

## Minutes of the 20s and 30s group committee meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2002

**Present:** James B  
Simon L  
Laura H  
Ed P  
Cathy S  
Andrew R

**Apologies:** None

### Action

- **Previous minutes:** Simon had pointed out two errors in the previous minutes, which had been corrected. The new version of the minutes was agreed as correct.
- **New walks programme:** James and Simon are in the process of preparing this together. The aim re. walks is to visit different areas and to have a mixture of easy, medium and hard walks.  
Simon suggested a new grading system for walks, aimed to incorporate the fact that some short walks are hard etc. It needs to be worked on more, but the current suggestion is for letters A-C to represent distance and numbers 1-3 to represent amount of ascent.  
The provisional walks programme is to be sent out to interested committee members for comments.  
Laura has written 'profiles' of committee members for inclusion in the walks programme.  
James has written a 'welcome'.  
Cathy has done a review of the Snowdonia weekend.  
A note will be added in the programme asking people to ring the walk leader to let them know they are going. It was agreed that the deadline for ringing should be noon on Saturday. This is in case the walk leader needs time to organise an extra walk leader. In addition to being mentioned within the programme, this rule will be highlighted on an additional piece of paper which will go out with the programmes.  
The committee discussed various possibilities for transport to walks. It was agreed that, for walks that are not accessible by public transport, there should be one time for meeting in town and a second for meeting at the start point of the walk. The town meeting point will probably be the Norfolk Street carpark, and it will be mentioned in the programme that there is free carparking there. The walk leader would normally be expected to meet people in the Norfolk Street carpark rather than going straight out to the countryside. It was also suggested that a note should be added to the programme asking people who are given a lift to contribute to petrol.  
The aim is to finish the programme by this Wednesday. Philippa has offered to pull it together, and Simon will produce 100 copies. Programmes will be sent out to members before Xmas.  
Cathy will buy 50 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps, and the committee agreed to meet at Laura's on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to put leaflets together and into envelopes.
- **Weekends away:** There will be a page in the walks programme devoted to this. A bunkhouse has been booked at Hilltop Farm in Malham for Feb 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. It holds 32 and the total hire cost is £420. Plan is to charge £25 per person as previously. The 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cathy

weekend away will be in the Brecon Beacons, March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. James is looking into several alternative accommodation options.

James

- **Socials:** Laura has planned activities for most weeks, including bowling, a quiz, restaurant trips, theatre trip, pub-crawl, comedy club, basketball etc. Details will be included in the programme.
- **Refund policy:** Simon has produced a rough version of a policy on this, which will be circulated to committee members for feedback. A bullet-point version will also be included in the walks programme.

Simon

- **Treasurer's Report:** There are now 3 signatories on the account: Ed, James and Simon. 2 signatures are needed for any transaction. Current balance is £20.53. Of this, the club owes Vicki £25. It is possible that she will be offered a free place on the next weekend away if she is happy with this arrangement.

Simon has done a spreadsheet for accounts which he explained to the committee. James suggested the idea of a standard 'collection sheet', to be filled in by anyone collecting money from group members. This will include details of name, amount, event etc. James will send ideas for this to Simon.

James

- **Leaders' comment sheet:** Simon has produced a comment sheet for walk leaders, copies of which were circulated to committee members for feedback.

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- **Guidance for walk leaders:** Still pending.

- **Website:** Andrew showed the committee the new prototype layout. He said he has received some positive feedback so far from members and that some people have found out about the group through the website. Last week Andrew had his first meeting with Mike & Eva, who are helping him with website stuff. Eva is apparently keen in being involved in developing the 'gallery' of past walks and trips, and the plan is to encourage people to submit things for inclusion in the New year. The eventual aim is for people to be able to email articles or photos to either Eva or Andrew. It was suggested that we should start to try to direct people towards the website as the primary source of info about walks etc.

- **Any other business:**

(i) Laura mentioned the fact that, last Tuesday, no other committee members had appeared at the Devonshire Cat pub meet until 9pm. She had been left to talk to about 10 new members, and needed help. It was agreed that, in future, all committee members should try to be there by 8pm. The committee meetings will be planned for the night before each monthly pub meet, so that we can check who will be able to turn up and at what time. Andrew mentioned that he has difficulties attending on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, as this clashes with another group that he attends. However, it was agreed that the pub meet should stay as it is, and that Andrew will attend when he can.

It is also important that committee members really take the time to talk to new members for a significant period of time (e.g. 20 minutes). Similarly, we should make the effort to talk to any possible new members standing on their own at walk meeting points etc.

(ii) All committee members need their own quota of leaflets and membership

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forms, to give to people at pub meets etc. James will bring some to the next meeting.

- (iii) Simon is waiting for information on the rugby shirt.
- (iv) James mentioned that Terry Howard from the Ramblers still hasn't replied to him. James will keep trying, as we need the funding from the Ramblers.
- (v) It was agreed that we need to weed out some of the people from the email list who haven't come to any events or joined as members. It was decided that a message will be sent to these people in the New Year, after which they will be removed from the email list.
- (vi) A committee night in Edale is still planned for some time in January.
- (vii) Laura suggested the possibility of a summer trip to Ireland.

James

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- **Next meeting:** Thursday December 19th, Laura's house, 8pm.