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Eric Evans – Chairman SDRC

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South Devon Ramblers Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 12th April 2023
at Churston Golf Club

Present

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

Apologies

1. Committee were welcomed by EE no apologies. All present so the meeting commenced at 6.30pm.
2. KH ran through the matters arising from the last Committee Minutes:
 - Berry Head Access Path and various points raised – GC to contact Committee with outcomes.
 - Dartmoor Way & JMHT – All felt strongly we wish to continue managing JMHT and EE felt a check of our section of the DW should be undertaken soon.
 - GC / Accounts. No further word on the discussion he requested with CB.
 - SWCP – EE queried merchandise, but there was a charge to the Club so not progressing.

- Risk Assessment Form – KH has uploaded (at GC's request) in Word and PDF but this would not be normal procedure with future documents as Word is not the recommended format for websites.
 - Mailchimp – MW very competently took over in KH's absence and is a reliable back up for the future.
 - Leaders Training has taken place. Very successful.
3. Officer Reports – All noted - Officers thanked by EE for their input. CB clarified the 'loss' showing on her accounts for the Gin Experience was due income being after year end and it finally broke even. The Cider & Pasty event takes place this Friday. KH is leading a History Walk on Monday 17th (no charge) and will feedback at next meeting.
4. AGM – Booked 1st November at the Livermead House Hotel (as last year)
- We did request a later date as is normal, but only the Kingsley Room was available and after visiting EE did not feel this was suitable in size or layout. NB Committee Meeting in October will need to be earlier to allow for AGM planning.
5. SWCP – 50th Anniversary Event
- EE was minded to defer as a lot of events currently but it was decided, as it was on the programme anyway, to carry on and request a 'donation' rather than a specific sum of £10. BW to create a flyer (which DW felt would be appropriate for mailchimp) to remind all. Walkers may join/leave at any point. KH to take some photographs for publicity.
6. Holiday & Event Updates – BW
- a) Templer Way - Take up lower than expected so the coach is not viable. (£300), currently only 7 travellers @ £10. 5 others taking their own cars. BW will email those who have booked and try to organise car share. JE and NW offered to help with carshare. BW to create a new flyer.
- b) Wales – BW and NW will be holidaying in that area soon and checking start points, parking, routes as far as possible. BW was confident the walks will be interesting and varied, he will email itinerary after his trip and will also be researching evening meal venues. There are 34 travellers, 4 non-walkers. The first day (Monday) there will be a short afternoon walk, 4.5 miles, around 2.00pm, details to be advised. Most won't be able to check in until after that. He plans to do two walks each day, short and longer with a walk on the way home on the Friday, somewhere off the M4. The Waterfall Walk is planned for – Tuesday, Weds – The Gower, Thursday a ridge walk. Pen-y-Fan will be offered, BW looking for support to lead. KH queried evening/social events – BW felt unlikely unless we had a dedicated room.

- c) Portugal – 28 travellers. By BW's calculations, which take into account the payment from RA for each traveller on their holiday, the trip is covered. A coach has been booked (Blakes) and pick up points will be advised, probably three only, Paignton Torquay and Newton Abbot. Balance is required in June.

7. A.O.B.

- a) VR - queried whether there was interest in sponsoring a notice board on the Brixham Heritage Railway Project, jointly with Torbay Ramblers. It was thought this could be in the region of £1000 so not to be progressed at this point, there is still much to do before it can be opened. The social evening/talk was very successful.
 - b) NW – Walk Start Times - generally the 10am winter start had worked but not too popular with some. It has reverted to 10.30 for the summer programme. It was decided to raise at the AGM but allow Leaders to decide on the start time they felt best for their walk. NW to review when walks are in for the winter programme and contact leaders if felt necessary. 10am or 10.30 only and to be highlighted on the website.
 - c) JE - Stan Vass Memorial walk. Most do not remember Stan and it was felt that Verity would not mind if this was dropped in future. Discussion ensued over a memorial for John Musgrave but it was felt the trail itself was his legacy.
 - d) JF – a leaving meal was discussed. JF to be contacted. This left the role of 'Website Manager' technically vacant but it was felt KH was covering that in her Admin/Secretarial/Publicity role.
 - e) EE mentioned the Dartmoor Way section Dartbridge to Bovey Tracey, about 12 miles and volunteers may be needed to support ongoing monitoring. BW & EE to walk in the Spring.
 - f) Holiday 2024 – Never too soon! Bob sought ideas for two domestic breaks next year, May and September. He will explore Sheffield Mercure Hotel and walking the Peak District and also Hampshire (New Forest) as a short break. The Isle of Wight was considered, along with the Cotswolds but it was felt accommodation was easier near the coast and the IoW was expensive due to the ferry car charges. BW to research and feedback in due course.
 - g) EE Thanked BW and NW for all the work they put in on training leaders and short breaks and holidays.
8. Date of next meeting – PJ requested *not* the 3rd Wednesday as she has a regular commitment. KH has requested the same venue. **6.30 for 7pm Churston Golf Club Wednesday 12th July 2023**. 9 attendees.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm