



BRIDGNORTH & DISTRICT WALKING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Bridgnorth & District Walking Club held on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Bridgnorth Library.

Present: Clive Dyson, Pam Day, Hilary Davies, Caroline Haigh, Anne Furlong, Kate Dyson, Eileen Reynolds, Ina Roberts, Marion Law, Dave Evans, Keith Fradgley, Robert Bosson, John Bourne, Keith Chandler, Vic Chandler, Gill Steed, Martin Howitt, Pat Talbott, Louise Lee

Apologies: Tim Day, Mary Loach, Peter Dunkley, Dot Cox, Jo Henderson, Ian Kidd, Anne Wheeler, Karen Crawford, Chris Long, Bob Coughlan, Yvonne Stride, Peter Martin

1. Minutes of the 2021 AGM

The minutes of 2021 were approved.

2. Matters arising, not otherwise on the agenda

There were no matters for discussion.

3. Chair's report, Clive Dyson

Clive thanked all the walk leaders, the committee and Kate Dyson for the effort she put into organising the club's anniversary meal earlier in the year. He pointed out that many of the committee members have been on the committee for quite a while and some would like to step down in the near future so Clive appealed to members to consider volunteering to join the committee.

Clive's main report had been seen by members beforehand.

4. Treasurer's report, Tim Day

Tim's Treasurer's report and summary accounts were circulated with the agenda beforehand.

In Tim's absence Clive told members there had been a reduction in the club's balance and this was due to the club subsidising the anniversary meal and money spent on coaches for this year's holiday.

Clive proposed an increase of fees from £12 to £15 for the year 2023-2024 to cover increased costs of insurance and banking charges. This was seconded by Gill Steed and was carried unanimously.

Marion suggested the TSB as an alternative bank as the charges are free. It was agreed to keep the club's account where it currently is mostly due to the complication of switching to a different bank but this could be something to consider in the future.

Last Year's accounts were examined and approved by Keith Fradgley. He complimented Tim on his usual excellent work as Treasurer.

5. Programme Secretary's report, Hilary Davies

In addition to Hilary's report having already been seen by members, she paid special thanks to walk leaders and commented on the successful full programme this last year as well as a successful holiday.

The club is looking at sharing walks with the Wrekin Mountaineering Club on Thursdays and these will be more strenuous walks. Clive mentioned that interested members need to register their interest with him. He also informed members that he had contacted the insurance brokers and was waiting to hear back on whether walk leaders are covered on these walks.

6. Holiday Report, Anne Furlong

Anne's report had been circulated beforehand. Anne reinforced the success of this year's holiday, mentioning the excellent walks, accommodation, food and the coaches. She thanked Hilary and Gill for leading the walks.

Glaramara is the next holiday in May 2023 and Anne informed everyone that a non-refundable deposit of £50 is due by the end of January 2023.

Clive thanked Anne for organising the holidays. He also asked members to volunteer to help organise future holidays.

7. Report on Ramblers' activities (Shropshire Area), Anne Furlong

Anne's report had been distributed before the meeting and there were no further comments.

8. Proposal of changes to the Constitution

There are a number of changes to the constitution being proposed. The changes to Clause 7.3, in particular, was discussed at length due to the potential difference of opinions it may cause. It was agreed upon at the meeting that this clause will now read as:

The club may share members' email addresses and mobile phone numbers with members for use for purposes such as organising walks and holidays, arranging car sharing and for safety during walks. Members must not use these details for any purpose other than club business."

The changes to the wording in Clause 7.3 was proposed by Clive Dyson, seconded by Eileen Reynolds and voted upon unanimously.

Clive Dyson proposed all other changes to the constitution, this was seconded by Marion Law and all members voted unanimously.

9. Proposals for, and Election of, Club officers and committee members.

Chair: Clive Dyson will stand again;

Vice Chair: Pam Day will stand again;

Treasurer: Tim Day will stand again;

Programme Secretary: Hilary Davies will stand again;

Secretary: Caroline Haigh will stand again;

Ordinary Members:

~ Anne Furlong will stand again;

~ Ali Sacre will stand again

~ Karen Crawford is standing down but is willing to carry on as the Social Media Editor.

With Karen's absence on the committee Gill Steed kindly volunteered to fill the vacancy. This was proposed by Clive Dyson, seconded by Anne Furlong and carried by all members.

Mention was made that the committee would discuss co-options before the January committee meeting with a view to co-opting two members.

It was voiced by Kate Dyson that Clive had been hoping to stand down this year and his willingness to stand again should not be something that will roll over each year.

Clive requested that some members consider taking turns at doing the Programme Secretary's role to offer support to Hilary and to understand what is involved in the role.

Keith Fradgley was nominated as the independent examiner for the accounts by Clive Dyson, seconded by Anne Furlong and carried by all members.

10. Proposal of Honorary Member

Marion was proposed as an Honorary Member and Pam Day asked if she would accept. Marion accepted this invitation and commented that it had been an honour doing the work over the years for the club.

Clive thanked Marion for all her hard work.

11. Comments and suggestions from members

Louise Lee commented that there is nothing available for the less able, particularly as Walking for Health is no longer operational. It was suggested that the club could consider supporting this idea and offer shorter walks. Consideration may be given to this idea in the future.

12. Any other business

Clive mentioned the continued need to encourage new members to the club, hopefully including some younger ones. He thanked Karen Crawford for her hard work on promoting the club on facebook.

Pam reported that she had asked to advertise the club in the What's What magazine but the magazine was unable to do this at the moment but this may be possible in Spring 2023.

Clive closed the meeting, thanking Kate and Ina for doing the refreshments and thanked people for attending.

Date of next AGM: to be confirmed.