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Eric Evans – Chairman SDRC

South Devon Ramblers Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 26th October, 2022
at Churston Golf Club

Present

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

Apologies

Julian Fisher
Dorothy Webley

1. Committee were welcomed by EE and apologies from JF conveyed. EE asked that we complete items 1-7 of the agenda in the first hour and then concentrate on the forthcoming AGM arrangements.
2. KH ran through the matters arising from the last Committee Minutes:
 - Blue Plaque suggestion – Shelved by mutual agreement and Bill Becher advised.
 - Volunteer Mileage Allowance - Increased at RA directive (after request to query)
 - Walks Manager System – NW has completed training. Not greatly different but manageable.
 - First Aid Course – PJ to explore and advise at the next meeting.
 - Social Media – Concerns noted but a deeper discussion felt helpful when JF available to comment.
 - Lake District trip and 2023 suggestions – EE to raise at this meeting.



3. Officer Reports – All noted - Officers thanked by EE for their input.
4. Volunteers Mileage – For the record the figure is 45p per mile from 1st October.
5. Berry Head Access Path

All agreed the idea of an accessible route was a worthwhile project. It was decided we didn't want to be the accountable body once we were given details of what was required of us. **EE has written to GC to inform him of our decision.**

6. Lake District

All feedback extremely positive. EE thanked BW and said thanks also to RB for leading and organising the shorter walks. Also to Lesley, Trish's friend and Keswick resident, for leading the excellent walk to Walla Crag. EE will mention at the AGM. All agreed the essential components for a walking holiday were met. Weather, accommodation, choice of walks and interesting areas. One walk was perhaps a little too long on a hot day and the short and long option was difficult at times, but it would be remembered as one of the best Club holidays in the UK.

7. Holiday 2023

Some discussion ensued on how the Club would 'top' the 2022 holiday. BW has been investigating Portugal, Majorca and Andalucia with Ramblers Holidays. Cost approx. £1200 - £1400 to include accommodation, flight, walks, half board. It was agreed BW will provide some information at the AGM and ask for a show of hands to gauge interest in such a trip. A self-drive domestic break will be arranged at in the Spring. Members may have suggestion. **BW to prepare some information/potential ideas.**

8. 40th AGM – 16th November

The date and time were confirmed, deposit paid at the Livermead House. BW and EE will visit on Friday 28th to discuss arrangements, facilities etc.

KH to prepare Agenda and obtain 30 copies together with Accounts for attendees to have on the night.

A sign in sheet to be available with pen. **Done - KH to bring**

A copy of all reports, agenda and link to minutes of 39th AGM to go to all members by

4th November. The email must include an invitation for proposals to join Committee which must be received *before* the 16th November. **JF/ KH**

Officers to submit abridged version of their reports to JF for slideshow.

EE & KH to provide Julian with suitable photos for slideshow (and any other officer who has some) – **done**



Celia can confirm George Coles has agreed to stand as independent examiner next year.

The 40th Anniversary slideshow to run from 6.30pm

KH to bring the 40th Anniversary info and press cuttings for display on the night.

JF – To finalise slideshows and reports for Officers to ‘talk to’ on the night.

9. A.O.B.

- JE – Has created a new Risk Assessment form which is more user-friendly and should not put leaders off. KH queried if an interactive form. This could be easily done for uploading and emailing direct to Nicky. ***This will be raised at the next meeting to move it forward. JE***
- ICE Cards – More plastic wallets needed. KH trying to source but size is not regular A6 is too big. 50 have been obtained (for £2) but require the form to be trimmed to size.
- Address List – Dorothy to ensure up to date prior to Mailchimp email ref AGM – ***Done***
- BW raised the issue of leaders ‘losing’ the backmarker. One Sunday 3 walkers took a wrong turn without the leader (KP) noticing and we were in a mobile signal black spot. BW queried the use of a walkie-talkie but EE thought a firm reminder of Walk Protocol by him and by leaders should be given.
- NW – Leaders – We have lost 17 in recent years and not gained half that many. If we were to lose one more key leader it will be very difficult to fill the programme. A leader course could help to address that, and it will be raised at the AGM.

10. Date and time of next meeting:

KH has booked the same venue. ***6.30 for 7pm Churston Golf Club Wednesday 11th January 2023.*** KH advised she will be away from 16th Jan – 4th March in 2023.