

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 23 January 2019

Holiday Inn - Eastleigh

Minutes

Present: Stephen Cocks - Chair David Morris - Deputy Chair Neil Elder - Treasurer Steve Nicholas - Walk Co-Ordinator Terry Jones - Honorary Committee Member Jan Wilson - Membership Secretary Mandy Norris - Secretary Apologies: None		
1.	Welcome Stephen Cocks opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. David, Terry and Jan were welcomed in their new roles (as above) following the Annual General Meeting held in November 2018.	
2.	Previous Meeting & Matters Arising The minutes from the meeting of 3 October 2018 were agreed as accurate. <u>Annual General Meeting – 3 November 2018</u> The AGM was well attended. Twyford Parish Hall is a good venue and is in a good location for a walk prior to the AGM. Stephen will submit a claim for £36 hire fee once the receipt has been received. The minutes of the AGM were agreed as accurate and will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting 2019. <u>Christmas Party – December 2018</u> The party was well attended by 41 members. The Committee thanked Mandy for organising the party. It was agreed a different venue would be sought for 2019. <u>Railway Meal - December 2018</u> The Committee recorded thanks to Jamie and Hasna for organising this social event which was well attended.	
3.	Treasurers Report Neil confirmed the end of year accounts have been submitted to Ramblers following independent verification. The balance in the main account is now £423.61 and the only known expense at this time is the hire fee for Twyford Hall. The surplus account currently has a balance of £95.19 (less the flower's for Mandy for organising the Christmas party). Stephen to submit expenses.	Stephen Cocks

4.	Membership Secretary's Report Jan reported that membership of the Group is now 171 people and there have been six new members recently. Jan has started sending new members a welcome e-mail and information about accessing the walks schedule from the website. Ramblers is trialling a new electronic registration system.	
5.	Walk Co-Ordinator's Report Steve reported that the walks calendar is looking healthy, with at least one walk every weekend. There is currently a demand for shorter walks which may be attractive to new members this time of the year when traditionally membership increases. There continues to be a good range of walks and a mix of locations, however, new walk leaders are always welcome. The provisional schedule on the H40+ Facebook page continues to work well so that walk leaders can plan ahead prior to official publication on the Group and Ramblers websites.	
6.	Area Representatives' Report Stephen gave a briefing of the last Hampshire Area meeting he attended, as follows:- – It was a short meeting and was attended by 10-12 people. – He showed attendees the Hampshire 40+ Group's new business cards. – There were updates on footpaths, finance and membership. – The Area Committee was not always good at agreeing actions and who was responsible for completing actions and there was little follow up on previous actions i.e. the leaflet.	
7.	Trips Away Neil Pritchard is organising a Pembrokeshire weekend in early July and has so far received expressions of interest from 17 people. Richard Boardman is organising a Quantocks weekend in October and has asked people to submit expressions of interest. Details of both trips have been advertised on the website and on Facebook. David said he was currently exploring the possibility of a 26 mile Watercress Way walk as a day challenge or a weekend walk. He would explore the appetite of members on the Facebook page before finalising his plan for this.	
8.	Website & Social Media Steve and David agreed to become additional administrators for the Group's website to support Stephen. Stephen confirmed he would organise sign-on permissions for them. Discussion was held about whether there should be criteria for membership of the Hampshire 40+ Facebook page. Stephen said that it was a 'members peer group' rather than an official page and it was possible to ask applicants a few questions electronically which he would explore further. It was agreed there are generally few problems with the Facebook page and minor issues are generally sorted out quickly by the Administrators.	Stephen Cocks

9.	Any Other Business <u>Navigation Courses</u> Terry offered to run more two-day Navigation courses, with the first day being classroom based and the second day being practical skills. Terry would explore interest in this via the Facebook page. <u>Area Meetings</u> Stephen is attending the Area AGM in Portsmouth on 9 February. Jan and Steve are attending the next Area Meeting on 19 March.	Terry Jones
10.	Next Meeting Stephen to organise the next Committee Member for April.	Stephen Cocks