

Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Fat Cat, Sheffield
March 6th 2017
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 January 9th 2017

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

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

None

3. Chairman's Report

i) Area AGM

Wayne thanked everyone who was involved. A very successful day which went well and showed the group in a good light.

4. Secretary's Report

No issues to report. All membership records are up to date. We currently have 223 active members. The trend has been downwards for the past three months but only slightly.

5. Treasurer's Report

No change to the bank account since the last report.

The group have not received significant funds to which we are entitled from Area going back over several years including reimbursement of monies spent on the Area AGM. Jill will chase this issue with the Area Treasurer.

6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report

Walks continue to be well supported and well attended. One incident to report in the current walk period – Mave Marshall stumbled and fell during Martin's Haggis Hunt Walk on January 22nd. She sustained only minor injuries and is now fully recovered. A report has been filed.

There are a quite few gaps in the Walk Calendar going forward. Martin will send out a Walk Leaders' newsletter shortly and will arrange a Walk Leaders' meeting on March 27th. It is anticipated a lot of the gaps in the calendar will be filled at the meeting.

Paul Hawkins' New Year Resolution walks in January and February were successful and well attended. Paul will continue with this programme of walks but under a different name.

Martin showed a couple of examples of a weekly article from the Sheffield Telegraph which highlighted walks being hosted by local Ramblers groups like ourselves. He will find out how we can get some of our walks listed.

7. Social Co-ordinator's Report

A meeting of the Socials Committee was held on March 1st and several ideas were discussed and are to be progressed.

The Awards night is to be held on May 12th at Regather in Sheffield.

A meal is planned at the Chinese restaurant in Hope after the Anniversary walk in October.

Jez suggested we reinstate the regular quarterly New Members Night pub meets and that Walk Leader Meetings and Socials Committee meetings be put on the calendar to encourage attendance.

Tracey will send an email to all Group members inviting new faces on to the Socials Committee.

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

Two planned for this year so far – Mave's Ambleside weekend in late April/early May and Colin's Dent weekend in June.

Jill will attend future meetings of the Socials Committee to encourage members to get involved in weekends away. We are looking to encourage Group members to put forward their own ideas for weekends away where people wanting to attend book their own accommodation. Jez can communicate these via Facebook.

Arranging for someone to lead walks on a weekend away can be a problem and ideas put forward were to join in a walk already being put on by a local Ramblers group and the use of Ramblers Routes.

9. Web Editor's Report

Jez clarified the use of the Committee mailbox within the Gmail account.

Alan Plimmer needs removing as an Administrator on Facebook. Emma will action.

11. Further Items for Discussion

None

12. Any Other Business

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

May 15th at the Fat Cat, 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.