

S40s Walking Group Committee meeting - Wednesday, 7th. August 2013

Venue: Wheatsheaf Public House, Baslow

Time: 7.00pm

Present:

C. Wilkie

K. Hopkinson

C de Normanville

S Collin

Apologies:

J. Flanagan

L Birch

Minutes

- Minutes of the last meeting, 25/03/13, were agreed and signed.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

- Unfortunately the planned weekend to Betws - Y- Coed did not take place.
- The AGM has been provisionally booked for 30/9/13 - however there is a strong possibility that CW, KH and C de N may be away on that date. This matter will be discussed later in the meeting.
- At the AGM the Treasurer's report will not be complete/finished. The treasurer will be unable to complete the yearly accounts until 30/9/13. Therefore this could be an issue when the new committee is first established. Action : To make new committee aware of this fact.

Membership Secretary

- Present membership now 201 - which is a considerable rise from 167 at the last meeting in March.
- Contact list remains up to date.
- SC needs instruction in how to send out group e mails. Action : C de N and SC

Socials and Weekends away

Weekends

- Llanberis weekend very successful. Have rebooked venue 6/7/8 June 2014. Will also be option to stay Sunday - for small extra cost.
- Dent - dry overall!!!! Was a success. To repeat next year.

- Grasmere - now fully booked. There is a concern regarding booking of B&Bs nearby due to numbers on the walks. Action : Sarah R. Also C de N to mention concern and need for walk leaders on web site
- Sarah Routledge mentioned she would organise another weekend n N. Yorkshire Feb/March 2014
- Suggestion - a repeat weekend similar to that of Ambleside weekend ie book your own accommodation.

Socials

- Pub meet numbers have been erratic, some weeks busy while other weeks badly attended. They have been tricky to organise - has not always been a volunteer to greet/ lead it. Action : New committee to discuss this issue. Perhaps a member of the committee to take it in turns to lead?
- Next pub meet 6/9/13 Action : SC to lead evening
- 04/10/13- meal - Amigos Mexican Kitchen , London Road. Already on web site : Action - Maria Hardy to lead evening and organise.
- Pub Meeting October 18th - Action : SC to lead evening
- Christmas meal booked 4/12/13 - Broadfield Pub. Suggestion to open bookings on a certain date and time. Action: New committee to organise. Also possible other Christmas Social.

Treasurer (Report handed to Chairperson)

- If any expenses due - to be forwarded to LB ASAP.
- Bank Account healthy. Small unintended profit made on Dent / broke even on Llanberis.
- Suggestion by LB - for weekends away organiser to be given a free place - Action :Committee agreed
- Suggestion by LB - Walk leaders on Weekends away to be given £5 off on the next weekend they attend, and this is inclusive of everybody . Action :Committee agreed
- At present bank Account in a very good state for the handover.
- LB to resign at the end of this year at the AGM.
- Internet Banking increasingly becoming a necessity. More and more people transferring money via BACS Action :New Committee to discuss matter
- Once new committee in place necessary to create new signatories for cheques.

Web-site

- Photo competition successful with high standard of photos. Suggestion by C de N to hold this competition biannually.
- "Flicker Account" - need to sort payment for account Action : new Treasurer/ Photo editor to be informed of details KF
- Photos becoming increasingly an issue. Ian Steer has volunteered to put photos on Flicker and manage Facebook. Suggestion of creating post of "Photo editor" Action : New Committee to review how photos displayed and organised.

- Still using "Dataflame" - KH still paying through his own credit card and happy to continue doing this.
- Still issues with "Hotmail" - problem of system locking us out. Action :C de N to leave instructions on how to sort this out.
- Action: Important new committee aware - all correspondences to group members has to be BCC, and to only send 2 groups at a time.
- Action : Once new committee in place new passwords need to be set up for Hotmail/ Message Board / Ramblers group walk finder / Flicker

Walks

- 1 combined walk with "One Step Walkers" taken place and another to be rescheduled.
- Continued problem of a lack of walk leaders, although lately there has been a few new volunteers.
- Usual stalwarts continue to lead walks- A big thank you to these people - they know who they are!!
- KH will start proceedings for organising Oct/Nov/Dec walks in order to help whoever becomes new Walks Coordinator.

AGM and issues for New Committee

- To move date forward to 26/9/13 - so as to allow a handover from previous committee. Action :C de N to put on front page of web site
- Nominations for the empty posts have been sent out with a deadline in "The August Ramblins" Action :C de N to also put information regarding nominations for committee posts on the front page of the Web site. Nominations in by 23/8
- Suggested posts:
 - Chair person
 - Secretary - SC to continue unless other nominee
 - Treasurer
 - Social Secretary (maybe 2 posts- weekends / socials)
 - Walks coordinator
 - Website Editor
 - Photograph Editor
- As organisation of weekends so onerous - perhaps new committee to discuss option of each committee member organising 1 weekend.
- It is very important the new committee realises that 1 person needs to access the Hotmail Account daily to keep up to date with correspondence.
- The Annual Report to the "Ramblers Assoc" will be completed by CW this year. Action :Responsibility of Chairperson to ensure report forwarded to "Rambler's Assoc" each year.
- New committee to be made aware that there are usually about 3 meetings a year, and each committee member reports back. New committee may need more meetings until they are established.
- Action :Committee members to produce handover documents to support new committee

- Action :Any group resources to be brought to the AGM to give to the new Chair.

Minutes written by S Collin 8/8/13