



SOUTH DEVON RAMBLERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL
CHURSTON GOLF CLUB 6.30/7pm

Present

Eric Evans
Karen Howes
Celia Broom
Paddy Jewry
Janet Evans
Val Rose
Nicky Ward
Bob Ward

Apologies

Dorothy Webley
Julian Fisher

The Committee were welcomed by EE and apologies confirmed.

Matters Arising from last Meeting

KH ran through the action points. Most pending issues were tabled for this meeting. Website was deferred owing to Julian's absence. (it has been refreshed) KH clarified file storage in future Committee papers,

The minutes of the last meeting, 19th January, were agreed and signed off by EE. KH will retain the signed copy and one set of Committee Papers, otherwise storage will be electronic via Dropbox, rather than in the Minute Book.

Reports from all Officers had been received and all had read. EE Thanked all for their input. Agenda Items 1-4 Complete.

5. 40th Anniversary – Tuesday 5th July 2022

The Social Committee confirmed booking at the Berry Head Hotel for lunch, following a walk from 10.30, of 3 miles and meal at 1pm with non-walking guests arriving from 12. Details to be finalised but a slideshow was discussed and a request for old photos of Club occasions was made. This could include Offa's Dyke, The Coleridge Way, Templer Way, John Musgrave Trail etc. The JMHT booklet and 'Soles of South Devon' are to be available on the day. (KH)

JE proposed a cake, suitably decorated. BW agreed to compile a slideshow. A display board for photos was discussed. It was hoped the Press might be interested and either send a photographer (after the meal) or a short write up with photos could be sent to the Torbay Weekly (free paper). An article in Walk Magazine was also proposed.

Action Points: BW – Slideshow

EE – To organise mailchimp requesting 40-year-old photos, attaching flyer

BW – To design a flyer to promote the event– possibly a poster if Press involved

KH – To approach Torbay Weekly / Herald Exp and consider article for Walk Mag post



Event. Put flyer on Website News.

To bring JMHT and SoSD Booklets

JE - Explore cake via local bakers

VR – to provide display board for photographs, with non-invasive attachments.

EE – To invite non-walking members

KH/JF - To check website/dropbox for Club photos.

6. Lake District Holiday Update

EE and BW explained that even with fuel cost contingency, the prices are within budget with rooms slightly down on original quote, ie £573 (prev £586) pp sharing. Currently 27 people confirmed with one wanting a share. It was felt that the financial difference was not sufficient to warrant extending promotion of the holiday and 27 would be a nice number. BW and EE to double check room allocations.

EE has enough walks, the problem being the coach getting to start points but coach parking has been offered at no cost at a Supermarket 5 minutes away, so that was a bonus.

Holiday 2023 – Some discussion ensued about where and who to organise, previous holidays were mentioned.

7. Dartmoor Way Launch - Festival

The SDR Club has been approached by GC to lead 4 walks and attend the opening, over the weekend of 29th April – 2nd May. The event has been promoted on our website and FB page. NW confirmed the walks have been included in the programme, which is also now available on the web.

EE and Richard B will be leading walks from Buckfast Abbey at 10am and 11am. GC is leading from Meldon Reservoir, along part of the Granite Way Cycle Track, Accessible and Pushchair Walks of 5 and 6 miles.

GC has asked for members of the SDRC to help with backmarking etc. on his walks, but did not wish to detract from any who were helping with the two Buckfast Walks. It was agreed that EE would ask JF to mailchimp to our membership asking for this help – *done*

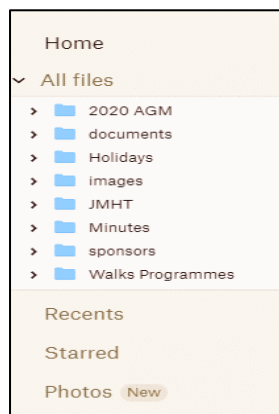
8. AGM & Christmas Lunch

AGM - Has been set for Weds 16th November and it will be held at the Livermead House Hotel, 6.30 for 7pm start. Details to be finalised, ie IT requirements, speakers etc.

Xmas Lunch – Lunch booked at Livermead Cliff Hotel. £25.50, Friday 9th December 12.30. Social Committee to organise promotion and payments nearer the time. KH will promote on website. It was felt that in December 2023 an evening event might be a change. Social Committee to look into this when appropriate.

9. File Storage

KH asked who used and had access to Dropbox and queried the file naming protocol. It seems there are a multitude of pictures under Photos (which may link to other parts of the website) some didn't seem relevant to the Club but there is also a file called Images and some crossover occurs. Additionally, minutes and meeting documents are sometimes in documents, others in Minutes. KH will make small amendments to try and streamline protocol for saving, initially Committee Reports and Minutes and AGM papers will be filed in the Minutes Folder, organised by Month. Here is a shot of the folders currently available. If there are any strong views on file organisation, please advise, otherwise KH will adopt most logical format.



10. AOB

BW - Queried interest in a Templer Way walk, done in sections, which was positively received. He will progress.

BW – Would a Walk Leaders Course be helpful considering shortage of leaders, NOT compass and map based but GPS and electronic? Positively received, BW will progress.

BW – Was there interest in some entertainment at the Lake District Holiday? Mixed views but a Quiz was thought to be most suitable. Some nights walkers would want to retire early or have a quiet evening. If there was an interesting speaker from another local Group on a particular topic available, that might be welcomed. BW to progress Quiz

EE – SW Coast Path Challenge, Torquay to Brixham raising money for the SWCP which has much to do in terms of repair and maintenance. 8th October was the suggested date to organise the walk. KH mentioned the Riviera Walking Festival, 17th – 23rd October when she has been asked to lead two walks for the Paignton Heritage Society and the date for Children In Need was checked (November) to avoid clashes.

KH – Mentioned requests for JMHT Booklets from TQ Boys Grammar who intend to walk it in the Summer term and Exeter University. She has arranged for booklets to be given to both and requested feedback if possible.

CB – A request to note that Matt will be paid for the Domain Hosting of our website when his invoice is received.



EE – Was not happy about personal addresses on public information, i.e. walks programme. NW to remove. EE queried adopting *chairman@southdevonramblers.com* and will pursue this via JF/MD. KH uses secretary@ successfully for website but doesn't mind her personal one being available – but not home address.

KH asked that NW be thanked for hard work on the latest programme, despite a shortage of walks at one point. It will go to print shortly.

The meeting formally closed at 9.10 pm

Date of next meeting – This has proven tricky but 3rd August is being explored. KH to confirm.