

WHITCHURCH RAMBLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Whitchurch Town Hall - 30 September 2009

1 Apologies for Absence

David Poole, Keith Watts, Heather & Brian Bent, Jill Bagley & Barry Thomas

2 Minutes of 2008 AGM

These were read and agreed.

3 Matters arising from the minutes

Jeff asked Vic what happened at the meeting to discuss a grant to improve the 3 mills path, and he said that questions had been asked but that there had been no response.

Chas asked if the £36 'Affiliated Club' membership fee to the Ramblers' Association included any insurance. Jeff replied that it did not. It was clarified that the club carries no insurance whatsoever, and that the note: "You walk at your own risk – no liability is accepted" which appears at the bottom of the A4 Wednesday Walks list and on the website is accurate.

Chas asked about the book of places to stay in rambling country that the RA used to publish annually, and Sue informed the meeting that they no longer produced it.

Sue asked what had happened about making sure drivers knew how to get to walks and where to park, and Jeff said that this had been achieved by Nick printing route maps and offering them to drivers each week.

4 Treasurer's Report for 2009

The Treasurer presented her report. There was discussion about the profit made by the Summer Party. Sue clarified that it broke down to £60 from the food and the remaining £14.33 from the beer. It was noted that there were still people not claiming their costs.

Sarah suggested that we donate the profit to charity, but Dave pointed out that we are not a charitable organisation, and that perhaps we should use it to subsidise next year's party.

Some people who had not claimed stood up for their right not to claim.

It was agreed that the matter would be discussed further at the January committee meeting.

Chas proposed that the accounts be adopted, which was done.

5 Election of Committee for 2010

Post	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Jeff Geary	Maureen Evans	Richard Cann
Treasurer	Sue Reynolds	Claire Fairgrieve	Christine Geary
Secretary	Nick Copp	Julie Roach	Richard Cann

Vic retired from the committee, but Eve was keen to continue.

Julie suggested that Brian should remain on the committee despite his absence.

Jackie Browne asked what the committee did, and Jeff replied that there were normally 2 meetings per year, to pick the walks and to organise the Summer Party. She volunteered to help with this.

There was a vote and nobody objected:

Brian Bent	Jackie Browne	Richard Cann	Maureen Evans	Eve Jordan
Dave Middleton	Chas Roach	Julie Roach	Jean Watts	

6 Winter Activities

Lesley suggested that a dinner sometime after Christmas would be good, and there was general agreement. Maureen proposed that we vote, and nobody was against. It was generally agreed that The Red Lion (26 covers maximum) would be acceptable and Maureen (was) volunteered to investigate it and report back to the committee in January.

Julie briefly suggested taking over the whole of The Red House, but retracted her suggestion when Chas volunteered to investigate.

Nick reported that The Harvest Home now had a skittle alley, and that it was available on 3 Saturdays in December. Dave commented that he approved of supporting local business, and Julie agreed. It was felt that December would be getting too close to Christmas so an earlier date would be preferred. A vote was taken and Nick was authorised to organise the event.

7 Summer Activities

Jeff suggested a Garden Party [*sic*] but as Jean was not present we would ask her at the committee meeting. Maureen offered her grounds but it was agreed these were too far afield (Twinley Drive). Jeff requested that it be minuted that he is actioned to ask Jean.

Eve suggested that the profit be used to put wine on the tables, but the non-wine drinkers objected.

Dave proposed that the Skittles be subsidised – Chas seconded this and there were no objections.

8 Any Other Business

Post meeting, Jeff asked the Treasurer if she thought the subscriptions should stay as they are, and she agreed.

Date of next committee meeting: A Wednesday in January 2010 at The Bell TBA

The meeting ended at 20:54