

# Whitchurch Rambling Club

## Minutes of Committee Meeting 17 October 2007

held in The Bell at 8:00pm

Present:

Chas Roach, Julie Roach, Jean Cann, Richard Cann, Sue Reynolds, Christine Geary, Eve Jordan, Vic Jordan, Brian Bent, Jean Watts, Nick Copp

Apologies from Jeff Geary

### **NOTE: ACTIONS ARE IN BOLD UNDERLINED**

There were no objections to the meeting being chaired by Chas Roach in the absence of The Chair.

#### **1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last committee meeting would not be read as there was no business outstanding, however there were matters arising from the AGM.

Chas read an extract from the AGM minutes relating to Winter Activities (the purpose of this meeting). It was agreed that the planning of next year's Winter Activities could probably be achieved prior to the AGM by an informal open meeting, but that this would be **discussed further at the next committee meeting.**

#### **2. Skittles**

Nick related that the 8<sup>th</sup> December was the only Saturday (or Friday) in early December that The White Hart, Stoke could accommodate us. The cost had risen by £1 per head for both the accommodation and the transport, The White Hart now wishing to charge £8 per head (but including Mince Pies and Custard) and J Cars £7 per head (due to the increase in fuel costs).

**Nick** was authorised to send out invitations to members at the cost price of £15 with a discount of £7 for those making their own way there.

#### **3. Christmas Dinner**

The sub-committee headed by Eve reported that the cost of The Gill Nethercott Suite would be £75 for the night, James White could lay on hot food but it would be very expensive (YumYum would only provide cold food to avoid the risk of food poisoning), and we would still need to find staff to serve and clean up afterwards. So the event seemed likely to be more expensive than going to a pub.

Jean Watts informed us that the Suite had glasses which we could use, and we could provide our own drinks so long as we did not sell them (although there would be no objection to there being an Honesty Box).

Julie informed us that The White Hart, Whitchurch had in the past provided hot food at remote locations. It was also mentioned that The Hurstbourne provided a similar service, and could run a Bar.

The meeting decided that we would not rather go to a pub instead, but that we should find out more about what The White Hart could do on a budget of £15 per head, and that we should investigate the purchase of a polybin of beer. It was decided that providing wine would not be advisable as people had varied tastes, so should bring their own.

**Eve** volunteered to contact The White Hart.

There was a proposal that the club should subsidise the event by paying the £75 for the Suite. The Treasurer having no objections this was put to the vote and the meeting agreed.

The date would be 23 February, or the next available Saturday. It was thought that the arrangements could be finalised in time for **Nick** to prepare an invitation for distribution at The Skittles on 8 December.

Julie volunteered to organise a raffle and (after discussion) was authorised to spend up to £30 on prizes, in addition to the prize of a flight in his aeroplane generously offered by Chas.

**Vic and Eve** offered to investigate the availability of some Quiz Questions, the prize for which would be The Trophy previously awarded at The Summer Party.

Jean Watts offered to bring her Danset, so members would be requested to bring their LPs and 78s.

The meeting closed at about 9pm.