

Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Wednesday 23 January 2019

Minutes

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
Present	Jean Harrison, Martin Hudson, Sue Edwards, Jan Lelièvre, Stuart Blows, Ronnie Bunting, David Egan, Sue Dowdeswell	
Apologies	None	
Minutes of 5 October 18	Minutes signed as correct.	
Matters arising	<p>It was agreed £10 gift voucher prizes would be awarded to the members who have attended the most walks and led the most walks during the last year.</p> <p>The revised Incident Reporting Form was discussed and it was agreed it should replace the existing form. The new form should have a space for the injured person's signature and this will be added. The form will then be placed on the RWG website and paper copies in the First Aid Kits.</p> <p>Further amendments to the Walk Leader Guidance were discussed and agreed. It was also suggested that a check list would be helpful, particularly to new members and this will be added. When finalised, it will replace the current guidance.</p> <p>The details of the Compensation Scheme for Expenses for Walking Holiday Organisation have been agreed and posted on the RWG website.</p> <p>Key Fobs suitable for recording ICE details for attaching to rucksacks have been sourced and purchase was agreed. Fobs will be handed to members with new membership cards at the AGM in March.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>VB</p> <p>JL</p> <p>SB & SE</p>
Walks Programme	The walking programme for the next 2 months was sent out last week and is full apart from one day in March. The Walks Coordinator asked that we encourage new members to lead walks and this is already underway.	
Membership	There are currently 109 members, 102 full time and 7 social members.	
Treasurers Report	Account balance £3844.98. This includes £363 for the 2019 holiday.	
Social Matters	Since the last meeting members have enjoyed a skittles evening – thank you to Diane Hudson, Round the Houses in Ledbury – thanks to Gill and Stuart Blows, Virginia Jensen and Carol Wright, and a New Year walk and lunch at the Walwyn Arms – thanks again to Gill and Stuart Blows.	
Walking Holiday Update	One additional member has booked for the Dovedale holiday in June 2019, bringing the total to 38.	
AOB	<p>1. 2020 Holiday</p> <p>The Committee discussed John Smart's detailed paper on possible venues for the 2020 holiday. It was agreed we accept his recommendation to visit the HF property in Lulworth, Dorset and to also</p>	

	ask him to cost the possibility of a 4 night holiday at the same venue.	MH
	<p>2. 2019 AGM</p> <p>The venue for the next AGM has been confirmed as the Ross Golf Club. Coffee will be available after the walk and before the AGM followed by a free buffet lunch for members. Martin will visit the Golf Club to discuss lunch arrangements and will also check if there is a screen on which our photos can be projected.</p> <p>It was agreed to maintain the annual subscription for the coming year at £5 per person for full members and £2 per person for social members. Sue to ask Harry to provide new membership cards. Martin will send walk details, an AGM agenda and a booking form for lunch to members.</p> <p>Jan will send nomination forms for the new committee to members. Nomination forms to be returned to the Secretary (Jan) by 21 March. Nominations by email are acceptable</p> <p>Jean Harrison is coming to the end of her 3 year term as President and Sue Edwards is resigning from her post as Treasurer as she has moved to Witney. Replacements will be appointed at the AGM.</p> <p>To prevent overlap it was agreed speakers will plan their speeches and compare notes prior to the AGM.</p> <p>Jean said she would write up an article for the Ross Gazette following the AGM.</p>	MH
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	<p>3. Resuscitation mouth pieces.</p> <p>3 members of the Committee attended a Heartstart course in September in preparation for leading Ross Walking Festival walks and the use of mouth pieces was recommended to prevent infection when giving mouth to mouth resuscitation. They cost a few pounds each and it was agreed to purchase 3 to be kept with the First Aid Kits. Also 2 whistles are still missing from the kits and replacements will be purchased.</p>	JL
	<p>4. RTVD</p> <p>The Committee discussed the proposal to restrict the RTVD to a maximum of £5 when the distance from Ross to the start of a walk would normally take it over £5. It was agreed not to change the current arrangements.</p>	RB
Next Meeting	<p>The date of the next meeting will be arranged following the appointment of the Committee at the AGM.</p> <p>Jean Harrison was thanked for hosting the meeting and for refreshments.</p> <p>Minutes signed as correct.....</p> <p>Date</p> <p>JL 26 January 2019</p>	

Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Friday 12 April 2019

Minutes

Agenda	Discussion	Action
Present	Martin Hudson, Jan Lelièvre, Ronnie Bunting, David Egan, Sue Dowdeswell, Shirley Egan Martin welcomed Shirley to her first Committee meeting.	
Apologies	Harry Britten-Austin, Stuart Blows.	
Minutes of 23 January 19	There was a short discussion about the RTVD and the minutes will be amended and signed at the next meeting.	JL
Matters arising	Replacement whistles have been purchased and placed in the First Aid Kits. Resuscitation mouth pieces are yet to be sourced. The Committee are happy with the revised Walk Leader Guidance and went on to discuss the proposed short checklist to which 2 amendments were agreed. The walk leader guidance and checklist will be sent out with the next Chairman's Chat. Both will be in the Guidance and Forms section of the RWG website, with a link from the Home Page as well. The grading and RTVD explanations will be sent out with each Walks Programme and also appear in the Guidance And Forms section. The "Padlock" guidance will be removed.	JL MH JL
Walks Programme	The Committee discussed the proposals put forward by Chris James to try and achieve a more balanced walks programme. The issues raised were discussed and understood, but it was agreed it would be difficult to fully implement the proposals. The Chairman will ask members to be more mindful when submitting walks to achieve a more balanced spread of grades that cater for the needs of all members. Martin will also discuss with Rosemary, who records our walk statistics, to ask if she can help with this. The revised walk submission date was implemented almost a year ago and has been working well, with no negative feedback from members or the Walks Coordinator. It was agreed to review again in April 2020.	MH MH JL
Membership	Subscriptions are now due for 2019/2020 and 83 full members and 4 social members have already paid. There has been one retirement. 28 members have not yet paid and the Treasurer has contacted them.	
Treasurers Report	Our newly appointed Treasurer, David Egan, has completed the paperwork required by the bank to give him access to the RWG account and the bank should complete the transaction within a week. Account balance £6458.99. This includes £2,600 to be paid to HF for the Dovedale holiday in June 2019. Expenses for the holiday walk leaders will also need to be paid.	
Social Matters	Proposals for a summer barbecue at the Yew Tree Inn, Peterstow, were discussed and agreed at a cost of £10 per person. It was also agreed Committee members will supply desserts and the cost will be met from club funds, as will the cost of disposable dessert bowls. A short pre BBQ walk will be arranged for the morning.	MH

	Martin Shepley has proposed a joint event with the Ramblers for Children In Need. The Committee agreed in principle but would like to see details of the event before fully agreeing.	MH
	Martin has also proposed a joint walk with the Ramblers combined with a Severn Bore viewing in October. As this would probably be a very big group there was very little enthusiasm for this proposal.	MH
Walking Holiday Update	40 people are now booked on the Dovedale holiday. The venue was recently visited by the holiday walk leaders who agreed it is very pleasant and suitable for our group. Recces have been done and full payment from members requested. HF Lulworth Cove cannot be booked for a 4 night break in 2020 due to mid-week activity on the adjacent firing range. It was agreed to go ahead with a booking for a 3 night break in June 2020 for 34 guests (the maximum the venue can accommodate). The organisers will be asked if there is any additional accommodation locally that members could use.	MH
AOB	The 2019 AGM went well, the venue was suitable and the catering has improved. It was agreed to use Ross Golf Club for the 2020 AGM on Thursday 2 April or if the venue is not available on that date, 26 March. David to book the venue. The possibility of a different walk before the AGM was discussed and will be explored.	DE MH
	The 2019 Round the Houses walk will take place on Thursday 12 December 2019 and the New Year walk and lunch on Tuesday 7 January 2020. All 3 dates will be added to the forward walks programme.	VB/BB
	Other social events were discussed for the forthcoming year and will be arranged if possible.	MH
	The date of the next meeting will be at 10.30 on Friday 12 July at Mill Orchard, Weston Under Penyard.	
	Martin Hudson was thanked for hosting the meeting and for refreshments.	
	Minutes signed as correct.....	
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	JL. 1 May 2019	

Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Friday 12 July 2019

Minutes

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
Present	Harry Britten Austin, Martin Hudson, Jan Lelièvre, Ronnie Bunting, David Egan, Sue Dowdeswell, Shirley Egan Martin welcomed Harry to his first Committee meeting as President.	
Apologies	Stuart Blows.	
Minutes of 12 April 19	Minutes of 23 January and 12 April 2019 were signed as correct.	
Matters arising	Resuscitation mouth pieces have not yet been purchased. Arrangements are now in place for the summer barbecue to be held on Monday 5 August at the Yew Tree Inn, Peterstow. Rosemary Sutton is arranging the walk for Children in Need and the committee are not involved. The joint event with the Ramblers to view the Severn Bore will not be taking place. Ross Golf Club has been booked for the 2020 AGM on Thursday 2 April. Plans for the 2019 Round the Houses are underway.	JL
Walks Programme	The closing date for the August and September programme is 15 July and at the moment there are a few gaps in both August and September. Martin will mention this in Chairman's chat and remind members of the fill in walk facility. At the moment there are no other walks booked up until the end of the year apart from Round the Houses.	MH
Membership	Several members have not renewed their membership and we currently have 95 full members and 4 social members. David will send an up to date membership list to Harry, Martin and Jan.	DE
Treasurers Report	There are no outstanding unpaid bills and the account balance is £2991. There was a deficit of £59 for the Dovedale holiday.	
Social Matters	The summer barbecue will be on 5 August at the Yew Tree Inn, Peterstow. There will be a short walk in the morning and details will be on the walks programme. Members need to let Harry know if they wish to attend and £5 per person is payable on the day. Martin will mention this in Chairman's Chat. Graham and Pat Brown are doing the catering. Coffee will be available after the walk and Harry will ask the pub to open a little earlier than usual to cater for thirsty walkers. Volunteers may be required to help with washing up etcetera. A ceilidh has been arranged for 7 pm 12 October at Bishopswood Village Hall, probably about £15 per person. Dick Bryce will be the caller and Graham and Pat will do the catering. Volunteers will be required to help set up the hall. A skittles evening will be arranged for November at the Walwyn Arms if the venue available. Arrangements for the 2019 Round The Houses are underway. The venue for the New Year's walk and lunch were discussed and will be decided shortly.	MH HBA All MH

Walking Holiday Update	The Dovedale holiday in June was excellent with very good weather and the organisation was faultless. The 2020 holiday in Lulworth cove has been moved to September due to the increase in charges in June and details will be issued on 15 July. There is alternative accommodation nearby but HF is unable to provide meals for non-residents. The 2021 holiday will be discussed at the October 19 committee meeting. It was suggested we consider using Walkers Are Welcome to lead walks if we decide to look for a venue other than HF.	JL
AOB	Alternative leaders are required for the Walking Festival walk at Marcle Ridge on 29 September. Martin to mention in Chairman's Chat. Our OS Maps now has too many walks stored on it and needs to be cleaned up. Stuart will issue a request to remove walks with instructions on how to save them to personal devices. Martin will ask members not to send emails to the group on non-walking or trivial matters.	MH SB MH
Next Meeting	The date of the next meeting will be at 10.30 on Friday 18 October at 3 Blackthorn Close, Greytree, Ross, HR9 7JT. Martin thanked Shirley and David for hosting the meeting and for refreshments. Minutes signed as correct..... Date	
	JL 24 July 2019	

Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Friday 18 October 2019

Minutes

Agenda	Discussion	Action
Present	Harry Britten Austin, Martin Hudson, Jan Lelièvre, Ronnie Bunting, Sue Dowdeswell, Stuart Blows	
Apologies	Shirley and David Egan	
Minutes of 12 July 19	Minutes of the 12 July 2019 meeting were signed as correct.	
Matters arising	3 resuscitation mouth pieces have been purchased and placed in the first aid kits. Martin will mention this in Chairman's chat. The walk for Children in Need will not take place this year. Rosemary is considering organising a walk linked to the Countryfile weekend of walking next year. The Round The Houses walk in December will probably be longer than usual at about 7 miles, but members will have the option to do only a section of the walk if arrangements can be made for transport.	MH DE
Walks Programme	There are several gaps in the October/November programme and at the moment there are only 3 walks booked for December and January, Round The Houses, the New year's walk plus one other. The closing date for the next programme is 15 November and Martin will mention this in Chairman's chat with a plea for members to submit more walks. Harry advised that Bryan had purchased a computer to run the walks programme on at his own expense, as the software used to operate the RWG website is old and a little cranky. As Bryan's term of office is due to end, Harry suggested the simplest thing would be to buy the computer from him, to ease the handover to the new Walks Co-ordinator. The committee agreed up to a maximum £300.	MH HBA
Membership	We currently have 97 full members and 6 social members.	
Treasurers Report	The account balance is £3549.87. There are still cheques to be cleared for the Ceilidh and the deposit of £100 for Bishopswood Village Hall to be returned which will bring the balance to £3147.37. The only other committed cash is +£150 for the 2020 walking weekend. Harry asked if the barbecue in August broke even this year. David to supply this information.	DE
Social Matters	The Ceilidh was a very enjoyable evening and showed a profit of £18.90. Diane Hudson has arranged a skittles evening at the Walwyn Arms on Wednesday 20 November with supper and the closing date for members to sign up for the event is 6 November. Graham Brown has offered to put on another quiz, possibly in February 2020. Jan to check availability of Weston Village Hall. The committee will probably provide a light supper. The New Year walk and lunch on Tuesday 7 January 2020 will be at the Toby Carvery, Over. Sue will lead the walk and arrange a coffee stop to be paid for by RWG, returning for lunch at about 12.30. A note will be sent to members, to be returned to request numbers for the walk and/or lunch and dietary requirements. Harry suggested another barbecue at the Yew Tree, Peterstow next summer and he had the full agreement of the Committee to start planning the event.	JL SD HBA

Walking Holiday Update	Hilary and John Smart's initial visit to HF Lulworth went well and they have identified a good range of walks. Final reces will be undertaken next year. 34 members have signed up for the holiday and deposits paid to HF, with the balance due in June 2020. As usual, we will earn 2 free places and together with discounts earned from HF points from previous holidays, there will be funds available to cover expenses incurred by the organisers and walk leaders, in accordance with the expenses scheme agreed last year. The committee discussed the merits of offering only 2 walks on each full day of the holiday and Stuart will discuss this with John. Hilary and John have also offered to organise the 2021 holiday if the club chooses another HF venue. They provided information about potential HF venues, length of stay and possible costs based on current prices, as this information for 2021 has not yet been published. The committee discussed the options and agreed to ask John and Stuart to issue a questionnaire to members to obtain their views on the length, price and venue of the holiday.	SB SB
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman, Walks Coordinator and 2 Committee members are coming to the end of their 3 year term and nominations for their replacements and for the other committee members will be requested in January. Details of the AGM and nomination forms will be sent out in February. The Club have been using OS Maps Online for almost a year. All agreed it is a very useful tool and our membership should be renewed. Harry thanked RWG members for supporting and leading walks at this year's Walkers Are Welcome Festival. The date agreed for the 2020 festival clashes with the RWG Lulworth holiday and there will be a meeting on 21 October to discuss the possibility of changing the date and to review the 2019 event. (Since the committee meeting it has been confirmed by Harry that the 2020 walking festival will be from 2 to 4 October). 	SB
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be at 10.30 on Friday 31 January 2020 at 20 Falaise Close, Ross, HR9 5UT. Martin thanked Ronnie for hosting the meeting and for refreshments. Minutes signed as correct..... Date	
	JL 22 October 2019	