SOUTH DEVON RAMBLERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER
CHURSTON GOLF CLUB 6.30/7pm

Present	Apologies
Eric Evans	
Karen Howes	C Broom
Paddy Jewry	
Janet Evans	
Val Rose	
Nicky Ward	
Bob Ward	
Dorothy Webley	
Linda Lister	

Signed as a true and accurate record:

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Eric Evans – Chairman

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Date

1. **Committee were welcomed by EE and thanks conveyed for Officers Reports.**
   Some reports have already been sent for the AGM, others are imminent.

2. **Matters Arising from last Meetings (a mini one in August)**

KH ran through the action points from the July meeting.

a. Tessa to be approached ref her presentation on the SWCP; give presentation to Bob and advise the plan for the Tamara Way (to be on Sundays in the Spring/Summer programme)
b. First Aid Training – Date confirmed, flyers available.
c. Ice Cards – no more needed at this time
d. Protocol When Leaving a Walk – Some discussion ensued and it was agreed not to go over the same issue again at the AGM but to ensure it was in 'leader's awareness' around insurance and risk assessments i.e., no walkers to leave a walk unless the leader has their contact details.
e. Expenses – some discussion around mileage and recce claims. Generally, it is not supported by Ramblers, and we do not pay for recces. However, it was felt that BW should claim for his over and above travel and recce expenses for holidays.

LL, in Celia's absence, confirmed the financial situation as healthy and supported clarification of the different accounts, also spending some of the allowance rather than keeping it in the bank, for Club related events only. EE queried the 'red' figures on the Treasurers report. LL said this was a good thing as it showed we were using the money for the Club.
Some discussion ensued on doing this more and which events would ensure inclusivity, i.e., not all can afford to go on holidays. It was agreed that a contribution be made towards the coach for one day events. Also, BW would claim for expenses with regard to the mini-break and September plans.
It is not permitted to use Club funds for charities, unless endorsed by the RA. It was felt the SWCP fund raising was not using members money so this was not a problem.

KH and DW had received some promotional leaflets from RA, DW too. These are for potential members rather than current but will be available at the AGM. The new monthly membership fee was noted as £3.42.

3. **AGM Planning**

a) The date for the AGM has been rescheduled and confirmed: Regency Room, Livermead House Hotel, Tuesday 14th November 6.30pm for 7pm start. *KH to contact and confirm*, *also ost of tea/coffee/biscuits. Possibly sweets (large tins?) to be on tables too and confirm seating arrangement, approx. 50 expected*. The cost could come from the surplus money held, as previously discussed.
KH to draft an Agenda and distribute to Committee for comments.
KH to collate reports and order 25 copies for distribution on chairs, also an attendance sheet.

b) Election of Members - JE and CB will be leaving the Committee from the AGM onwards. *KH to ensure the correct notification goes to membership on 1st November*. It was agreed it should say there have been 'expressions of interest' already. EE to thank them at the AGM.

c) Presentations – TS to do light-hearted talk on 'Tales of the SWCP'. BW to prepare photos for slideshow. Some discussion around a speaker took place, but it was felt it would make the evening too long and TS would lighten the event. It was not felt LW needed to do anything, unless she was very keen to do so.

d) Slideshows – BW. EE queried whether BW needed support to prepare the slideshows and onscreen reports, particularly in view of personal pressures on his time. BW felt this was not a problem and, providing the equipment was working (and hopefully upgraded) he could manage. BW and EE to visit the Hotel prior to the event to ensure it is. BW will have a running slideshow of events/holidays (and SWCP?) as well as a short display of 2023 holidays and events and a longer one of 2024 plans. He will be asking for interest in the 2024 plan to go to Yorkshire and providing flyers. He will take deposits of £100 as places may be limited. There is a varied room arrangement, single rooms very limited.

e) First Aid Training – Update from PJ but it will have taken place. EE has some ICE cards, VR has the original version, both to be available on the night but most members have them now.

f) Insurance/Risk Assessments – Bob to talk briefly on these once again.

g) Social Committee Roundup – VR to speak about events over the year and plans for the next one. Two expressions of interest have been received to join the Social Committee (HB & KM), VR felt 4 people would be fine and bring new ideas. This will be proposed and seconded at the AGM.

KH asked that Officers submit their AGM reports to Bob and her, so that she could collate with the Agenda and ensure copies are made in time for the meeting.

4. **<u>A.O.B</u>**

NW confirmed that we had lost more leaders, and this was putting additional pressure on regular ones. The buddy system is working well, and new leaders should be encouraged not to 'feel alone'. EE stated that Ramblers are re-visiting the risk assessment, hoping to simplify them. It was agreed by all Groups that to formalise them or 'test' leaders in any way would have a detrimental impact on available leaders across the association.

5. **<u>Date of next meeting</u>** – Weds 10th January. Churston Golf Club. KH advised she was travelling from 23rd Jan to 8th March 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm