

Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Fat Cat, Sheffield
September 19th 2016
7.30pm

Present - Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Emma Myers, Group & 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 July 11th 2016

Proposed by Wayne as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Emma.

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

None

3. Chairman's Report

i) AGM

To be held at the Fat Cat on October 19th at 7.30 pm. An email has been sent to all Group members. Jez will put a Formal Notice on the website and Wayne will email out a 'Ramblin from the Chair' which will include the details.

No-one else from the Group has put him or herself forward for any of the roles on the committee and all existing committee members are happy to stand again so Wayne will be seeking, at the AGM, ratification for all existing positions.

Wayne will also speak to the Chairs of the other two Sheffield Ramblers Groups to invite them to our AGM as guest speakers with a view to us all becoming more closely involved with each other going forward.

Each committee member will present a short report at the AGM. Reports to be prepared in advance and circulated to all the other committee members no later than a week before the AGM.

ii) Christmas Social

The Shakespeare has been booked for the evening of Friday December 23rd. The room will cost £50 and after some discussion it was agreed a DJ at a cost of no more than £200 and a curry/buffet at an approximate cost of £8 per head would be considered reasonable. 50-70 people could be expected to attend and a charge of £15 per ticket was agreed. Jez will put the details on the Newsflash section of the website so people can get the date in their diaries.

iii) First Aid Kits for Walk Leaders

Tracey has researched through a company called 'Eureka' used by Sheffield Council. Good kits are available, designed specifically for walking and can be purchased for £15.42 each inc VAT (min purchase of 10). It was agreed that to start with 10 be purchased from Group funds and that Martin would check with all regular walk leaders to see who would require one – some walk leaders already have their own kit. Tracey will keep spare supplies for topping up the kits as required. The new kits contain fabric plasters which are not ideal for walking – these will be taken out (as it was considered virtually everyone carries their own plasters) and replaced with foil blankets which will be purchased separately.

iv) Area AGM

We are hosting at Lower Bradfield on January 28th 2017. Jim is to lead the walk (an easy 3 to 4 miles around the reservoir) from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm and the AGM will then commence at 2.00 pm. We will be required to provide refreshments – hot drinks, squash and biscuits – and Tracey will speak to the social committee at their next meeting to arrange for volunteers to serve the refreshments.

4. Secretary's Report

We currently have 236 active members. In the last two months there have been seven new members, two reinstatements and two transfers in. Four people have left the Group and another two have resigned from the Ramblers altogether.

No issues to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Written report to follow.

The bank account is looking healthy. The Keswick weekend in May made a small profit which offset a slight loss on the Buttermere weekend in September.

6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report

Walks continue to be well supported and well attended. No incidents to report in the current walk period.

There are a quite few gaps in the Walk Calendar going forward and Martin is to contact all walk leaders to try and fill in these gaps. He will also make some plans for the Anniversary Walk in October. It is the Group's tenth anniversary in 2017 and we need to think about how we are going to celebrate.

Walk Reports are now coming in more regularly.

A problem was highlighted where the start time of a walk is input as 12.00 midday – the system defaults to midnight. Jez will investigate.

Our two new walk leaders have both got off to a good start – Rachel did her first walk on Sunday which went very well with 30 attending and Helen has put one walk forward with the promise of another.

7. Social Co-ordinator's Report

There are already a few events on the calendar up to Christmas, the next one being the meal at BBs on October 7th. The next meeting of the committee is at the end of September with a view to planning further events up to March 2017.

The recent Socials email was well received.

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

Both the Buttermere weekend and Gill's North Yorkshire weekend went very well. The next weekend is New Year - Allandale Burning Barrels with a bunkhouse for 23. Any ideas for weekends away for next year would be gratefully received.

Jill would be happy to arrange a couple of weekends for next year but would like to try and get others involved to share the workload. Tracey will speak to the Socials Committee at the forthcoming meeting.

9. Web Editor's Report

Our Group email has been successfully moved from Hotmail to Gmail and is now much more user friendly.

The Socials archive is now up and running covering the last two years.

11. Further Items for Discussion

None

12. Any Other Business

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

November 14th at the Fat Cat, 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.