

S40s Walking Group Committee meeting - Monday, 25^h March 2013

Venue: Wheatsheaf Public House, Baslow

Time: 7.00pm

Present:

C. Wilkie

K. Hopkinson

C de Normanville

J. Flanagan

L Birch

S Collin

Minutes

- Minutes of the last meeting, dated 17/10/12 were agreed and signed. All actions have been completed.
- 2 accidents on walks occurred since last meeting, both happening on 9th February, both broken wrists. Both members have attended social events/ weekend away since their accident. Cards were sent following the accidents
- The Christmas Ceilidh was extremely well received, and very well attended. Now need to consider this Christmas and a possible venue. *Action: CW*
- The Walk Leaders Buffet was also well received. Well attended despite atrocious weather. Agreed by a number of people attending and the committee that this was an excellent venue. Possibly use this venue again for a summer event?

Membership Secretary

- Membership now tending to plateau. At present 167. This is going against a national trend of a decline in numbers.
- The contact list is hopefully more or less now up to date.
- C de N noted that the web link to the Ramblers dog policy in the "Welcome letter" needs updating. *Action: C de N and SC*

Socials:

Weekends away:

- *Ambleside Weekend* went really well and well attended. 35 went on the weekend. Many members explained that a description of the walks available were extremely useful. Also a meeting place on the first night was essential. A lot of members liked booking accommodation of their own choice. A house was booked for the weekend for walk leaders which proved useful as a base for all attending.

- The *Richmond* weekend was also very successful and well attended. In fact an extra chalet had to be booked.
- Paul McCloy has e- mailed the group with a number of ideas for weekends which he is happy to organise. He is in contact with JF.
- *Llanberis* weekend- Chamois Mountaineering House. Monica Brinkman has volunteered to help organise this weekend. We will have sole use of the hostel. Booked 7th/9th June. Not filling all places - as it becomes overcrowded. Sole use costs £720 and deposit has been paid of £50. Cost of weekend has been advertised as £38. Monica to lead the more strenuous walk, although a second walk may need to be organised by those who prefer something easier.
- *Grasmere*: Sarah Routledge has volunteered to organise a weekend based from the hostel there. A choice of 2 weekends: 4/6 October, 11/13 October. Costs £998 to book for sole use and 2 nights. We will offer 20 places at £50. It will cost £300 for the deposit. Sarah will lead a higher level walk, although a lower level walk leader will need to be organised. Action: JF to discuss details with Sarah and book venue
- *Dent*: 28th / 30th June. 30 places have been booked. KH will talk to the camp site owner regarding organisation. Felt it would be easier to organise attendance from within the group - so members need to book through S40s. Money will need to be forwarded to LB. £25 to include both nights and a wrist band! KF to co-ordinate and CdeN to put details on the website. Action: KF
- *Betws -Y- Coed*- To be organised by JF for the beginning of August. JF to visit place over Easter to decide on venue. If use hostel - will book for 20. James Scott will lead harder walk, and walk leader needed for easier walk. Action: JF

Evenings out / General timetable of events

- At present struggling for members to lead the Pub Meets. Last meet was on a night of heavy snow - so even unsure who attended! There is a need for someone to front these meets - and it does not necessarily need to be a member of the committee!

April	Meal in Chesterfield - <u>Action: JF</u>
May	Possible meal - Maria volunteered to organise this - <u>Action: CW - contact Maria</u>
June	Llanberis weekend / Dent weekend. Pub meet 14/6 -(Red Deer) <u>Action: SC to lead evening</u>
July	Pub meet 12/7 <u>Action: leader to be organised</u>
August	Betws -Y -Coed <u>Action: JF</u>
September	20/9: Evening (buffet?) at Bowling Club - Nether Edge. <u>Action: CW to organise</u>
October	Grasmere

- AGM - 30th September - Red Deer - Action: CW to book venue

Web site

- Photographs are now on "Flicker" - but less photographs seem to be coming in via members
- C de N is stepping down at the next AGM - and it is important someone capable is able to replace her.

Treasurer

- We received money back from Helvelyn Youth Hostel - which we under occupied. On 19th October 2012 we received a refund of £249.50, thanks to the persistence of Derrick Garside.
- The New Year Weekend at Coldwell was cancelled- and a deposit of £375 was returned on 7th December 2012. It was discussed that we could possibly use this venue again for a weekend - as a token of good will.
- Due to the high attendance at both the Ceilidh and the Walk Leaders Do we received a combined surplus of £176.99 from both events.
- The Richmond Weekend finished with a surplus of £56 - because an extra chalet was booked in addition to what was first planned and budgeted for.
- At present we have a surplus of approximately £228.
 - *Deposits needed for future events:*
 - *Llanberis- Money to be by 1/5*
 - *Dent - Money to be in by 1/6*
 - *Betws- Y- Coed - Details yet to be organised*
 - *Grasmere - £300 deposit need to secure hostel out of a total cost of £998. Price to be £50 for the weekend. Action : LB to contact Sarah Routledge.*
- LB also to step down at the next AGM.
- LB discussed the idea of Internet banking, which could be introduced by a new treasurer.

Walk Leader

- We are highly indebted to a small number of leaders: James, Jim and David / Jane.
- Still problem of a lack of walk leaders.
- 2 joint walks with the "One Step Walkers" are to be organised in July and September - dates yet to be confirmed. Action: KF

Other issues:

- A photograph competition is to be held:
 - Best landscape
 - Most amusing / silliest picture

To be in by 1st June. Committee to judge. Prize - gift vouchers of £10. Winners to be announced at pub meet of 14th June

- 4 members of the committee to be stepping down at the AGM. Now need to spread the word so there are hopefully volunteers for next year.