

Minutes of the Sheffield 20s and 30s walking group committee meeting, 3rd December 2003

Present: James B
Simon L
Ed P
Cathy S
Philippa G
James C

Apologies: Andrew R

	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous minutes: The minutes from the meeting on 3/11/03 were accepted as correct.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matters arising:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>First Aid Kits</i>- James B to discuss with Andrew.	James B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Emergency Shelters</i>- Simon has contacted Foothills, who have showed him possible options. A committee decision was made to purchase two better quality shelters rather than 3 lower quality ones.	Simon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Map library email</i> - James B to ask Laura whether she still has a copy of this. Cathy to check if she can find a copy.	James B Cathy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Walk Leader Report Forms</i>- To be discussed later in meeting.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• James' Suggestions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Evening walks</i>- to be revisited when do next walks programme• <i>Website improvements</i>-<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Disposable cameras for socials</i>- It was agreed that this would be a good idea for annual events. James C to buy three cameras for Xmas dinner.- <i>Chat room</i>- All agreed this would be really useful resource if Andrew is able to develop it.- <i>Committee details</i>- Simon to send out updated Committee addresses	James C Andrew? Simon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Country pub crawl</i>- Agreed that this would be a good idea for the summer.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Walking Group library</i>- Pros and cons of this were discussed. Agreed to pursue idea of map library for present, with loans of books to others left to individual arrangements.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Increase in walk leaders</i>- This is an ongoing process. Four new walk leaders have been included in the current programme.	

- *Chesterfield meeting point*- Following discussion it was agreed that this should be an informal arrangement between members in Chesterfield area. Possibly linked to chat room.
- *More weekends away*- It is possible that the group will consider an extra weekend away for the summer.
- *First Aid Kits*- The issue of Committee members not always being present on walks was discussed, and implications for First Aid equipment. Following discussion, it was agreed that, in future, responsibility for First Aid should be given to group members rather than walk leaders. Simon to draft an email to send out about this. Simon
- *Two-day walks*- It was agreed that this would be a good idea, which will be considered for the next walks programme.
- *Weekend away over Bank Holiday*- Agreed this was a good idea in theory. To revisit when developing the next walks programme.
- *Committee minutes on Website*- Should be happening already. Andrew?
- **Walks Programme:**
 - **Review of process:**
It was commented that there had been difficulties in production this time, due to events such as the AGM, and that the process needs to be organised better in the future, with increased time for production, proof-reading etc.
 - **Agreed dates for next programme production:**

Mon 26 Jan – discuss ideas for new programme (at committee meeting), agree responsibilities
Sun 22 Feb – develop walks and weekends
Fri 5 Mar – deadline for all articles
Thur 25 Mar – deadline for completed programme
Mon 29 Mar – Lick and Stick + committee meeting
- **Walks:**
 - *Recent walks:*
Few Committee members had managed to attend many recent walks, but it was believed that they had gone OK.
 - *Future walks:*
-December walks are now on Website. Simon to remind December leaders via email. Simon
 - *Other issues:*
- Walk leader report forms: It was agreed that these were currently not being completed regularly by most leaders, and that no system for using the information has been developed. Ed has volunteered to email the revised version of the Form to appropriate walk leader each Monday. James B to try Ed
James B

out the new Form.

- **Weekends away:**

- (i) *Lakes:*

Cathy reported that this had been a good weekend, with a really good group of people. The bunkhouse was quite basic but adequate, in a great location for walking. Some problems with hot water in showers and lack of kettle in kitchen but both eventually resolved.

Pub was somewhat small for the size of group.

James B said that, on balance, he felt that the Brotherswater bunkhouse was better (although cooking facilities there are poor).

Re. walks, James B accepted that a mistake was made on one of the Saturday walks, with the walk being a harder grade than originally advertised.

Following discussion about the issue of walk grades on weekends, it was agreed that, in future, the group need to advise that certain weekends will contain walks of harder grades so that members are aware of this in advance.

- (ii) *Future weekends:*

All three (Teesdale, Grasmere and Cadair Idris) have been arranged and included in Walks Programme. Booking from one month in advance of each (dates in programme).

It was agreed that weekend organisers should make sure they ask for membership numbers from those booking.

James B to circulate his 'booking form' to James C and Philippa.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance is £807.68. Liabilities total £286.18, and monies to be received total £532.50. This leaves an available balance of £818.68.

Philippa handed over the cheques for the Xmas meal.

Cathy handed over Roger's cheque from the Lakes weekend.

- **Secretary's report:**

There are 109 members at present.

Cathy circulated invitations from the Ramblers Association to both the General Council (April 16th-18th) and Central Office Open Day (8th June). It was agreed that the group would not send representatives to either of these.

Cathy also mentioned a request from the RA Chief Executive for funds for appointing a Volunteer Development Manager. It was decided that the group would not provide any funds on this occasion.

James B requested that, in future, Cathy inform him and Simon of any similar requests prior to their attendance at the Area meetings.

Simon,
James B and
Weekend
Away
organisers

James B

Cathy

- **Socials:**

Future socials:

- These are included in the Walks programme up to the end of January.
- Lots of ideas for future socials were discussed, including restaurants, ice-skating, salsa evening, ceilidh, Kelham island pub crawl, booze cruise etc.
- Cathy had mentioned 'Sing-along-a-Abba' in March. It was agreed that Philippa should find out the level of interest, and then book some tickets for this.
- Another event that it was agreed to try to make a group booking for was Michael Palin in May.
- It was agreed that socials should be put on the website one month ahead of time.

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Philippa

James C?

- **Website:**

Andrew was not present to provide his report.

James B commented that the development of a database and email list is an ongoing issue.

A decision was made to get rid of the 'non members' email list, limiting this privilege to members only.

Simon reported that he has been working on an off-line database. He will present this to the Committee at the next meeting.

The issue of updating photographs on the website to be discussed with Andrew.

Andrew?

James B?

- **Any other business:**

- (i) James reported that Rob from Mountain Rescue has said that he would like to attend a future walk. Mountain Rescue are also considering what First Aid training they may be able to provide.
- (ii) Kath Mackay from the Ramblers Association is planning to come and meet some of the group. It was suggested that James B, Simon and Cathy meet her. James B to contact Kath to arrange.

James B

- **Next meeting:** Tuesday January 6th 2004, Devonshire Cat, 7pm
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