

LOUGHBOROUGH & DISTRICT GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS

DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held on Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.15 pm

Present: Dave Twigg (Chair for evening), Lynne Atkinson (Secretary), Chris Rimbault (Treasurer), Sue Bicknell (Area Rep), Sue Mears (Social Secretary), Stuart Tyler (Footpath Officer), Margaret Machin

1. Welcome by Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Committee.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Heather Jennings and Karen Chapman.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting (Monday 23 September 2019).

The Minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- (a) 4(f) See Item 7.
- (b) 5(b) DT had advertised the First Aid Training Courses on the web site.
- (c) 5(c) LA sent the Treasurer Training email to CB but for the time being JH would be helping him with the Finances.
- (d) 6(a) The correct logo was now on the web site and the printed programme.
- (e) 6(d) SM had informed the appropriate people about the Dresden trip.
- (f) 7 Everything went well with the food for the AGM. Next year it would be helpful if SM could have some help with the setting up of the room.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Officers' Reports

(a) Treasurer

£30 had been received from Ramblers Holidays and £85 from Ramblers Central for the first quarter funding.

(b) Secretary/Membership

Membership at present is 137.

(c) Programme Report

The Winter Programme had been sent out with a few gaps on Saturdays. Concern was expressed by SB about the numbers on our walks going down because of the fast pace. One member had apparently changed to another group because of this. MM would get details of how many people were coming on our walks and report at the next meeting.

MM

(d) Social

The skittles evening was arranged for Friday 17 January.

SM had booked a room at the Griffin Inn for lunch after the walk on Wednesday 18 December.

(e) Footpath Officer

Seagrave - Discussions were still taking place re diverting the footpath around the golf course.

(f) Report from Area

SB pointed out that Loughborough are down to lead the Area Walk in 2020. It was suggested this should take place on Saturday 22 August. The walk would start from Nanpantan Sports Ground and go up to the Outwoods. There would be a long and a short walk.

SB pointed out that Area have a Facebook page which is very active and other groups in our area have added their walks and photos to this. SB thought it would be useful for us to do the same. It was agreed to defer this until the Spring in order to see if anyone would be interested in organising this. **LA**

7. AGM

There was a query regarding the wording of Item 2 on the AGM Minutes re the Constitution concerning the absence of an appointed Chair. This will be amended to agree with the Minutes of the December 2018 Committee meeting.

A discussion took place as to whether or not the Publicity Officer post under Item 5 should be deleted. This will be discussed at the next AGM. **LA**

There was a query in the Minutes regarding the wording in Item 7 of how we will communicate with members when we go paperless. A long discussion took place after which SB left the meeting. It was agreed by the remaining members of the committee that the Minutes should read "From January 2020 all communications to group members should be via email and the web, with paper copies only being sent to those who request them."

It was suggested and agreed that we should eat before the AGM meeting started next year.

Item from 4(a) above.

LA will put something together for the next Soar Feet informing members that, following the AGM, we will be going paperless in January 2020. **LA**

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17 March 2020.