



Present: J Billingham, S Collins, M Hardy, S Killeen, S Knaggs (Chair), P Robinson

Apologies: J Brogden

Matters Arising from Last Meeting

a) Learn to Navigate

J Brogden to be asked for an update re bookings at Foothills.

b) Article in Rambler's Magazine re Footpath Repair

S Killeen to contact Rambler's re what footpath repair involves. The meeting thought that older members of the group who do not work could be involved with support from younger ones when needed. Jim Conniber to be invited to be Footpath Secretary taking photos of footpath erosion to pass on to the Ramblers.

The Minutes from the last meeting were verified.

1. Report from Membership Secretary

Currently there are 223 members. A membership list was presented to the meeting showing more males are joining at the moment. The group is spreading out of Sheffield. S Collins receives a long list from the Rambler's every three months and shorter lists in between showing new members. Data Protection was discussed.

2. Report from Walk Leader Co Ordinator

a) Incidents Sustaining Injuries

Two incidents in the last couple of months where members have been injured. Walk reports have been submitted by both walk leaders.

The first where a wall collapsed could have ended up costing the group a lot of money as the walkers were mistakenly on the wrong path. Fortunately, the member did not sustain any major injury.

The second was a complete accident, thanks to Sheila for dealing with the accident. A good incident report submitted with everything covered.

b) Facebook

A walk was trialled on Facebook, everyone spoken to like it. It is not good to do this for every walk as people going onto the site have to be members of ramblers.

Good for photo's but some people might not like having their photo on Facebook and e.g. a burglar seeing names under photo's on a regular basis could find out address and rob house, also, overseas viewers are putting their advertising on the site.

Discussion whether Facebook should only be available to group members. It was thought some new members had joined after seeing Facebook site. Regular visitors to the site who are not already members to be given message "are you interested in joining the ramblers or swg40s, if you have not joined or been on a walk within a year you will be blocked from the Facebook site" and send them the joining link. The meeting felt after a year this was a reasonable action.

The meeting thought Facebook should be used only for last minute announcements.

c) New Walk Leaders

Lots of new walk leaders. Thanks to Martin, Sheila, Julie, Helen, Mike & Pauline. Still encouraging new members to become walk leaders. Wednesday evening's shorter walks are also a good way of getting new leaders.

d) Wednesday Evening Shorter Walk's

Regular walk leaders have not got involved with this.

e) Walk Leader Guidelines - Update

Dogs - at certain times of the year dogs legally have to be on a lead because of lambs and other livestock. The group would be accountable if a dog savaged another animal.

Medical details - guidance to walk leaders, ask people at start of walk if there are any medical problems e.g. asthma, allergy to wasps and bees.

Grid references - important to get it right. Guidance for grid references to be included.

3. Report from Social Secretary

a) Christmas Social

Investigations of venues for the Christmas Social including Otto's, who said we could arrange the seating in their upstairs room how we wanted it, and Greens Gym who also have a function room with fantastic food and DJ. She had spoken to some members who had said they would like having a meal and sitting around, not necessarily dancing.

The meeting was also told that The Hub's Phoenix Room had been provisionally booked for Friday 12th December 2014 at a cost of £360 inc VAT room hire and £216 inc VAT DJ a 10% (£57.60) non-refundable deposit will be paid. Tickets will be sold at £15.00 non-refundable and the event will be open to members and their friends. Mandy Kippax has offered to design the tickets and it is hoped to start selling the tickets immediately, which will enable people from further away to obtain good hotel deals. Food to be ordered later in the year when ticket sales are known.

b) Pub Night at End of May

Friday 30th May 2014 meeting at The Fat Cat Pub.

c) Walk Leaders Event

To be put back to January 2015 as lots of events at the moment. Discussion of Otto's set menu of £23.50, the group paying the Walk Leader's meal deposit of £10.00 or alternate venue's e.g. Polish Club.

d) Gifts from Account

Discussion re giving gifts to members from the Account when we are a charity. Jim has asked for a photo competition which will also require a prize. S Knaggs to investigate.

4. Weekends Away

a) Alstonfields - 26th September 2014

Five rooms sleeping four in each room. The last suggestion was three in a room. In the information going on the website it must state the more people in a room the less money they pay. The meeting was told if the weekend does not get enough support from members the room numbers hired can be reduced. M Hardy to organise the food for the weekend.

b) Dent

20 camping emplacements have been booked. Other walking groups attending have asked to be in same field as swg40s.

c) New Year

To find out the price and availability of a house in Whitby.

5. Report from Website Editor

a) Website Back Up

P Robinson has now shown S Killeen how to put articles on the Website, this means P Robinson now has back up if needed.

b) Photo Galleries

P Robinson has now updated the photo galleries. Jim who is incapacitated has sent in lots of photos.

c) Separate Walk Leaders Email Account

This was not started as too messy looking at different email accounts. Everyone on the committee is now used to the swg40s email account and are clearing the In Box on a more regular basis.

d) Message Board

P Robinson wants to keep the message board live as it is free to use and is useful for advertising extra events. There are the same issues as Facebook - people looking at Message Board who are not members.

P Robinson congratulated on improvements to Message Board and for doing a brilliant all round job.

e) Jez Kenyon still supporting on an infrequent ad hoc basis.

6. Any Other Business

a) Booking room for Annual General Meeting

To be discussed at next meeting. Possible venues, Rutland Pub, Three Tuns or Red Deer.

7. Date of Next Meeting

6.45 p.m. Tuesday 22nd July 2014.