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.