

FOREST OF DEAN RAMBLERS

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON

Monday 3rd June 2019 at Yorkley Community Centre

PRESENT: Secretary (JH), Treasurer (RW), Walks Co-ordinator (IW), Footpath Officer (JBa) and one general committee member (JBe).

APOLOGIES: Chair (PR), Membership Secretary (LS), Webmaster (MS) and one general committee member (SM)

AGENDA ITEM:	ACTION:
<p>1. Minutes of meeting on 21st January 2019: the minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	<p>Secretary to send to Webmaster for publication on the website.</p>
<p>2. Matters Arising:</p> <p>All actions from the last meeting were confirmed as completed. There were no matters arising not covered under later agenda items.</p>	
<p>3. Chair's report:</p> <p>In his absence the Chair had provided a written report. He thanked SM for organising the holiday to Grange over Sands and the walk leaders for their support in making the holiday so enjoyable, he also thanked RW who had organised and led the Group holiday in North Wales.</p> <p>PR formally reported on MI's resignation from the committee and as Area rep due to health problems. Committee members wished MI well.</p> <p>PR asked the committee for views on a Christmas Lunch and walk from Whitemead. After a discussion members agreed for a 2019 Christmas Lunch preceded by a walk however suggested that The Orepool or Forest Hills Golf Club might be a better venue given feedback about the food and service last year. However the final decision would be left to the Chair.</p> <p>PR concluded by expressing his continued thanks to committee members and walks leaders for their contributions to the successful running of our Group.</p>	<p>Chair's decision on venue for Xmas Lunch</p>
<p>4. Secretary's report.</p> <p>The Secretary reported on the official opening of St Mary's Bridge, Lydney which had been attended by John Sheraton and Alan Fisher. The walk incorporating this bridge had been well supported.</p> <p>JH confirmed a reprint of 500 Highmeadow Trail leaflets which had been received in time for Easter and that 100 had already been purchased by the Forestry Commission.</p> <p>JH was yet to lodge all papers with the Gloucestershire records Office however this was in hand and would result in a 40 year archive preserved in a single, readily accessible place. She reminded members that from 2019 only electronic copies would be retained.</p> <p>Since the January meeting CO had developed a First Aid course in conjunction with the Red Cross. This course would form part of their road shows and therefore would be free to members. JH wished to check with the committee if our planned local First Aid event should still go ahead. The committee considered that a local event would likely be better attended and that having a course bespoke to emergency first aid in remote areas would give significant benefits to walk leaders and our wider membership. After a discussion on the format, it was decided to hold this over one day rather than the two day certificated course which may make it a more feasible commitment for attendees. £700 had previously been allocated and this amount was reconfirmed. A newsletter item would test the level of</p>	<p>Secretary to organise First Aid course. Treasurer to allocate agreed budget.</p>

<p>interest.</p> <p>JH presented information about the costs, sizes and weights of a variety of group shelters as agreed at the last meeting. After a full discussion it was decided not to pursue this idea for practical reasons.</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer' report:</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the Unity Trust account stood at £428.64 whilst the Coventry Building Society account stood at £3539.60. There were 712 EHD books held in stock and 62 had already been sold in 2019.</p>	
<p>6. Walk Coordinator's report:</p> <p>The Walks Coordinator reported a total of 22 walks on the next programme which runs from July to October. He would close the programme on Friday 7th June. It was agreed to encourage the addition of ad hoc walks especially since some walk leaders were currently unable to commit to walks too far in advance. The Membership Secretary would be asked to remind members to regularly check the website for additional walks when emailing to confirm the next walks programme had been published.</p>	<p>Membership Secretary, when next emailing, to include a reminder to members regarding checking the website for additional walks/changes</p>
<p>7. Membership Secretary's report:</p> <p>In her absence the Membership Secretary had provided a written report. As at the end of April 2019 membership stood at 207.</p>	
<p>8. Webmaster's report:</p> <p>The Webmaster was unable to attend the meeting. The committee asked if MS would check the working of the website as problems had recently been reported to the Walks Coordinator. Also MS would be asked to check the in boxes for both Footpaths Officer and Chair which were full, ie delete contents or increase capacity.</p>	<p>Webmaster to check website and email boxes</p>
<p>9. Footpath Officer's report:</p> <p>The Footpaths Officer referred to his previously circulated report and highlighted that his main activity over this period related to planning permissions involving PROW.</p> <p>JB added that his lack of a named contact in the Forestry Commission hampered his work. He was advised of the contact used by members of the maintenance team which had always worked well.</p>	
<p>10. Keswick Holiday 2020: SM had provided a report in her absence. She confirmed the Walks Coordinator had been asked to put the holiday onto the programme for week commencing 14th June 2020. RW had been given information for the next newsletter and the Webmaster had also received information for placing on the website. The treasurer confirmed that 7 deposits had already been received to date. A minimum of 40 bookings would be</p>	

needed to preserve the costs advertised.	
<p>11. AGM: after a discussion it was agreed to retain the previous AGM format for 2019, ie a business meeting followed by a "bring and share" supper. The AGM would be held on Friday 8th November 2019. Current office holders and general committee members confirmed their intentions to be nominated again for 2019/20 with the exemption of the Membership Secretary.</p>	Secretary to book YCC for 8 th Nov
<p>12. Newsletter items: these were agreed during the course of the meeting.</p>	
<p>13. AOB: RW informed the meeting of Area's Walking Together event on 14th September at Winchcombe. This information would be put into the newsletter and entered on the walks programme.</p>	Event to be published on the next walks programme
<p>14. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th October 2019 at Yorkley Community Centre</p>	Secretary to book YCC