

Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The White Lion, Sheffield
May 31st 2018
7.30pm

Present - Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Emma Myers, Group & Membership Secretary. Jill Brogden, Treasurer, Tracey Lyne, Socials and Weekends Away Co-ordinator. Julie Sweeting, Walks Co-ordinator, Jez Kenyon, Website Editor

Apologies: None

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of March 19th 2018

Proposed by Tracey as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Julie.

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

None

3. Chairman's Report

No Area Ramblers meeting since our last committee meeting so nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

All membership records are up to date. As at the end of April we have 256 active members and continue to see new faces on walks.

5. Treasurer's Report

Bank account balance £1,184 – split is (a) £639 Ramblers funded, (b) £545 self funded.

From (a) funds will be required for the purchase of batteries for the walkie talkies, amount not yet known. From (b) £200 will be required for the Awards Evening on April 1st. This event should just breakeven but Jez indicated that Area may pay for the cost of the room given the nature of the event.

The Skye week away showed a profit of £130.

We have this year had an allocation of £327 from Area Group funding and Jill has today had an email from Gavin, the Area Treasurer, advising that next year's entitlement will be £350.

6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report

Walks continue to be provided and the calendar is looking healthy.

Emma did an effective job of deputising for Julie whilst she was on holiday.

No further Walk Leaders' meeting is planned at the moment as the last two have been poorly attended with Julie having to cancel the guest speaker at the April meeting as a result. The meetings will be put on hold for now.

Julie has requested from Area a) funding for more First Aid courses on which places would be offered to all members, not just Walk Leaders and b) funding for navigation courses. She will wait for confirmation of funding before gauging interest.

200 ICE cards have been received for distribution to members on walks via Walk Leaders. They should be kept in a plastic bag in the top of the individual's rucksack.

James has raised a possible concern around his c walks with two having had to be cancelled through lack of interest. His next planned walk coincides with the group Keswick weekend. Julie will have a chat with him, see about possibly moving the walk to avoid a clash and will discuss with him the future of his walks going forwards.

Conduct of members on walks – a potential concern was raised regarding the behaviour of a male member of the Group towards a female member. However, as no formal complaint has been received, no action can or should be considered at present. Walk Leaders should continue to monitor any such potential situations.

7. Social Co-ordinator's Report

The next event is the Awards evening on April 1st. 34 members are attending. Jez and Bev have put together the Awards lanyards and Tracey has made the certificates.

Other events planned are the Three Valleys Beer Festival in April, Music in the Gardens in June, Sunfest and Tramlines - both in July, a Gin Night on July 27th and a meal at the end of August. There is also the Rail Ale Festival in September and the Fireworks Night in November.

8. Weekends Away Co-Ordinators Report

The Skye weekend at the end of April was a great success and was very much enjoyed by all who went.

The next weekend is Keswick in June. A lot of members are going but we do not have definitive numbers as everyone has booked their own accommodation. Emma, Kevin and Jill are all planning on leading walks. Jill will update the details on the Socials page of the website and on the newsflash section to reflect these walks.

The Dent weekend is still going ahead but on a more low key basis,

A New Year member organised weekend is to go ahead in York. Details will go on the website shortly.

9. Web Editor's Report

Nothing to report

10. Further Items for Discussion

GDPR – It was the opinion of the chairman and the committee that SF40sWG is a legitimate interest group and that as such our members have previously signed up and given their consent. It should not be necessary for the members to sign up again, which is the advice from Head Office if you communicate via electronic means. We will send out an email giving the members an opportunity to opt out of communications.

Wayne will complete the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) checklist 'How To Decide If You Are A Legitimate Interest Group' (all you need to do is complete it to show that you are) and will email it to the committee and will put it on the database. He will also send a brief email to all our members to clarify the position.

11. Any Other Business

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

July 23rd at the Fat Cat, 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.