

DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 6:00 pm

Present: Richard Jack (Chair), Dave Twigg (Programme Coordinator), Chris Rimbault (Treasurer), John Samson (Area Rep) Sue Mears (Social Secretary), Liz Jones (committee member)

1. Welcome by Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone especially to new member Liz Jones and thanked DT for hosting the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Minutes of the last Meeting (4/10/2023)

The minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **The Ramblers website is still not easy to navigate for new people.**
- **JS to link walk details from the Loughborough website to the Facebook page.**

5. Officer's Reports

(a) Treasurer's Report

As of 29/11/23

Balance £1680-29

Main- - £ 754-41

Social - £925-88

(b) Membership Secretary's Report

We currently have 134 members. From 4th October to 29th November we had 5 new members, 2 resigned and 2 lapsed. Access for the database is needed for SM, she will contact LA.

(c) Programme and Web Report

We are still in the same situation in that very few walks are being put forward. It was suggested to have a walks meeting after a walk, coffee and refreshments to be available. To have less walks in the week, perhaps concentrate on keeping the Wednesday walks going in January and February and slot the Saturday walks in when the group can get leaders. It is hoped to have longer walks in Derbyshire in the Springtime. JS offered to link the walks to facebook.

(d) Social Secretary's Report

Christmas Walk - Wednesday 13th December 2023 from the Griffin Inn Swithland. 16 people so far.

Skittles evening - Friday 2nd February 2024, Soar Bridge Inn, Barrow upon Soar.
The menu will be available after Christmas.

The Malvern coach trip is on the 13th April 2024 it is booked and the deposit of £100 to be paid. It was decided to keep the cost at £25.

The WhatsApp group was proving to be useful, it provided up to date information.

Just to note that anyone can add information on it which will be useful to the group.

Ways forward - The committee to have fewer minuted meetings and more walk planning meetings after a walk. Perhaps have a working party for those interested in the weekend holiday. Tess Kay has kindly offered to edit the Newsletter and will meet with SM and Ted W after Christmas.

(e) **Report from Area Committee**

The Area Quiz was held on 23rd November 2023 in Leicester. Congratulations to the Loughborough team for winning the trophy. The team consisted of John Samson, Chris Rimbault, Pam Bursnall and Dave Rolls.

JS was unable to attend the Area meeting in October. He has been asked by the Area committee to oversee the Area Facebook page.

If a footpath needs repairing then a photograph and location details are needed to report it. A form is on the website.

(f) **Footpath Officer's Report**

Nothing to report.

6. **AGM**

This took place on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at Ronald West Court.

7. **Any Other Business**

The gifts for leaving committee members was added to the AGM minutes.

8. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 6th March 2024 to be held in the afternoon.