

Minutes

Sheffield 40s Walking Group

6th October 2021 7.30pm via Zoom

Present

Jez Kenyon, Chair. Bev Kenyon, Secretary/ Membership Secretary. Sara Collin, Dave Depledge, Walks Coordinators. Mandy Kippax, Jillian Gilbert, Socials and Weekends Away Coordinators. Allen Hudson, Footpath Officer/Web Editor.

Apologies Sara Collin

Approval of minutes Approved by all.

Matters arising

- None

1) Chair

- AGM date set for Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7pm. Due to the uncertainty about any possible winter Covid restrictions it was decided that this year we would hold the AGM via Zoom again. Jez is preparing a member invite to the AGM.
- As we are holding the meeting via Zoom and members do not have to worry about isolation, travelling and car parking the committee decided that we will not be accepting proxy votes or postal votes.

2) Treasurer

- Mick provided a report on the account. The main account continues to be healthy and we are building up the self funded account.
- Mick provided a list of items which the group can finance through the main account so that we can set a budget. The list includes buying an OS map for walk leaders or contributing an amount towards any OS subscriptions they already have, reimbursing travel costs for recces. We could also help with the cost towards compasses, first-aid kits and map cases. We will instigate this as a trial for the next financial year and Mick has agreed to manage the system. Mick will draw up a form which will enable members to discreetly apply for any reimbursement.
- The committee agreed that we will use Mr D Brown of Osgathorpe, Sheffield as our Independent Examiner to sign off the end of year accounts.

3) Secretary

- Our current membership as of the 6th October is 279. The membership has been continually growing since Spring this year.
- The group report for the SYNED area is in the Google drive for committee members to check. The deadline for submission to the area is 24th October.

4) Walks

- Sara and Dave provided a comprehensive walk report April to the end of September. The group has walked a total of 1121 miles!. We have provided 44 "A" walks with an average of 9.4 walkers attending, 32 "B" walks (12.9 walkers) and 17 "C" walks (10.7) and we continue to see lots of new faces in walks. New walkers find us on our Facebook page and also from Ramblers and other searches.
- There are 22 walk reports outstanding.

5) Socials and Weekends

- Mandy and Jillian are continuing with the policy of paying a deposit upfront for weekends and socials as this will guarantee that we have the funds. The group's bank details will be sent to members on request as we can no longer put the bank details on the website.
- The Pitlochry event is now full - members can still take part if they book their own accommodation.
- The Christmas meal at the White Lion is gathering interest. We can accommodate a total of 50 people.
- We are also considering a Mince Pie and Mulled Wine social near Castleton.
- The Socials sub committee will be set up again in earnest after Christmas.

6) Footpath work

- Jez and Allen met.
- Sheffield area notifications about Footpaths are not getting through so an email system has been set up to rectify this. 3 more officers have been recruited. Other areas are sending notifications regularly.

8) AOB

- None

Date of next meeting

- To be decided at the AGM