

## Minutes of the 20s and 30s walking group committee meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2003

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

**Apologies:** Laura H

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Previous minutes:</b> The minutes from the meeting on 23/6/03 were accepted as correct.</li></ul>  |        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Matters arising:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Navigation courses and walk leading-</i> No further progress made. James plans to do this in time for the next meeting.</li></ul></li></ul>   | James  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Guidance for walk leaders-</i> Now complete, and has been circulated to walk leaders.</li></ul>  |        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>First Aid Kits-</i> Plan is for all Committee members to have one, therefore 2 more need to be purchased. Andrew to buy these, plus containers for all. It was decided that individual committee members should be responsible for restocking the kits, and retain receipts to pass on to Ed.</li></ul>  | Andrew |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>First Aid Courses-</i> Cathy reported back information on St Johns and Red Cross first aid courses, both of which were very expensive. Cathy to contact David Blackburn (South Yorkshire Area Group) to find out our legal position with regard to First Aid training, and any other options for training.</li></ul>   | Cathy  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Committee roles document-</i> No progress has been made since the last meeting. James will complete this document for agreement at the next meeting.</li></ul>   | James  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Walks:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Recent walks:</i><br/>All recent walks were reported to have gone well.</li><li>• <i>Local walks for weekends away-</i> One group member led a local walk whilst the group were in Shropshire. However, it appeared that several members were not aware of this walk.</li><li>• <i>Evening walks-</i> One recent evening walk got cancelled due to lack of interest</li><li>• <i>Future walks-</i> There is currently no backmarker for the Goyt Valley walk. Andrew to get in touch with Andy L, and also email Tony to ask if he is interested.</li></ul></li></ul> | Andrew |

- **Weekends away:**

- (i) *Lakes:*

James reported that the bunkhouse was a great location for walking, and the accommodation was OK. The main issue that arose was a lack of food at breakfast time, plus being asked to leave the pub relatively early. James to write to the owners about these issues.

James

- (ii) *Shropshire:*

Cathy reported that this had been a really successful and enjoyable weekend, with good accommodation and some good walking around Church Stretton. Payment is still outstanding, and Cathy will send a cheque for the remaining balance this week. If the bunkhouse accept payment for 25 rather than 27 people it was suggested that a 50% refund be paid to the 2 members whose places were unfilled. A decision on this will be made at the next meeting. The email that Cathy had sent with a list of people going on the weekend had been reported by several people to be useful. It was agreed that it would be good to standardise the information sent out about the weekends.

- (iii) *Future weekends away:*

3 weekends have been booked (Whitby, Dales, Lakes). Simon has written to the bunkhouses and sent a deposit for 2 of the weekends.

Simon to forward details of the link to the bunkhouse websites to James and Cathy.

Ed requested that we write the weekend away on the back of cheques received. Plan is to advertise all weekends at the next pub meet.

Simon

- (iv) *Weekends Away Policy:*

It was decided that, where any issues arise with members wanting to stay at alternative accommodation but come on the walks, an email detailing the policy should be sent to these members. Simon to look for the version he has sent and previously, with a view to storing this for future use.

Simon

- **Walks Programme:**

This is now complete and has been circulated.

The Committee expressed their thanks to everyone who had contributed to it.

James suggested that, in future, it would be good to be able to produce it in time for it to be proof read. This would mean that articles should be submitted at least one week in advance.

James also requested that future articles should be limited to 800 words.

Re. the Caption Competition- Simon is to investigate the possibility of getting a free voucher from Foothills.

For future versions, the plan is to see whether we can get a better quality printer.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance is £1006.62. Liabilities total £558.64, and monies still to be received total £88.00. This leaves an available balance of £447.98.

- **Secretary's report:**

Total members now 90.

Cathy reported that she had ordered 5 maps from the Ramblers, who are selling off old copies for £1 each. Areas covered: White Peak; Cadair Idris; Yorkshire Dales; South Pembrokeshire; Wye Valley.

Cathy requested that any new member details (e.g. address changes, phone numbers etc) be forwarded to her. It was agreed that a members' database should be set up in future, with the aim of people being able to enter their own details.

The Incident Report Form was discussed. It was agreed that Cathy should photocopy enough versions for one to be kept in each First Aid Kit, and that she would contact the Ramblers to request a copy of the insurance policy and request information about the leaders' liability.

Cathy mentioned the Walking Week in September. It was agreed that the group would only be involved in so far as running the regular Sunday walk.

Cathy

- **Socials:**

Past socials:

Birthday Party-This was a good night, despite some disappointment with the meal itself. A £5 refund is still owed to one member.

Laura

Future socials:

- An email is to be sent out tomorrow about this Friday's pubcrawl.

- Greyhounds- The arrangement for this will just be for members to turn up on the door.

- Discount Gear night- This has been arranged and advertised. Andrew has put a copy of the flyer on the website. The plan is to put a link to he nearer the time.

Andrew

- **Website:**

Emails have been sent out about a website assistant and extra web space. Andrew reported that Andy L is keen to be an assistant, and provide help with the gallery.

Andrew

Andrew to contact him in the next few weeks to begin training him.

No response had been received to the webspace email. Andrew detailed the options, and the Committee decided that they would be happy for Andrew to provide it himself and charge the cost to the group. Andrew to look into costs and report back at the next meeting.

Andrew

Mike was reported to now be involved in removing old information from the site.

Eva is also more involved again.

The issue of creating a member sign-on and database was discussed. Andrew agreed to aim to achieve this by the end of September. Progress will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Andrew

- **Any other business:**

- (i) *Maps*- Simon queried whether it would be possible to receive a refund for any of the maps he has purchased for weekends away. The idea of creating a group map library was discussed. No final decision was reached, but it was suggested that group members should request refunds from the Committee if they wish; the final decision will then be made by the Committee.

- **Next meeting:** Monday September 8th, Red Deer, 8pm