

WHITCHURCH RAMBLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Whitchurch Town Hall - 12 September 2007

1 Apologies: Keith Watts, Vic Jordan

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting: these were read and agreed.

3 Matters Arising:

It was generally agreed that the lengths of the walks this year had been satisfactory.

Having heard no more from our contact at Laverstoke Park we would not be pursuing the possibility of walking there.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented her report as follows:

The accounts show that over the past year we received £227.52 less than we spent. However £240 of the spending on events was the return of Walking Weekend deposits collected the year before. When this sum is removed from the calculations, we see a true profit of £12.64. We start the new year with a balance of £580.64. We therefore once again fulfil our aim to break roughly even while keeping a reasonable balance in the bank.

Last year we made an unplanned profit of £56 on the Summer Party (our aim being to break even). This year we achieved our aim and spent all the payments collected on food for the party.

The Ramblers Association usually requests donations along with membership subscriptions. For the past three years we have donated £10, and I suggest that we do the same this time, with the usual proviso that the matter will be referred back to the Committee if there is a substantial increase in the subscription.

Due to other commitments, Christine resigned her post as treasurer.

5 Election of Committee

Post	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Jeff Geary	Hugh James	Brian Bent
Treasurer	Sue Reynolds	Christine Geary	Jeff Geary
Secretary	Nick Copp	Eve Jordan	Chas Roach

The proposal to elect the committee en-block, bar those not present and not having expressed a wish to continue, was made by Jeff Geary and seconded by Nick Copp. Heather Bent declined due to ill health. The proposal was carried unanimously after some discussion, including the desire of Julie Roach and Mike Fletcher to have attendance at committee meetings reported to the AGM.

Brian Bent	Richard Cann	Christine Geary	Hugh James
Vic Jordan	Chas Roach	Julie Roach	Jean Watts

6 Winter Activities

Eve suggested that instead of having a Christmas Dinner in a pub or hotel, we could hire the newly opened Gill Nethercott Suite and a caterer. After lengthy discussion concerning dining out and playing skittles at various times of the year, the Chair proposed a vote in 2 parts:

Firstly, in December, who would be in favour of a meal in a pub (2), a meal at the Gill Nethercott Suite (5) or skittles (6).

Secondly, in February, on the basis that there would be a skittles evening in December, who would be in favour of a meal in a pub (5), a meal at the Gill Nethercott Suite (7) or more skittles (1).

Nick was therefore authorised to plan a skittles evening in early December, for discussion at a Committee Meeting in October, and a Sub-Committee headed by Eve would investigate hiring the Gill Nethercott Suite and a caterer in February, and report the results to the Committee.

Julie suggested that in future we should plan our December activity earlier in the year. The Committee would discuss.

7 Summer Activities

Keith and Jean had offered their premises again for another Summer Party, and promised that any quizzes would be geography free (but no guarantees about Sanskrit or Quantum Physics).

We would also be organising a Walking Weekend in October.

8 Any Other Business

Eve Jordan suggested that we might like to consider doing more local walks, starting from the car park or nearby places such as Overton, so as to spend more time walking and less driving. This suggestion received general approval.

Philip Young asked if we could start the walks earlier in the evening, but it was thought that this would be a problem for those not working locally.

Mike Fletcher was not aware that the leader of each walk was 'volunteered' at a Committee Meeting. He would like to see the leaders published.

Claire Fairgrieve would like to see the minutes of the AGM and Committee Meetings published on the website, as well as a photo gallery of pictures taken on the walks. Nick expressed his intention to publish a gallery with a page for each walk.

Mike mentioned that the council website indicated that people should be able to sing in order to attend our walks. Nick would investigate.

9 Date of next committee meeting: 3rd or 4th Wednesday in October at The Bell

The meeting ended at 20:56

