

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 9 October 2019

Holiday Inn - Eastleigh

Minutes

Present: Stephen Cocks - Chair Neil Elder - Treasurer Steve Nicholas - Walk Co-Ordinator Jan Wilson - Membership Secretary (remotely) Mandy Norris - Secretary		
1.	Welcome Stephen Cocks opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.	
2.	Previous Meeting & Matters Arising The minutes from the meeting of 24 April 2019 were agreed as accurate. <u>Resignation</u> Stephen confirmed that Terry Jones has resigned from the Committee as Honorary Committee Member. Members gave thanks to Terry for his valued contribution to the Committee over a number of years and his kind offer to continue to support walk leaders to plan future walks.	
3.	Treasurers Report Neil confirmed the final accounts have now been signed off and will be submitted to Ramblers. The transactions in the Main Account have included income of £180 received for a Ramblers holiday and expenditure in respect of hall hire for the AGM in 2018, purchase of business cards and stationery and transfer of £160 to the Surplus Account in respect of a previous Ramblers holiday. The balance of the Main Account is £211.34. The Surplus Account currently has a balance of £915.94, however, this includes monies yet to be paid to the venue for the Christmas party of £698.25 which leaves a balance of £217.69. It was agreed that H40+ would not be claiming the next six months fees grant.	
4.	Membership Secretary's Report Jan reported that membership of the Group has increased by 10 recently to a total of 170. She did not recognise the names of new members. The Group continued to look very healthy.	
5.	Walk Co-Ordinator's Report Steve confirmed the walks calendar is looking healthy and gaps are being filled. This year's calendar has particularly benefitted from Elaine C's organisation of the summer evening programme which was well attended and Neil P had committed to delivering one walk every month for the year which was good for forward planning.	

6.	Hampshire Area/Ramblers Update Stephen attended the Area meeting on 24 September which followed the usual agenda of reports, questions and information about footpaths, however, there was nothing significant to report to Committee.	
7.	Trips Away Thanks are recorded to Neil P for the weekend walk in July to Pembrokeshire and Richard B for the weekend walk to the Quantocks in October which were both successful, well attended and blessed by good weather. Ideas are being explored for options for weekend walks next year and will be published when confirmed.	
8.	Website & Social Media Stephen confirmed he has now added questions to the Facebook membership application page although applicants do not always answer them. The rules of the Group have now also been uploaded to the Facebook page. There have recently been problems with the Ramblers website and although H40+ website is visible, the walks are not listed. Stephen has reported this to Ramblers and it appears that Ramblers have been making changes to the IT which has broken links. Stephen said he would be asking for an additional webmaster at the AGM.	
9.	Any Other Business <u>Travel Expenses</u> A member of the Group has raised a question about whether walk leaders are able to claim mileage expenses. It was confirmed that the current policy is not to pay expenses, however, Neil said he would raise with the Area Treasurer to establish whether there was any Area guidance on this. <u>Christmas Party</u> Jan confirmed that 35 people have booked to attend the Christmas Party and that everything was going to plan. It was queried whether the Surplus Account could pay for wine on each table and it was agreed this was not supported as it did not benefit the majority of H40+ Group members. <u>Walking Etiquette</u> A member of the Group has raised concerns regarding negative experiences of walk leaders and it was agreed that Stephen would write and publish some guidance to cover this. <u>AMG</u> Stephen is in the process of organising the Annual General Meeting which will be held on a Saturday in November. He proposes to book the Twyford Village Hall which worked well as a venue last year. Stephen will organise the pre-meeting walk.	Stephen Cocks

	Committee members to submit their annual reports to Stephen one week before the AGM so that the Chairman's Annual Report can be written. There was general discussion about whether Committee Members intended to stand again.	Committee Members
10.	Next Meeting To be organised by the next Chairman.	