

ROSS WALKING GROUP COMMITTEE MINUTES 2022

Committee Meeting Monday 16th January 2022

<u>Agenda</u>		<u>Action</u>
Present	Harry Britten Austin, Jan Lelièvre, Kath Baldwin, Roy Matthews, Shirley Egan, David Egan, Pauline Thomas.	
Apologies	There were no apologies.	
Minutes of last Meeting	Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 th October 2021 were agreed as correct and signed.	
Matters arising	<p>Stuart's AP to arrange guidance sessions for members on OS Maps is carried forward. Jan will ask if he can do this during the holiday at Dolgellau.</p> <p>Roy will arrange some short walks as his health allows.</p> <p>Parking arrangements at the Sport's Centre are working well.</p> <p>Jan will remind members about the link on the website to inform all members about any changes to the programme etc.</p>	<p><u>JL</u></p> <p><u>JL</u></p>
AGM planning	<p>Arranged for Wed 6th April at Ross Golf Club. The booking is confirmed. Menu and price for lunch to be confirmed.</p> <p>Harry will put a booking form on the website. Payment to be made when booking.</p> <p>Short walk at 10.00 am, coffee and biscuits at 11.30, meeting at 12.00 and lunch at 1.00. David and Shirley will check the current COVID 19 rules at the Golf Club. Jan will ask Graham Brown to lead a short walk from the Golf Club at 10.00 am.</p> <p>Papers will be sent out to members at the beginning of March and nominations for the Committee will be solicited. Nominations to the Secretary (including those on the current Committee seeking re-election) by 30th March 2022. The nomination form will be available on the website.</p> <p>Roy wishes to stand down as Walks Co-ordinator. A new one will be sought. Subs will be £5.00 for members and £2 for Social members to be paid at the AGM or by BACS.</p> <p>Harry will print membership cards, plus some blank spares, and also the Financial Report to be given out at the meeting.</p> <p>Rosemary Sutton to be asked to compile the Walks Stats.</p> <p>Reports to the meeting will be given by the Chair, Treasurer, Membership secretary and the Walks Co-ordinator.</p>	<p><u>DE and SE</u> <u>HBA</u></p> <p><u>DE and SE</u> <u>JL</u> <u>KB</u></p> <p><u>HBA</u> <u>JL</u></p>
Membership Report	There are 108 members, 97 full members, 2 Life Members and 9 social Members. Since the last Committee Meeting we have heard from 6 potential new members resulting in one paid-up member and one pending application for membership.	
Treasurers report	<p>David's report was received. The current bank balance is £2753.00. We are paying £5 per month to maintain our HSBC bank account. The Walking Weekend 2022 is showing a small deficit as a result of paying recce expenses, but this will be covered by the 'free places' offered by HF Holidays. Final payments to HF to be made by 25th March and although David will be on holiday at this time, he will still monitor the account and receipts. He will make arrangements for Hilary Smart for the final payment to HF in his absence. Arrangements have been made with Cindy Smith to examine the accounts at the end of March.</p> <p>Risk assessments. There is no requirement for risk assessments for each walk. However, the guidance for Leaders on the website needs to be updated and also the instructions for COVID precautions.</p> <p>New members should be sent a link to this information when they join.</p>	<p><u>JL</u> <u>DE</u></p>
Walking Holiday 2022 and 2023	35 members are booked for 2022 at Dolgellau. Request for balance payment to go out early in March. Information from HF about COVID rules to be sent out nearer the time. This will be the last holiday organised by Hilary and John Smart	

	and the Committee wishes to express the gratitude of the Walking Group for all their hard work. If there is to be a holiday on 2023 new organisers will be needed. Jan will mention this in chairman's chat. It was decided to ask Hilary Smart to express our interest in a booking for 2023 with HF at either Lulworth or Selworthy and also to investigate further the Elan Valley Lodge.	JL
Social Matters	Thanks to Pauline, Roy and Graham for the quiz and supper in October 2021. A great evening was had by all. Thanks to Diane for the Skittles evening at the Royal Oak in November. Another good evening. A Social Walk round Ross to be organised in July/August.	KB, PT plus? HBA
AOB	BBQ to be organised in July at the Yew Tree A COVID policy will be developed for the website.	JL, HBA
	KB (16 th January 2022)	

Committee Meeting Monday 16th May 2022

<u>Agenda Present</u>		<u>Action</u>
Apologies	Gill James, Jan Lelièvre, Kath Baldwin, Pauline Thomas, Diane Hudson, Don Wood, Glyn Edmunds Bob Carter	
Minutes of last Meeting	Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 16 th January 2022 were agreed as correct and signed.	
Matters arising	Stuart's AP to arrange guidance sessions for members on OS Maps is carried forward.	
Membership report	There are currently 107 members including 9 Social and 2 Life Members. There are 4 new members and 6 are not renewing. New members to be sent links to information for New Members on the RWG website.	DW
Treasurer's Report	There is £3277.15 in the bank account. There was a surplus from the 2022 holiday of £302.97 and £50 from the 2019 holiday. It had been decided to leave the £50 in funds as it was so little. It was proposed and Agreed to refund the 2022 walkers with £10 each at a total cost of £330.00.	
Role of Walks Co-ordinator	This role has changed due to the programme now being made available online. It was proposed and Agreed that there will be 6 months available on the forward Planner (including 2 months of the full programme). Members are to be reminded to consult the Forward Plan before submitting a walk. Members will be asked to submit full details of walks with a date reserved, via the Forward Plan, 1 month in advance. Jan will inform members via Chairman's Chat. The Walks Co-ordinator will a) send a request to members, as necessary, to submit walks in order to keep the programme full. b) She will also remind members that there can be more the one walk per day of differing lengths and/or difficulty and c) will ask members to support new members to help them to lead walks and will offer to do recces with them. Pauline will check guidance on our website every few months to see if it needs updating.	JL
Review of RTVD rates	This role will be placed on the Agenda to be reviewed in July and October and January next Year.	PT KB

<p>Keeping members without access to internet informed</p>	<p>This voluntary donation to drivers has been held at 7p per person per mile for many years. In view of the rapid and sustained rise in the cost of fuel and other motoring costs it was proposed and Agreed that this be increased to 10p per mile per person from 1st June 2022. Harry BA to be asked to change the calculation of the website and members informed via Chairman's Chat.</p>	<p>JL</p>
<p>Holiday 2023</p>	<p>There are only a few people affected. David and Shirley E will keep Greta informed and Pauline and Roy will keep Wendy informed. Jan will check if Mary Richards keeps Ida Turner up to date.</p> <p>The Isle of Wight has been suggested as the destination for the holiday and Martin and Diane Hudson have agreed to organise this. They have obtained prices from Warner's for accommodation and Ferry Crossings and there are several possible dates available on 2023. Diane will send an email to members to discover what interest there is in this and will also investigate the possibility of a 4 night stay instead of the usual 3 nights. The Committee will make a decision when the results of this are known.</p>	<p>DE and PT JL</p> <p>DH and ALL</p>
<p>Social Matters</p>	<p>2nd June. Jubilee Cream tea at the Yew Tree plus 3 walks. 18 booked so far. Jan will remind members via Chairman's Chat. A reminder of last date for booking to be sent to members on 21st May.</p> <p>12th July BBQ at the Yew Tree. Details on website. Graham will do the cooking and Pat the puddings. Graham to be asked what help is needed and to inform Committee members.</p> <p>16th August. Summer Social Walk round Ross and environs. Organised by Kath.</p> <p>21st September (Wednesday) 10-12 am at Wilton Bridge Petanque Club grounds. A friendly Petanque game for members and friends. £5.00 per head. Diane to organise.</p> <p>Round the Houses. Date Wed 14th December. Leader to be decided.</p> <p>NY Walk/Lunch. Date Thursday 5th January. Venue to be decided at the next meeting.</p> <p>AGM Wed 12th April 2023. All to consider an alternative venue to be discussed to next meeting.</p>	<p>JL KB</p> <p>JL</p> <p>DH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>The question of Hi Vis jackets for walk leaders was discussed. Leaders are to be reminded to wear them at front and back of walks when on any road. Pauline will look at the cost of buying in bulk so that all members have one readily available to them.</p> <p>Lost and found items in cars after giving lifts. Members to be asked to circulate a message to all through the website. Jan to put this in Chairman's Chat.</p> <p>A number of people were not happy with the food at Dolgellau HF on the holiday. Feedback to Dolserau Hall to be sent by JL and/or Hilary Smart.</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>11 am on 20th July 2022 at Glyn's. Dixton View, 4 The Rickfield, Hereford Road, Monmouth, NP25 3HL</p> <p>Minutes signed as correct.....</p> <p>Date</p>	

