

Minutes

Sheffield 40s Walking Group

1 Dec 2021 7.00 pm via Zoom

Present

Jez Kenyon, Chair. Bev Kenyon, Secretary/ Membership Secretary. Mick Nott, Treasurer. Keith Hopkinson, Walks Coordinator. Mandy Kippax, Socials and Weekends Away Coordinatos. Allen Hudson, Footpath Officer/.

Apologies None

Approval of minutes Approved by all.

Matters arising

- None

1) Chair

- Next Newsletter info. Will welcome Keith as new walks coordinator and there will be an appeal for more "C" walk leaders to put on walks. We will also mention the expenses system we are trialing, and Mick has prepared a questionnaire. We will mention the AGM feedback and minutes and ask for anyone who wants to be involved in the Socials Committee to let Mandy know.

2) Treasurer

- The accounts have been signed off by the independent examiner, Mr. D. Brown.
- As end of Nov 21 the account was thus

Total funds	main funds	social funds
£ 2,870.64	£ 1,335.75	£ 1,534.89

Main funds

- Since Oct 1, the start of FY 21/22, we have rec'd £73 (£43 from sale of Sheffield Country Walk booklet donated by Area and £30 from Ramblers Worldwide Holidays) and we have spent £160.54 (£100.54 on web hosting and our domain name and £60 on gifts for departing committee members)
- The £73 income was an unexpected bonus and more than offsets the funds spent on gifts.

- We need to get the claims for expenses & kit underway - I think this will need some explaining via email/Zoom, whatever ...
- and committee need to discuss other items of expenditure such as courses/training/admin items.

Social funds

- Since Oct 1 the social funds have been busy with accounts for Gargrave weekend (Oct 21), Xmas dinner 2021, and Pitlochry (April 22), Llangollen (Jun 22) and Alnmouth (Sep 22). As it looks like we are going to make raffles a feature of social events I have also set up a raffles account - the reason for this is that expenditure on raffles prizes goes across separate events accounts and it is clearer from an accounting pov to keep income and expenditure from all raffles in one account.
- Gargrave Weekend - Balance zero (£20 collected in cash transferred to raffles account)
- Xmas Dinner 21 - Balance zero by Friday 3 Dec when final payment will be made. (£55 transferred to raffles account and £8 surplus transferred to social fund surplus)
- Any monies in the Pitlochry, Llangollen, and Alnmouth accounts are at the moment all forward expenditure during 2022. All these events should generate a positive or zero balance.
- Raffles account - Balance £49.11 (£20 income Gargrave, £55 income Xmas Dinner (incl £5 donation for a raffle prize); £25.89 spent on raffle prizes)

3) Secretary

- Our current membership will be reported at next meeting as the Hub has been undergoing some work and is not accessible until later in December.
- We have developed a new system for dovetailing our membership lists with Ramblers which should make it easier to sort out the idiosyncrasies of the Hub system.
- Bev will amend the welcome email to ask new members how they heard about us.
- Keith will pick up the group equipment from Sara and Mick offered to keep it. Discussion followed on what to do with the shelters which have never been used and are over 10 years old now. It was decided that we would offer them to members who might be able to make use of them.

4) Walks

- "C" walks are still not being added regularly to the walks calendar. This could be due to the season and limited daylight. Keith will continue to appeal to leaders to put on future "C" walks. One or two leaders are very active on the calendar, and this may be putting people off from adding an additional walk on the same weekend.

- We are considering offering walk leader training – currently there is space for 6 people to attend. Mick said that the area has funding if more people wanted to attend. Keith is organizing a questionnaire to find 6 people initially.

5) Socials and Weekends

- There is nothing new since the AGM
- All deposits for events are being paid upfront.

6) Footpath work

- Information is now being passed along, so we are getting more information about footpath closures.
- We need to encourage people (maybe via Facebook page?) to report when they have walked footpaths in danger of being closed.
- There has been a meeting about Bradfield area footpaths.

8) AOB

- There have been a couple of emails from members which have been in the inbox unanswered. Please could you nudge Bev if you see any which you think need attention but are unsure who should be replying.
- GDPR – all our processes are ok. To look into how long we should keep emails in folders.

Date of next meeting

- 17th February 7pm via Zoom