

Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Friday 31 January 2020

Minutes

Agenda	Discussion	Action
Present	Harry Britten Austin, Martin Hudson, Jan Lelièvre, Ronnie Bunting, Sue Dowdeswell, Stuart Blows, Shirley Egan, David Egan	
Apologies	None Martin welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the current committee.	
Minutes of 18 October 19	Minutes of the 18 October 2019 meeting were signed as correct.	
Matters arising	The offer to compensate the current walks coordinators for the laptop they bought, to run the walks programme on, was declined as unnecessary. In recognition of their generosity, Ronnie and Bryan were made Life Members of the Ross Walking Group. The date for the barbecue is 20 July 2020, see below.	
Walks Programme	There are 4 free dates in the February/March programme which are available for members to use for "fill-in" walks. 3 walks are booked in for April and 1 for May. Work on collating walks for the 2019 year to move them to the archive is underway and will be completed in the next few weeks. The automatic email response to walk submissions has been rerouted to the walks coordinator who will place a new third party email address on the programme page. It was agreed "fill-in" walks should be included in the walks programme in future on our website.	BB BB
Membership	We currently have 104 full members, 6 social members and 2 life members.	
Treasurers Report	The account balance is £2910.28. The only committed cash is +£150 for the 2020 walking weekend.	
Social Matters	Both the Round the Houses and New Year Walks went very well. Members enjoyed the different arrangements for coffee and afternoon tea during the Round the Houses from Weston. The venue for the quiz had to be changed to the Sports Centre, Wilton due to double booking. There will be no charge to hire the hall and the price has been reduced to £4 per person to include a ploughman's supper, to be prepared by members. There is a bar and members will not be able to take their own drinks. Committee members who are attending were asked to arrive at 5.30pm to assist with set up and to help with clearing up at the end of the evening. 42 members have booked to attend. Thanks to Graham for volunteering to be quiz master. The summer barbecue will be held on Monday 20 July at the Yew Tree Inn, Peterstow. Harry has arranged for us to use the marquee and Graham has again volunteered to do the barbecuing. Arrangements for salads and desserts to be discussed at the next meeting. Martin to announce the date in Chairman's Chat.	MH
Walking Holiday Update	34 members are booked on the Lulworth Cove holiday from 25 to 28 September with 3 members on a waiting list. Final reces will be completed late spring/early summer. Three provisional booking have been made for the 2021 holiday, Brecon,	

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Derwentwater and Dolgellau and HF will advise John and Hilary which one is available to us in April.

- The 2020 AGM will be at 12.00 on Thursday 2 April at Ross Golf Course. The pre AGM walk will be led by Graham Brown and details will be included in the Walks Programme. Coffee will be served at 11.30am following the walk. Lunch will be at 1pm and members must book and pay for it (£10 per person) by 25 March. Martin will mention in Chairman's Chat. The agenda, nomination forms for the committee and a booking form for the lunch will be finalised in the next few weeks and issued to members. Harry will arrange for any printing that is required such as the financial statement and will provide new membership cards. The Committee agreed annual membership fees should remain unchanged at £5 for full members and £2 for social members. Harry agreed to prepare an article for the Ross Gazette after the AGM and David will provide membership numbers, particularly new members.
- The committee discussed the proposed change to the membership process. It was agreed to take the proposal to remove the requirement in the constitution for new applications to be proposed and seconded by established members, to the 2020 AGM. Members will be advised and the item included in the agenda.
- OS Maps guidance is now on the RWG webpage. Martin will mention in Chairman's chat. Sue asked if some help or guidance could be provided for members who would like to use it. A few possibilities were discussed and Stuart agreed to plan a guidance session for members.
- The what3words app is used by a few members and is a useful tool for finding the exact location of an address or for the emergency services to precisely locate an individual. The committee discussed whether it should be brought to the attention of all, but as it would be of most use to members who are walking alone or in a small group, it was decided to pass on the details by word of mouth.
- Committee meeting and AGM minutes are currently stored under the Guidance and Forms heading on the RWG webpage. As this is not logical, it was agreed the heading should be changed to Guidance and Information.

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Martin was thanked for hosting the meeting and for refreshments.

Minutes signed as correct.....

Date

JL.14 February 2020

Summary of Email discussion in lieu of a Committee Meeting April 2020

Due to the lockdown as a result of covid-19, the new committee has been unable to meet and has instead had a discussion by email, a summary of which follows.

Matters arising from 31/01/2020 meeting:-

1. Bryan confirmed the third party email address will be on all future walk programmes. (He needs a face to face meeting with Michael to hand over the walks coordinator role and this will be arranged post lockdown. In the interim Bryan will continue to deal with anything needing attention).
The address for walk submissions by post also needs changing .Fill-in walks will be added to the on line programme in future. **AP**. BB and MA
2. Stuart's AP to arrange a guidance session for members on OS Maps is carried forward. **AP**. SB.
3. There is no point issuing membership cards at the moment. If the BBQ on 20 July goes ahead, it would be an opportunity to give them out then. David has suggested it may be useful to email members to ask if they wish to renew their membership and we would then be ready to either issue them when we know when we will start walking again, and/ or issue virtual cards in the interim. At that point, we will also make a decision on collecting subs or making it a free year. **AP DE?**

Walks programme

Very little activity at the moment.

Treasurer's Report

Other than the refund of AGM lunch payments, there are no changes since the AGM report. We have however been given 3 months free insurance.

Membership Report

See comments above.

David pointed out that our Financial Year runs from 1 March to 28 February to allow the accounts to be finalised for the AGM but the membership year runs from 1 May to 30 April. If we decide to have a free year, it would be an opportunity to bring forward the start of the membership year to 1 April. Again, this will depend on when we start walking again. **AP DE?**

Social Matters

We cannot progress arrangements for the President's BBQ until we know if it will go ahead.

Walking Holidays

John and Hilary Smart had hoped to visit Lulworth in May to finalise the walks programme for the September holiday, but this has been cancelled due to lockdown. However they are confident they have already done enough prep on the walks for it to go ahead at short notice. HF are due to tell them this month which venue we can visit in 2021 and they will let us know as soon as they hear. I suspect this may be delayed.

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1. Harry suggested Michael keep an eye on the programme to try and keep a balance of grades and distance. We could also remind members to check this themselves when submitting a walk and remind them they can put 2 walks of different grades on the same day and submit walks for days other than Tuesdays and Thursdays. However, this would be more effective if sent out when we know when we will be walking again as members are submitting very few walks at the moment. **AP**. JL
2. Diary dates:-
 - Round the Houses – Thursday 10 December
 - New Year Walk/Lunch – Tuesday 5 January
 - 2021 AGM – To avoid Easter we suggest Tuesday 30 March. As this date is a new proposal, all to agree or disagree. **AP** ALLWhen the 2020 AGM was cancelled, the deposit was not mentioned. David will contact Ross Golf Club to book the venue if the 30 March is agreed and to ask about the deposit. **AP** DE

Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Minutes

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
Present	Harry Britten Austin, Jan Lelièvre, Kath Baldwin, Ellie Wiltshire, Roy Matthews, Shirley Egan, David Egan, Mike Abrahams. (Thanks to David Egan for arranging the Zoom Meeting)	
Apologies	None	
Notes of April 2020	Notes of the Email discussion April 2020 in lieu of a Committee meeting were agreed as correct.	
Matters arising	<p>The address for paper submissions of walks is not visible on the website. Fill in walks to be included in the online programme in future.</p> <p>Stuart's AP to arrange guidance sessions for members on OS Maps is carried forward.</p> <p>The suggestion that Michael should keep an eye on the programme to try to keep a balance of grades and distance to be carried forward.</p> <p>Remind members to check balance of grades and distance when submitting a walk and also that they can put 2 walks of different grades on the same day and submit walks for days other than Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p>	<p>HBA MA SB</p> <p>MA</p> <p>JL</p>
Walks Programme	There was a discussion about the number allowed to book on walks. Only 6 people are allowed to meet outside according to present COVID 19 guidelines. If the guidelines do not change, it was agreed that if 10 plus 2 leaders are booked, these will be split into 2 groups with one leader each, subject to the agreement of the Walk Leaders. HBA will inform leaders before each walk so that the 2 groups can set out at different times.	HBA
Membership	The 110 members from last year have been contacted to see if they wish to continue as members. Only 2 have left and there have been 29 no replies mainly from walkers who are likely to continue as members.	
Treasurers Report	No activity on the account. The current balance is £2859.01. It was agreed there would be no subs in the current year and membership cards from last year would continue to be valid. JL to inform members via Chairman's Chat. It was agreed that we should use this as an opportunity to change the membership year from 1 May to 30 April to 1 April to 31 March.	JL
Social Matters	There are no social matters due to the COVID 19 pandemic.	
Holiday Update	There was a discussion about the plans for this years' holiday at the HF Lulworth Cove. John and Hilary have been unable to get any answers from HF. Jan will speak to them next week and ask them to contact HF again.	JL
AOB	Roy had raised the question of Housekeeping of OS maps. This was discussed and remains an ongoing issue.	
Date of next meeting	Next meeting in 3 months time. Date to be decided nearer the time.	
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