

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 24 April 2019

Holiday Inn - Eastleigh

Minutes

Present: Stephen Cocks - Chair Neil Elder - Treasurer Steve Nicholas - Walk Co-Ordinator Jan Wilson - Membership Secretary Mandy Norris - Secretary Apologies: Terry Jones - Honorary Committee Member		
1.	Welcome Stephen Cocks opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.	
2.	Previous Meeting & Matters Arising The minutes from the meeting of 23 January 2019 were agreed as accurate. <u>Resignation</u> David Morris has resigned from the Committee as Deputy Chair. Members gave thanks to David for his valued contribution. <u>Outstanding Expenses</u> Stephen confirmed that he has now submitted outstanding expenses. <u>Navigation Courses</u> Terry Jones has successfully delivered navigation courses to group members. If he runs it again he would use a different venue and it would be better to have fewer attendees. Jan confirmed that the course was very good and she was using her newly acquired skills. The Committee recorded thanks to Terry for delivering such good quality training.	
3.	Treasurers Report Neil confirmed the balance in the main account is now £351.34 following reimbursement for the AGM venue hire, purchase of stationery for the Navigation Course and business card printing costs. There are no other costs outstanding. The surplus account currently has a balance of £57.69. It was agreed that H40+ did not need to claim the next six months fees allocation. New guidance has been received from Ramblers indicating that contributions from Ramblers World Travel could be used for group social events in future. It was agreed that £160.00 received in October 2018 which is currently in the main account should be transferred into the surplus account.	Neil Elder

4.	Membership Secretary's Report Jan reported that membership of the Group has fallen to 161, although two new members have recently joined. Stephen said this reflects declining membership nationally. Jan confirmed she does not send welcome letters to those people who have declined e-mail contact. Jan said she would try to identify those people who have not renewed membership to see if there are any trends in reasons for leaving.	Jan Wilson
5.	Walk Co-Ordinator's Report Steve confirmed that Elaine is organising a schedule of short evening walks for the summer months. Phil and Neil P have also contributed a number of longer walks to the schedule recently. The forward schedule continues to look good.	
6.	Hampshire Area/Ramblers Update Stephen said that he attended the Area AGM. The members were re-elected. It was also agreed that two people were able to go to the National Council Meeting as Area Representatives next year, with expenses being paid. Stephen and Steve attended the Area Meeting on 19 March. Publication of the leaflet has still not happened. They are also attending the Green Fair at the Sustainability Centre in May and asked if H40+ wanted to attend to promote the Group. It was agreed that the Facebook page and business cards are attracting sufficient new members at this time. Jan and Steve agreed to go to the next Area Meeting in June.	
7.	Trips Away Neil Pritchard has 28 people signed up for the Pembrokeshire weekend in early July and Richard Boardman has 10 people signed up for the Quantocks weekend in October.	
8.	Website & Social Media Stephen said he has not yet added questions to the Facebook membership application page and would do this in the near future. Ramblers are currently undertaking trials of electronic registration for walks. They also now have an app giving information and offers which could be useful to members. Stephen agreed to post further information on the Facebook page about it.	Stephen Cocks
9.	Any Other Business <u>Christmas Party</u> Jan confirmed she has started to investigate venues, costs and potential dates. <u>First Aid</u> Mandy confirmed that 12 people have expressed interest in attending the Ramblers first aid courses. She will submit numbers to Ramblers by 29 April which is the cut-off date. Once details are provided by Ramblers, she will post further information on the Facebook page.	

10.	Next Meeting Stephen to organise the next Committee Meeting for early Autumn.	Stephen Cocks
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