

SWG Committee Meeting Minutes – Wed May 6th 2009 at Chris's House

Present

Ben Arnold (chair)
Mark Hodgkinson
Philip Howarth (minutes)
Chris Bannister
Lou Stock
Fiona Levitt
Jon Holman
Vince Bowdren
Mike Gillet

Apologies

Lee Farmery

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

| <u>Actions Completed</u> | <u>By who</u> |
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| Buying more car stickers | JH |
| Email to overdue members | PH |
| Response to member verbally abusing walk leader | MH |
| Details RE Glenridding W/Away chased up | PH |
| March 2010 W/Away options chased up | VB |
| Dates updated in googledocs | CB |

Outstanding Actions from previous meeting

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| Shropshire for Feb 2010 – other option investigations | BA |
| JH needing more funds for publicity – discuss with CB | JH/CB |

Secretary's report

- 5 new members this month
- Above newbies will get their first programme with the forthcoming Summer edition
- Only two responses to overdue members email – one positive, one not so
- Labels ordered for new programme mail out

Area Issues

- BA reports that according to area, membership problems will be solved soon

Chair's Report

- BA has had helpful feedback from Chief Exec of Ramblers RE code of conduct
- New code will be posted out with Summer programme
- 40's group to be given sight of the above to see if they wish to adopt it **BA**
- New programme will be 20 pages instead of the usual 16

Walks and Weekends away

- Get walking day – local MP's such as Nick Clegg may attend – good publicity could potentially arise
- Children on walks matter discussed – forms need to be filled in by the parent of the child/vulnerable person/person under 18years attending the walk.
- Need to email walk leaders about the above matter – W/L's choice as to whether they have children on their walk **MH**
- Wye Valley was a great success – £300 profit! Might book again for next year – despite bunkhouse being a bit small and no drying facilities – sunny weather experienced was fortunate as regards the latter
- Need to look at Norfolk or Howarth for March 2010 **BA**
- Other 2010 possibilities discussed/to investigate include – North Devon/Whitby for June or August; Borrowdale for April **MG/CB**

Vice Chair's Report

- Walks programme done
- Three takers for navigation courses
- LF has suggested having a walk leaders meeting – previous meetings have taken the format of a general “thank you” with food and drink. Meeting agreed £50 budget for a future date. WL meeting could also encourage potential new leaders to get involved

Treasurer's report

- Current bank balance is just over £6K
- CB reports Ws/away are doing extremely well! – we have made £800 profit on the last four. This puts the loss of £40 on the Dec 08 Wensleydale weekend in a proper context
- Meeting agreed to subsidise the cost of some future Ws/Away in light of the above

Publicity Officer's Report

- 50 posters bought – JH to try and get them in local libraries – as well as distributing leaflets
- Customised clothing – first order on the way
- Eco bags sold well at recent Dev Cat
- Recent new members' night was most successful ever – three of attendants went on Wye Valley weekend!

Social Secretaries' Report

- Fat Cat pub quiz was a success
- 28 attended Austin powers
- Some Summer Ball details/menu discussed and agreed
- Meeting agreed if any member hasn't booked on the above event they will not be allowed in to the Ball, on the night, under any circumstances !
- BA will look at doing a speech RE the above – other various “entertainment” ideas were also discussed and will be confirmed later on

- FL will be out of action in the coming two months for personal reasons. LS is also restricted due to a change of circumstances. Some help – particularly with the Ball - may be required on an informal basis

Web Monkey's Report

- New logo looks good on the head page of website – but the rest of the site needs updating too – this is a substantial job which will take time

AOB

- LS and MG raised problem of committee generating too many emails – currently it can exceed 25 emails a day – meeting agreed not to copy in all the committee on to every issue/reply and to try and keep some issues in reserve for the actual meeting

Date and Time of next meeting – 7-30pm Tuesday 16th June at BA's new residence