

DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Wednesday 4 October 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present: Richard Jack (Chair), Dave Twigg (Programme Coordinator), Chris Rimbault (Treasurer), John Samson (Area Rep), Lynne Atkinson (Membership Secretary), Sue Mears (Social Secretary), Stuart Tyler (Footpaths Secretary)

1. Welcome by Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked LA for hosting the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Margaret Machin.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting (26/7/2023)

The minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising from previous Minutes

5(a) **Plasters and Antiseptic Wipes:** SM had purchased these and handed some out to walk leaders.

5(a) **Group OS Map:** Unfortunately the group OS map is not available anymore. CR had purchased some local maps to use, i.e. Loughborough, Derby, National Forest, Rutland, Leicester and Hinckley.

5(d) **Malvern trip and AGM:** These are now both on the web site.

5(d) **Venue booking for AGM:** SM had booked this at Ronald West Court.

6 **Removal of Tony's name from attendance forms:** DT had done this.

5. Officer's Reports

(a) Treasurer's Report

The main account has £823.63 and the social account has £865.88 making a total of £1689.51.

(b) Membership Secretary's Report

We currently have 133 members. From 26 July - 4 October we lost 6 members, one membership lapsed, one moved area and 4 members resigned. During the same period we gained six new members.

(c) Programme and Web Report

We are still in the same situation in that very few walks are being put forward so at present there is only one walk on the programme. As usual the Committee volunteered to lead walks to fill the programme to the end of October.

At this point SM suggested creating a walkers WhatsApp group. This would be used purely for walk information, i.e. information about upcoming walks, lift requests, general notifications, car sharing, change of meeting point etc. It could

also be used for requesting walks from people. Only regular walkers would be added to this with their permission. Some of the committee were concerned that this could be abused by people having private conversations on it and posting photos so there would need to be some rules set out. It was agreed by all for SM to set this up to see how it goes.

(d) **Social Secretary's Report**

Christmas Walk - Wednesday 13 December 2023 from the Griffin Inn/Wheatsheaf. Skittles evening - Friday 19 January 2024, Soar Bridge Inn. SM passed some information around re HF holidays. The price had increased quite a lot so other alternatives would be explored.

(e) **Report from Area Committee**

The Area Quiz will be on 23 or 24 November and is being organised by LRWG. JS will pass on details of venue and time when known.

JS is unable to attend the next meeting. If anyone wants to take his place at the Area Executive Committee meeting at 19.30 on Thursday 19 October by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85040043991?pwd=ZHV0Q0RadS82ZFllc29nTXU5YTU0QT09> contact the Secretary Katherine.Hardwick@samworthbrothers.co.uk

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

Nothing to report.

6. **AGM**

This has been arranged for Wednesday 1 November 2023 at Ronald West Court at 7.00 for a 7.15 start. Tea and coffee will be arranged as last year.

LA would send out an email with the Agenda to all members inviting them to the AGM at least two weeks before the meeting.

RJ would get the Annual Report ready.

A Treasurer's report would be needed from CR.

Jeanette Hollis will be standing down as Independent Examiner after this year so we will need to find someone else in order to get them approved. SM offered to ask around at her tennis club.

LA and ST would both be standing down at the AGM.

7. **Any Other Business**

(a) Ramblers Database

CR expressed how difficult it was to find walks on the new database compared to the old one where you could just type in your post code to find walks nearby. Now you have to click on different options which could be quite confusing for new members.

Since the meeting DT has sent a link whereby you can report any issues you are having with the new system at <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/walks-manager-website-status>.

(b) Coalville Leaders Workshop

SM had attended a Walk Leaders Workshop which she had found very interesting and would email the details to everyone.

8. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 29 November 2023.