

## S40s Walking Group Committee meeting - Tuesday, 11th February 2014

*Venue:* Jean's house

*Time:* 6.45 pm

*Present:*

S. Knaggs

S. Killeen

P. Robinson

S Collin

J. Brogden

J. Billingham

M Hardy

### Minutes

- Minutes of the last meeting, 23/10/13 were agreed.

### Matters arising from previous meeting:

Action completed since last meeting:

- Treasurer organised it so that we now use Internet banking .
- "Flickr".paid - although we are presently looking at a different easier way to organise photographs
- "Dataflame" has been paid
- Password onto the Hotmail account changed for the new committee
- New signatories on the Bank Account - Sandra / Jill/ Jean
- Sandra sent in Annual Report to the Area Ramblers
- Peter has changed the background colour of the message board, and archived the old messages.
- Concern regarding whether a number of walk leaders are members has been checked out by Sara
- A number of Social events have taken place since the last meeting - Christmas social, Pub meetings.
- A meal in a Thai restaurant in Chesterfield arranged for 28/2/14 - has changed venue - to a Thai on London Rd in Sheffield.

- The weekend arranged for Alstonefield - has been postponed due to lack of interest. It is hoped that there will be more interest in 26/27 September.
- At the last meeting displaying the bank account on the web site was discussed - however the committee has decided that if anyone requests to view the accounts, they will be available - but only on request.

### Membership Secretary

- 204 members - the same number as in October!! The number fell several weeks ago, but has risen again.

### Walk coordinators

- Sue and Jean are continuing to work as a team. Unfortunately Jean is having problems accessing the Sky Drive so Sue is continuing with most of the administration, and Jean is supporting her.
- A number of suggestions have been made by members since the last meeting:
  1. To text in earlier for walks- as some members are leaving it very late. *Decision - for leaders to put on their template when they wish the walkers to text.*
  2. A number of walks have set off late due to walkers arriving late. This we feel is inconsiderate. *Decision - for it to be made clear on the web site that members should be ready for walking promptly at the set time. Leaders will leave at the specified time. Action - Peter R*
  3. Idea been brought up of e mailing in for a walk rather than texting. *Decision -the committee believe the system we presently use is working, and there is no need to change.*
  4. Idea has been brought up to make public on the web- site whoever is signed up for a walk. *Decision -the committee believe the system we presently use is working, and there is no need to change.*
  5. One walk leader does not wish to have his/her mobile number made public on the website. *Decision -this matter was discussed in detail, and it was agreed to continue as we are doing so presently. A walk leader needs to know the contact details of those on the walk in case of emergency - and texting allows this to happen.*

- There have been incidents of walkers wearing inappropriate gear. *Decision - It has been made clear in the FAQ section of web site about what to wear.*
- Members responding well to leading walks. Only going to be 1 walk on Sunday of the Howgills weekend - as many walkers attending weekend. Still short of leaders for walks less than 10 miles and at a moderate pace.
- The Ramblers are organising a "Voluntary Development Day." *Action ; Sue K and Jean B will enquire further. It has been mentioned on the web site.*
- An Annual Walk Leaders Do is usually held. After discussion felt it could be held perhaps at The Bowling Club in July. *Action ; Committee to discuss at the next meeting.*
- The decision that the organiser of weekends away does not pay, and that the walk leaders on these weekends pays £5 less is to be rescinded. Agreement by all the committee.
- Concern raised that one firm is beginning to use the web site for advertising. Agreement by the committee that the web site is not a vehicle for advertising - by anyone *Action ; Peter R To still mention these holidays on the web site - but for more details ramblers need to refer to the message board.*

#### Web coordinator

- One member has supported the web co-ordinator in improving the web-site. Agreed by all that the web site has been very much improved and this has been commented on by several members. *Action: Sandra K to e mail this member to thank him for his services. Peter R to change password for security reasons.*
- There is a need for someone to deputise whilst Peter is on holiday. *Action ; Sue K to talk to Peter with view to supporting him.*
- Peter has made several improvements to the web site. The old messages on the message board have been archived - although it is felt this is not used as much as it used to be.
- A new and easier method of putting photographs on the web site has been introduced. This may mean we will not use "Flicker" in the future. At present a lot of people are using Facebook for this - although many members cannot access Facebook.

#### Social s coordinator

<u>February</u>	28/ 02/14-Thai meal - "Orchid" on London Road Sheffield. To go on web site ASAP
<u>March</u>	28/03/14- Pub meet - "Kelham island" -8pm - moving on after 9.15pm
<u>April</u>	Bar and band - "Harrison's Bar" - Regents terrace - £10. <i>Booking still not made - under discussion.</i>
<u>May</u>	Pub venue - to be discussed at the next meeting.

- Possible venues for the Christmas "do" discussed. Jean has visited The Hubs - which could be a venue, but we will need a band. *Decision - committee to discuss in detail at the next meeting and make a decision.*

#### Weekends away

- The weekend at Alstonefield unfortunately had to be postponed due to a lack of interest. It was Valentine's weekend and perhaps the wrong time of the year? However we have been able to keep our deposit of £100 - if we re-arrange weekend in September - see below

<u>month</u>	<u>organiser</u>	<u>destination</u>	<u>details</u>
March 21/22/23	Jill B	Howgills	Already fully booked and organised
June 6/8	Monika/ Maria	Llanberis - "Chamois hostel"	Costings not yet decided
June	Keef	Dent - Music/beer festival	Keef to have temporary access to Hotmail account to organise.
September 26/27	Maria	Alstonefield	New date after postponement of February weekend - 3 to a room. Costings- £45 - 50
Jean has contacted The Seahouses hostel we visited about 2 years ago .She has			

secured a booking for Spring bank Holiday 2015. As bank holiday - will allow us 3 nights.

### Treasurer

- At present the bank balance of the group - £1,185.87
- There is still money to be paid in for the Howgills weekend and a security bond of £100 will be refunded in due course.
- Other items we have paid for include: YHA deposit for Alstonefield, Internet domain renewal, Internet protection, Flickr subscription
- Due to excessive surplus funds last year £500 was ear marked for Walk leader / GPS training. Need to ensure this happens. Many groups use "Foothills" for their training. *Decision - Jill B to enquire at Foothills for Walk leader training*

Next meeting –Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 – 6.45pm – Jean's

Minutes written by S Collin 19/02/14