



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGNORTH AND DISTRICT WALKING CLUB ON THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017 AT BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY.

PRESENT:

Marion Law (Chair), Hilary Davies, Tim Day, Clive Dyson, Anne Furlong, Jo Henderson.

Bob Bosson ,Keith Chandler, Vic Chandler, Peter Cloherty ,Tim Davies, Kate Dyson, Keith Fradgley , Ann Hawkins, , Sheena Jenkins, Kate Jones, Jane Pierce ,Jonathan Pierce, Tammy Ratoff, Ina Roberts, Yvonne Stride, Ron Vaughan, Ann Wheeler.

APOLOGIES:

Dot Cox, Pam Day, Peter Dunkley ,Ruth Dunkley John Goodworth, David Helm, Ian Kidd, Shirley Kidd, Mike Page, Eileen Reynolds, Gill Steed .

1. MINUTES OF 2016 AGM

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

The Secretary reported that at last year's AGM it was agreed that the minutes should include the relevant officers' reports as a matter of record which significantly increased the number of pages and was confusing.

It was agreed that this practice be discontinued and in future the agenda, minutes and associated reports should be archived on the Club website each year. The minutes would report the decisions made but not include last year's reports. The minutes would continue to be subject to approval at the AGM.

3. CHAIR`S REPORT

Marion Law`s report was circulated with the agenda. She thanked the Committee, the Walk Leaders and club members in making these activities such a success.

4. TREASURER`S REPORT - 31ST OCTOBER 2016

Jo Henderson`s report was circulated with the agenda.

She reported that the Club had 48 members which was 10 less than the previous year and that the balance on the Club`s account was £564.30 after allowing for a £70.00 temporary deficit re the forthcoming Glenthorne holiday.

The accounts had not yet been reviewed by the Independent Examiner as he had been away. This would be done and the results reported to the Committee.

It was recommended that membership subscription be maintained at £10 and this was agreed.

5. PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hilary Davies's report was circulated with the agenda

She reported that the walk statistics compared well with previous years and showed an increase in the average turnout on walks. In particular, there had been 5 mountain walks (including 2 on the Dolgellau short break) and also it was pleasing to note that several new leaders were contributing walks to the programme.

6. THE RAMBLERS - SHROPSHIRE AREA REPORT

Kate Dyson's report was circulated with the agenda.

She reported that the main focus of most of the area meetings was to promote membership of the Ramblers, the organisation of walking festivals and works on multi-use Rights of Way.

7. AMENDMENT OF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

The Secretary reported that the Committee had undertaken a review and a report was submitted setting out their proposals.

The Revised Club Constitution and Rules was approved and a copy is attached to the minutes.

8. PROPOSALS for, and the ELECTION of, COMMITTEE MEMBERS and OFFICERS and RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION DELEGATE.

Chair: Marion Law agreed to stand again.

Vice-Chair (new post) Clive Dyson was proposed to fill this position.

Secretary: Tim Day agreed to stand again

Treasurer: Jo Henderson agreed to stand again.

Programme Secretary: Hilary Davies agreed to stand again.

Ordinary member: Anne Furlong agreed to stand again, Kate Dyson was proposed as a new member.

R.A. Delegate: Kate Dyson agreed to stand again.

All the above proposals were approved.

9. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Keith Fradgley was re-appointed as Independent Examiner.

10. SHORT BREAKS FOR 2018 AND 2019

Marion Law updated the meeting on arrangements for 2018 (Glenthorne) and Anne Furlong indicated that she was undertaking preliminary work on organising a 2019 break in Dorset.

Members would be kept informed as arrangements progressed.

11. BRIDGNORTH RIGHTS OF WAY (P3) GROUP

Clive Dyson's report was circulated with the agenda.

He reported on the progress that had been made on establishing the Bridgnorth Rights of Way Association and on the work that it has and was proposing to undertake.

12. CLUB DONATION.

It was agreed to set aside £100 as a form of matched funding to support specific proposals of the Bridgnorth Rights of Way Association. The release of this money would be subject to the approval of the Committee.

13. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members were keen to develop the approach of having an alternative walk on the days that the main walk was a mountain walk. This, of course, Hilary commented was dependent on enough leaders being willing to do this.

Thanks go to Ina Roberts for providing the refreshments. We all appreciated them.

Following the refreshments Clive Dyson presented a "slide show" – this was enjoyed by all present.